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Thanks Mom and Dad!
A face in a sea of mortar boards, a graduating senior seeks her family in the sea of faces gathered to watch the college’s 127th Commencement on Sunday, May 3.
Her expression says it all.
For more on Commencement, please see page seven.

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With time, even traditions change.
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Alumni Weekend featured fellowship and reunions for 11 classes.
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Unbearably fun! ~

Village Square ~ Wednesday, June 24

Hand-made items, games, snacks, sales and crowds of friendly people help Village Square turn the Hope campus into a carnival park for a day.

Come join in the celebration.

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

“Our surveys show that nowadays the majority of people expect the transition to market in the future to result in improvement of their economic well-being.

“But this attitude proceeds mostly from the rejection of the stagnation past and from the present crisis situation of our economy. It is based rather on emotions than on logic. It is based on the comparison of living standards in Western countries and of Russian concessions with planned economy. And it is partially due to the influence of mass media that persistently cultivated mass consciousness the myth of a consumer paradise that would appear just after the introduction of market relations and private property.

“Hope, as a Russian proverb says, is the last to die. This situation of public support is not a stable one.

“In the eyes of the mass, the already-started economic reform has brought only price rises and a lot of problems connected with it. Therefore it seems that the worse the economic situation will be, the more the degree of support to the government will decrease.

“As for the governmental decision to liberalize all the prices, which appeared to be just a simple multiple price rise, it is supported by a small minority of the population (from four to 12 percent of different parts of the country).

“The extremely high prices heavily struck the well-being of the strata with fixed incomes—persons, students, state employees, teachers, scientists and military personnel. As a result, the overwhelming majority found itself below the poverty level and can hardly make both ends meet. Speaking in a more general way I can say that the social part of the Yeltsin government’s reform, not only in the field of economy, is very poorly scheduled. Unfortunately, like Gorbatchev’s team, who started the perestroika, the present democratic reformers do not clearly see the social effects and consequences of their activity.

“However, predictions of an immediate social explosion after the price liberalization also failed. Still, there is a risk of social disturbances in the nearest future, as the inflation rate is very high, and people’s pauperization as well. I mean a new wave of strikes, but not a civil war.

“I’d like to say that in the last two or three years Soviet people considerably changed their attitude to private property. Most of them now support the decision to legalize this form of property; many of them are ready to work at private enterprises, thus not opposing again so-called ‘exploitation of man by man’ for reasonable pay.

“So, the ideological dogmas of the past are losing their power over mass consciousness. This is a very important conclusion of our studies.

“For the proper understanding of the situation I should say that up to now the public majority has agreed only with the plans of privatization of small enterprises and shops but not big plants and factories.

“Experts consider 1992 to become the year of fast growth of unemployment. Together with members of their families, the amount of people struck with unemployment will be from 25 to 50 million.

“Just compare with the population-Russian population is 170 million. From a fourth to a third of the population. It’s a very big shock for our country.

“The social strata mostly touched by unemployment will be workers (about 70 percent of the unemployed), school and university graduates, and officials and soldiers, 700 thousand of which are to be sacked from the armed forces, reduced and withdrawn from abroad in this year.

“The social and political behavior of all these people cannot be predicted with exactness. Will they become orthodox communist supporters? I believe not. But many of them will stick to national-patriotic movements with communist inclinations, irrigated from democratic reformers.

“Of course, nowadays are not the best times for our people. We are in a deep crisis in all spheres of life—in economy, in politics, in ethnic relations, in culture, etcetera, etcetera. But, nevertheless, it is a time of great radical changes, not only in the path of development of our country, but I’m sure, in the development of the world as a whole.

“The future image of Russia is a key question for understanding the future of the USA and other world powers, for better foreseeing the face of human civilization in the 21st century.

“I want to say that Russia—then the Soviet Union—and again Russia during its long history has always been a great country. It is a great country now and it will be a great country in the future.

—Dr. Vladimir O. Rukavishnikov of Russia, who is deputy director and head of the department of the Institute of Socio-Political Research, Russian Academy of Sciences in Moscow. He has been described as “the Russian George Gallup” by Dr. Roger Nemeth, associate professor of sociology at Hope and coordinator of his visit.

The lecture, presented through the college’s Presidential Lecture Series, provided an opportunity for a family reunion of sorts. Dr. Rukavishnikov’s son, Andrew, was one of the 15 students from Russia or Kazakhstan who spent the year studying at Hope. (Please see page 11.)
SUMMER SCIENCE SUPPORT: Hope College holds grants from the National Science Foundation (NSF) for its "Research Experiences for Undergraduates" (REU) program in four science disciplines: biology, chemistry, computer science and mathematics.

Through the grants, undergraduate students from both Hope and elsewhere are able to conduct research on a full-time basis with Hope faculty members this summer, and receive stipends as well as support for summer housing, travel and other expenses.

They joined students whose summer research at Hope is being supported in other ways.

According to Dr. James Gentile, who is dean for the natural sciences, the Kenneth G. Herrick Professor of Biology at Hope, preliminary investigations have found that the college is one of only a few institutions, if not the only one, in the United States to have four REU programs this summer.

"In my opinion, it means that we are recognized at the national level—by the NSF—as being a leading, if not the leading, college institution that engages undergraduate students in hands-on research with faculty in the sciences, computer science and mathematics," Dr. Gentile said.

Biology’s grant was one of only about 20-30 awarded last year. Chemistry’s was one of only 51 awarded last year; computer science’s was one of only approximately 15 awarded this year; and mathematics’ was one of only 20 awarded this year.

CHARACTER RECOGNITION: Hope College has been included on the John Templeton Foundation’s 1992 honor rolls for Character Building Colleges and Free Enterprise Teaching.

Hope is one of only four colleges in Illinois and 111 institutions of higher education nationwide to be named to the 1992 Honor Roll for Character Building Colleges, and this is the fourth consecutive year Hope has been included. Hope is one of only three colleges in Michigan and 114 institutions of higher education nationwide named to the 1992 Honor Roll for Free Enterprise Teaching.

The schools on the Honor Roll for Character Building Colleges were chosen from 899 candidates nominated exclusively by presidents and development directors of the United States’ more than 1,450 colleges and universities. Those named to the Honor Roll for Free Enterprise Teaching emerged from a pool of presidents and academic officers at more than 1,300 accredited colleges and universities throughout the United States.

KEPPEL HOME: The Hope College guest house was formally named the Keppel Guest House during a ceremony at the house, located at 85 East 10th Street, on Sunday, March 22.

Guest of honor during the ceremony was Ruth Keppel, daughter of the home’s first owners and herself a resident of the home for many years. The event also served as a belated birthday celebration for Keppel, who turned 96 on Sunday, March 22.

Remarks were made by Dr. John H. Jacobson, president of Hope College, and Dr. Elton Braun ‘50, professor emeritus of religion.

The Keppel house was built in 1914 by Albert and Kate Keppel. Albert designed the house and contracted with Smeenge Builders of Holland to construct it. All of the fixtures and furnishings in the home were made locally, as Albert believed in supporting Holland’s industry.

Hope College purchased the home in 1986 from Ruth Keppel, who lived in the house until 1989. Much of the house’s woodwork and many of its details are the same as when it was constructed.

OLYMPIC PHYSICIAN: Dr. James E. Lemire of Holland, team physician for Hope College, has been selected to serve as a volunteer physician at the U.S. Olympic Training Center at Colorado Springs, Colo. Dr. Lemire will be in Colorado Springs July 9-24. A partner in Lakewood Family Medicine, he has been the college’s team physician since 1987, and was team physician for Holland High School from 1979 to 1987.

There are usually two physicians at the Olympic Training Center: one orthopedic surgeon, and another whose specialty may vary. In family practice in Holland, Dr. Lemire will be responsible for the athletes’ general medical care, including dealing with problems such as colds, flus, cuts, abrasions, lacerations, sprains and strains.

Dr. Lemire, who applied about five years ago to participate in the program, will work with all the athletes at Colorado Springs, including those doing their final preparation for the 1992 Summer Olympics. If all goes well in July, he could be assigned a team for the next Olympic or Pan Am Games.

"That’s one of my goals, to become a team physician at the Olympics, and this is the formal step into the process," he said. "It’s possible; if I do well this summer, that I could be chosen for the next Winter Olympics, or a Pan Am Games in ‘94 and then with the Olympics in the summer of ‘96."

FRIED TOUR: Dr. Paul G. Fried ‘46 is organizing an alumni and others who are interested a three-week tour of Eastern Europe that he feels will prove not only entertaining, but educational as well.

A professor emeritus of history, Dr. Fried is recognized as the chief architect of the college’s international education program. He will be leading the tour with Chris Knecht ‘65, who is owner of Nelson Travel Service of Wintona, Minn., and Dr. Fried familiar with the region.

"I don’t see this as only a series of photo opportunities. I see it as an opportunity to get to know more about what is happening in Eastern Europe," Dr. Fried said. "We hope to see things that people haven’t seen for a long time—or have never seen—as well as going to familiar stops."

The trip will run Tuesday, Sept. 15, through Sunday, Oct. 4. Cities to be visited will include Munich, Prague, Moscow, Prague, Budapest, Hungary, and Vienna, Austria.

The tour, which will leave from Detroit, Mich., costs $3,298 per person (based on double occupancy), including air fare, accommodations, daily continental breakfast, full dinners and sightseeing tours in all the European cities mentioned above. Additional information may be obtained by calling Nelson Travel Service at 313-882-5625.

Stays in the tour’s major cities will be relatively extended with day trips planned to neighboring sites of interest. To make the experience as informative as possible, Dr. Fried intends to involve friends and colleagues living in the places visited.

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Student receives NEH grant

Anna-Lisa Cox

Anna-Lisa Cox, a Hope junior and English major from Holland, has received a prestigious Younger Scholars grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH).

The grants were awarded to only 89 college students and 70 high school students nation-wide. Cox is using her grant to conduct research for nine weeks this summer.

Cox is working with Dr. Marc Baeur, associate professor of history at Hope, to write an essay on the social history of female adolescence in early 20th century America. She is using diaries and clothing styles to explore the changes from 1900-50 in the role female adolescents played, expected to play and were expected to play in society.

Concerning the first part of the century she noted, "Just in the last small amount of research I’ve done already I’ve found that, especially with middle class girls, there wasn’t really any transition period—it was either ‘child’ or ‘woman’, and that was very clear when I went through the catalogs from say 1905.

‘There would be clothing that could fit a girl age 10 through about 14, and then there was women’s clothing," Cox said. "So there wasn’t at that time any clothing for adolescent females.

‘And I wondered what changed from that time to 1950—the explosion of adolescent culture: their own music, their own clothing, their own speech, their own culture,” she said.

Cox has chosen to focus on adolescent females because she has found an absence of research on the topic. She noted that similar studies have concerned only adolescents in general, or males in particular.

Her choice of clothing as a social indicator follows her long-standing interest in historical fashion—an interest that developed following a visit to London, England's Victoria and Albert Museum, and its extensive costume collection, about six years ago.

"I became interested in history, actually, through fashion," said Cox, who plans to become a museum curator.

"That’s when I first realized there really were people back then—not just books, not just paintings, but people.

She hopes to travel to both Chicago, Ill., and Boston, Mass., while conducting her research this summer. In Germany, she will visit the Sears archives, where she will study the company's catalogs, and the University of Chicago’s graduate library. In Boston she will visit Radcliffe College’s Schlesinger Library, which has a large collection of diaries that have never before been researched.

Cox, the daughter of Dr. John Cox ‘67 (a member of the Hope English faculty), and Karen Cox of Holland, is the third Hope student in five years to win an NEH Younger Scholars grant. Kerstin Byrum ’92 received one of the NEH grants in 1990, and Craig Stapert ‘89 received one in 1988.
Events

ACADEMIC CALENDAR (1992-93)

Fall Semester (1992)
- Aug. 24—Friday—Residence halls open for new students at noon. New student orientation begins.
- Aug. 30—Sunday—Convocation for new students and parents, 2 p.m.
- Aug. 31—Monday—Residence halls open for returning students; late registration
- Sept. 1—Tuesday—Classes begin at 8 a.m.
- Sept. 7—Monday—Labor Day, classes in session
- Sept. 29—30—Tuesday—Wednesday—Critical Issues Symposium, opened with a formal convocation
- Oct. 9—Friday—Fall Recess begins at 6 p.m.
- Oct. 14—Wednesday—Fall Recess ends at 8 a.m.
- Oct. 16—Friday—Sunday—Homecoming Weekend
- Nov. 6—Friday—Sunday—Parents' Weekend
- Nov. 26—Thursday—Thanksgiving Recess begins at 8 a.m.
- Nov. 30—Monday—Thanksgiving Recess ends at 8 a.m.
- Dec. 11—Friday—Last day of classes
- Dec. 14—18—Monday—Friday—Semester examinations
- Dec. 18—Friday—Residence halls close at 5 p.m.

Spring Semester (1993)
- Jan. 10—Sunday—Residence halls open at noon
- Jan. 11—Monday—Registration for new students
- Jan. 12—Tuesday—Classes begin at 8 a.m.
- Feb. 12—Friday—Winter Recess begins at 6 p.m.
- Feb. 17—Wednesday—Winter Recess ends at 8 a.m.
- March 18—Thursday—Spring Recess begins at 6 p.m.
- March 20—Monday—Spring Recess ends at 8 a.m.
- April 9—Friday—Good Friday. Classes not in session
- April 30—Friday—Spring Festival. Classes dismissed at 12:30 p.m.
- May 5—7—Monday—Friday—Semester examinations
- May 7—Friday—Residence halls close at 5 p.m. for those not participating in graduation
- May 8—Saturday—Alumni Day
- May 9—Saturday—Baccalaureate and Commencement. Residence halls close for graduating seniors at 7 p.m.

May Term (1993)
- May 10—Monday—Registration and payment of fees.
- Classes begin at 1 p.m.
- May 28—Friday—May Term ends

June Term (1993)
- June 1—Tuesday—Registration and payment of fees.
- Classes begin at 1 p.m.
- June 18—Friday—June Term ends

Summer Session (1993)
- June 21—Monday—Registration and payment of fees.
- Classes begin
- July 30—Monday—Summer Session ends

SUMMER SEMINARS

Seven courses are available for one hour of undergraduate credit, two hours of undergraduate credit, one hour of graduate credit or on an audit basis. The courses, which will run July 27-31, are taught by faculty in the departments of communication, economics and business administration, English, mathematics, music, and political science and women's studies.


For more information, please call David James '76, program director, at (616) 394-7830.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE FOR HOPE

Village Square—Wednesday, June 24

KNICKERBOCKER THEATRE

Down Town Holland at 68 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) 392-2195.

PRODUCTIONS OF SHAKESPEARE'S WORKS ARE ALWAYS A POPULAR PART OF HOPE SUMMER REPETORY THEATRE'S SEASON. PICTION IS FROM 1990'S "MERCHANT OF VENICE." THIS YEAR'S PLAY IS "MACBETH." PLEASE SEE THE ADVERTISEMENT ON PAGE 27 FOR MORE.

ADMISSIONS

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.

Visitation Days
For prospective Hope students, including transfers, high school juniors and seniors. Visitation days are intended to show you and your parents a typical day in the life of a Hope student. Please contact Peggy Hallacy for details.

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

* ALUMNI AND FRIENDS

Annual Golf Outing—Monday, July 13
Holland (Mich.) Country Club. Siren starts at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Community Day—Saturday, Sept. 12
Includes a picnic at Windmill Island and a home football game against DePauw of Indiana.

Homecoming—Saturday, Oct. 17
For more information, please contact the Office of Public Relations at (616) 394-7860.

SUMMER CAMPS

Boys Basketball Camp—June 25-28
Girls Basketball Camps—June 5-17
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.F.F., 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) 394-7900. Ask for Joyce McPherson.

Double Reed Camp—July 12-18
Held on the Hope campus, the Double Reed Camp is organized by Professor Gail Warnaar, who instructs beginning, intermediate and advanced double reed players. For grades eight through 12. The total camp fee is $325, and the application deadline is June 15 (after July 1, a late fee of $25 will be charged).

For more information, please write "Double Reed Camp, P.O. Box 374, Grand Haven, MI 49417."

SUMMER THEATRE

Please see the advertisement on page 27 for details.

FOOTBALL

Gail Warnaar—Sunday, July 12, with Double Reed Camp at Hope College; Wichers Auditorium, 3 p.m.

Double Reed Camp Faculty—Sunday, July 12: Wichers Auditorium, 8 p.m.

Guest Recital—Monday, July 13: Scisco Valley Chamber Winds, Wichers Auditorium, 8 p.m.

Double Reed Camp Staff—Thursday, July 16, Wichers Auditorium, 8 p.m.

Honor Recital—Friday, July 17: Wichers Auditorium, 4 p.m.

Double Reed Camp '92 Grand Finale Concert—Saturday, July 18: Maas Center auditorium, 1:30 p.m.

All recital and concert patrons will be asked to make a donation at the door.

MICHIGAN SENIOR OLYMPICS

The college will host the 13th annual Michigan Senior Olympics on Wednesday, June 17, through Friday, June 20. Admission to all competitive events is free for spectators.

Also free will be the opening ceremonies on Thursday, June 18, at noon at Holland Municipal Stadium.

Other activities open to the public include a picnic on Thursday, June 18, at Smallenburg Park, a dinner and "Showstoppers '92" at Evergreen Commons, and a picnic and dancing at Windmill Island. There are admission charges for these events.

For additional information, please call the Office of Public Relations at (616) 394-7860.

INSTANT INFORMATION

Hope Sports Hotline—(616) 394-7888
Activities Information—(616) 394-7863
Planned gifts make a permanent impact

by Greg Olgers ’87

A lthough she didn’t live long enough to participate in her 60-year reunion, in one sense Lynn Szabo ’32 Smith was on campus when her classmates gathered in May to celebrate their years together and the years in between.

And in that sense she will be a part of Hope when classes begin on September 1: when the bell is held on a chilly Friday afternoon when Christmas Vespers is held in a crowded Dimnent Chapel; and when next year’s graduates walk across the stage. Lynn Smith will be a part of the life of Hope College for as long as there is a Hope College, in fact, through her final gift to Hope—a bequest to the endowment-building Hope in the Future campaign.

As part of the college’s endowment, her gift will join thousands of others, accrued across generations, in being invested and, through the resulting income, supporting the college in countless ways. Endowment’s many roles, to name just a few, include providing scholarships that help students gain the benefits of a Hope education; supporting faculty research to help keep that education relevant and alive; and helping faculty and students alike explore the role of faith in life.

“One of the interesting things about giving to endowment is that after we’re no longer on the scene, the money that we have put in there continues to produce income, so that in a sense we are endowing our gift for perpetuity, and we continue to be a donor to the institution,” said John Nordstrom, director of development and director of Hope in the Future.

Benjamin Franklin provides Nordstrom with one of his favorite examples of the dramatic impact an endowment gift can have. In 1790, Franklin left 1,000 pounds sterling (at the time about $4,400) to both Boston, Mass., and Philadelphia, Pa., with limits on how much of the money the cities could use until 200 years had passed. By 1990, the carefully-invested gifts had grown to $2 million for Philadelphia and $4 million for Boston.

Hope in the Future’s success in building Hope’s endowment, according to Nordstrom, rests with hundreds of donors with the same commitment to the future as Franklin. “Probably 90 percent of the money that comes in to Hope College from Hope in the Future will come from individuals,” he said.

Comprising that total will be gifts small and large, ranging from cash donations, to transfers of stock, to provisions in wills. Not all such donations even need be immediate. For example, bequests promised by donors aged 65 or older can qualify as donations to the campaign, so long as some sort of written documentation of intent is provided.

Smith’s bequest will support “The Lynn Szabo Smith Scholarship,” which since the 1986-87 academic year has been helping students interested in nursing. Her final gift followed a lifetime of Hope giving that included supporting the first four editions of the college’s Alumni Directory (a new edition, incidentally, will be published in the fall of 1992).

Others have made provisions for the college as well. One friend of Hope is leaving enough to endow a faculty chair in an academic department. Some, like Smith, are supporting scholarships. One couple is even leaving the entirety of their estate to the college.

The financial benefits of the donors’ generosity are probably obvious. In addition, however, Nordstrom notes the sentiment the gifts reflect.

“Someone once said, ‘When you put the college in your will, it’s like making it a member of your family’, ” he said. “And it seems to me that’s one of the hallmarks of Hope College. It’s a community of people who really care about the institution and want to provide some resources that will make it very strong.”

Dr. John Hollenbach, professor emeritus of English, and his wife Winifred of Holland, Mich., are among those who have made long-term provisions for Hope. In addition to designating Hope as a beneficiary in their will, they have joined the college’s Pooled Income Fund. The income from their share of the fund helps support them in retirement, and after their passing the investment will become a gift to the college.

Although he is a Muhlenberg College graduate, Dr. Hollenbach noted that the decision to support Hope came easily, especially in light of his many years on the faculty and the fact that his and Winifred’s two sons are Hope alumni.

“I have such a feeling of commitment to what this college is doing and have been a part of it for so long that I look upon this as my college,” he said. “I looked upon this as a way of making a substantial gift to the college ultimately.”

That last thought, according to Nordstrom, is one reason annuities, pooled income funds and trusts are popular. Donors are able to benefit from their assets in life while knowing that after their need has passed these assets will be able to make a major impact on Hope.

“This gives some people an opportunity in their lifetime to make perhaps the largest gift that they have ever made to Hope College, and to get the satisfaction of knowing that gift is making a substantial difference in this campaign and where Hope will be in the future,” he said.

NOTE: According to Nordstrom, approximately only 30 percent of the population has wills. “This is unfortunate because what happens to your estate is left in the hands of the state, and the state has certain rules and regulations about how estates are to be divided which may not really be what you would like to have happen to your resources,” he said.

Nordstrom or any of the college’s development officers have information about gift planning, and can be contacted at (616) 394-7775. And while making a provision for Hope in one’s will may not be for everyone, Nordstrom noted that everyone should give thought to drafting one.

A bequest by the late Lynn Szabo ’32 Smith, pictured at left as a Hope senior, will have an impact on generations of Hope students to come.
Kresge grant aids science program

A major grant from The Kresge Foundation of Troy, Mich., will help Hope acquire and maintain equipment in several science disciplines.

The $395,000 grant will support the acquisition of equipment in biology, chemistry, mathematics, nursing and physics. The grant has been made contingent upon the college raising additional funds to create a $1,500,000 endowment that will provide regular support for acquiring and maintaining its equipment in the sciences.

The grant is supporting the college's Hope in the Future capital campaign. The $50 million fund-raising effort has four primary components: enhancing the academic program, improving student financial aid, strengthening Christian life and witness, and selectively improving facilities. (Please see page five for more.)

"The Kresge Foundation has provided us a wonderful opportunity to ensure the future success of our program," said Dr. James Gentile, dean for the natural sciences and the Kenneth G. Herrick Professor of Biology at Hope.

"The science equipment they will be helping us purchase will significantly enhance teaching and research at the college," he said. "The endowment we raise to meet our challenge will provide a stable source of income for the on-going maintenance and upkeep of that and other equipment."

Biological equipment purchased through the Kresge Foundation grant will include cell culture and centrifugation equipment necessary for microbiology, genetics and toxicology. Chemistry equipment will include FTIR spectrometers, laser equipment, an FT-NMR spectrometer and associated workstations.

Mathematics and physics equipment will help integrate the teaching of mathematics and physics through computer-based instrumentation. The college will be creating a new imaging laboratory instrument station, and the college is also planning to acquire instrumentation for laboratories in biophysics and physics.

The Kresge Foundation is an independent, private foundation created by the personal gifts of Sebastian S. Kresge. It is not affiliated with any corporation or organization.

Since 1960, the Kresge Foundation has awarded Hope College nearly $3.5 million in grants for construction projects.

Projects supported by The Kresge Foundation have included the renovation of Van Zoeren and Vander Weel Halls from 1988 to 1990; the construction of the Van Wylen Library, dedicated in 1988; the renovation of the Sligh Furniture factory as the DePree Art Center and gallery, dedicated in 1992; a renovation of Van Vleck Hall, completed in 1994; and the renovation of the college's main dining hall in 1979.

Others include the construction of the Peale Science Center, dedicated in 1973; the construction of the Dow Health and Physical Education Center, dedicated in 1978; the construction of the DeWitt Student and Cultural Center, dedicated in 1971, and the construction of Vander Weel Hall, completed in 1963 as the Physics- Math Building. The Dow Center's natatorium is named for the Foundation.

Study of Reformed Church continues

Through a grant from Lilly Endowment Inc., two Hope College sociologists are continuing their study of membership trends in the Reformed Church in America (RCA) and will be able to share their findings with the denomination itself.

Dr. Donald Luidens '69 and Dr. Roger Nemeth, associate professors of sociology, are conducting the study for the reasons for post-World War II membership growth and decline in the RCA. They have been involved in research on the RCA for more than 15 years.

A key component of the project is a conference that will follow its conclusion. The conference will bring together 50 leaders of the RCA, which is the college's parent denomination, and will enable Dr. Luidens and Dr. Nemeth to share their findings and suggest ways that the results can be used to benefit the RCA and other mainline denominations.

For many years we have been eager to make full use of our studies—and other data, such as the 1990 U.S. Census figures and information from surveys of future RCA clergy," Dr. Luidens said. "We are extremely grateful that Lilly has seen fit to support our on-going investigations."

"Among other studies, between 1976 and 1991 Dr. Luidens and Dr. Nemeth conducted three surveys of the denomination's laity and clergy. The surveys serve as a key source of information for the current project, through which they hope to learn about the social factors underlying changes in the ethnic, gender and geographic compositions of the denomination.

"We were very surprised to learn that the RCA appears to be more 'Dutch' today than it was five and 15 years ago. That is a higher proportion claim to have some Dutch ancestry," Dr. Nemeth said. "We had expected that, over time, the Dutch background of the RCA would be less evident, but that is apparently not the case. We want to know why.

"By analyzing the patterns of growth and decline during the 15 year period, he said, "We hope to have a better handle on the factors behind this ethnic homogenization."

"It would appear that, while the denomination is losing members at a slow and steady rate nationwide, the membership losses are particularly pronounced among those who do not have Dutch backgrounds," Dr. Luidens said. "Among the laity, it is not so much that new Dutch people are coming into the church, but that the non-Dutch are leaving at a higher rate than the Dutch.

"Apparently there is a core of membership—a 'bedrock' group if you will—which is particularly loyal to the RCA," Dr. Luidens said. "They will stick with the denomination through thick and thin."

Dr. Luidens and Dr. Nemeth hope to pinpoint where the "loyalist" faction lies.

"The $138,050 from the Indianapolis-based charitable foundation will support the current project from its beginning this summer through its conclusion in 1993. In addition to funding the conference, the grant will provide Dr. Luidens and Dr. Nemeth with release time from their teaching responsibilities, enabling them to focus on the study, and funds for student assistants and travel.

"Dr. Luidens and Dr. Nemeth also expect to produce a series of articles and a book from their research."

Hope to host national conference

The Council on Undergraduate Research's (CUR) national conference, which Hope College will host this month, will gather many of the nation's most influential and respected names in college and university science education, according to conference co-chair Dr. James Gentile.

The biennial 11-13 conference will explore the value and methods of scientific research at the undergraduate level. Presenters will include Frederick M. Borngall, deputy director of the National Science Foundation (NSF); Nobel Prize-winning biochemist Thomas R. Cech and more than 40 others.

"The conference will feature, in my opinion, a very prestigious set of speakers," said Dr. Gentile, who is also the dean for the natural sciences and the Kenneth G. Herrick Professor of Biology at Hope, and is co-chairing the event with Laura Hoopes of California's Occidental College.

"We have made a commitment to come in spite of very demanding schedules because of their passion for this means of educating students."

"It is the Research-Friendly Curriculum," the conference is designed to help research be integrated more effectively into undergraduate science programs.

"Approximately 450 participants from throughout the United States and Canada are being anticipated.

"Dr. Gentile described CUR as "the key organization" for those interested in undergraduate research.

"He noted that the biennial conference enables participants, who do not need to be CUR members, to share experiences and expertise. It also provides an opportunity for officials with funding agencies and scholars to interact and better understand each other's needs and priorities.

Hope, he feels, was asked to serve as the event's host for a variety of reasons. One is its central, Midwest location. Another is the fact that the college has more CUR members among its faculty than any other single institution.

A third is the college's long-standing tradition of involving undergraduates in research. Because Hope faculty and students engage in summer research, participants will be able to see an active program in action.

"By hosting this conference we will be able to contribute some hands-on awareness as to how we do things at Hope," Dr. Gentile said. "People will be able to see our laboratories, they'll be able to talk with our students, they'll be able to see our facilities and I think they'll be able to gain a better understanding of the general supportive ambiance from administration and from other colleagues outside the sciences for what we do.

"Because I believe that ethos of doing research is really important to a success story," he said. "And we've got the right ethos here."
The Rev. Dr. Robert H. Schuller '47 challenged the members of the 1992 Hope College graduating class to move from the success that led them to their diplomas to making a difference in a troubled world.

Hope presented bachelor's degrees to 570 graduating seniors on Sunday, May 3, during its 127th Commencement, held in Holland Municipal Stadium with more than 4,000 family members and friends attending. Parents from throughout the United States and as far away as China and India were present.

Dr. Schuller, founding pastor of the Crystal Cathedral in Garden Grove, Calif., gave the Commencement address upon the invitation of the Senior Class. In addition, his wife Arvella received a doctorate of humane letters.

“You know how to succeed, but do you know how to be significant—how to make a difference in your world?” he asked the graduates. “It pains me to tell you that from my perspective there is at the bottom of every professional ladder a huge crowd of people—well-educated, well-credited, well-trained, well-bred, but they’re at the bottom.”

“Success alone is very empty. Very empty,” he said.

“Success alone is very empty...It’s not until you move up from success to significance that your heart really feels great.”

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He also noted that the United States today needs people who will make a difference. He cited the nation’s current “cultural confusion” or “cultural anarchy” as one major problem currently confronting society.

“There’s no culture today in America that can call the shots,” he said. “If you don’t believe it, look at the smoke going up in L.A. And if you don’t want to look at it, I’m here to tell you, that’s the kind of country or world you graduates are going into.”

While the inclination might be to adjust to the situation, Dr. Schuller explained, more is needed. “I ask you today: don’t just commence; don’t just graduate; don’t adjust to the negative cultures in our society,” he said.

“Adjustment is always a downward movement,” he said. “Always the upward movement is not an adjustment, it’s a commitment.”

“All of you here today—you are standing on the edge of tomorrow, and you are going to step into our world,” Dr. Schuller said. “I invite you today to take a trip with me. I’m going to a place I’ve never been before; neither have you. The place is called tomorrow.”

“I ask you to make a commitment here on Commencement Day and shape the culture of that new place you are going to,” he said. Dr. Schuller noted that the qualities that had led the graduates to their diplomas could serve them well in their efforts to shape the future.

“You have made it. You are a success,” he said. “And I challenge you today to remember how you got here—all of you—and keep on succeeding in life, because only successful people come up with solutions and can help those who are failing.”

“You see problems not as problems but as illusions,” he said. “They are either decisions that have to be made, or plans that have to be laid or a price that has to be paid.”

Dr. Schuller also encouraged them to remain true to the traditions of their college. “Hope is a Christian college. Make no apology for that; no apology at all,” he said. “Make sure that your heart has within it the spirit of the living Jesus Christ.

“Make your commitment to Jesus Christ solid, live by it, and tomorrow will be an exciting place,” he said.

Earlier in the day, during the college’s Baccalaureate in Dimnent Memorial Chapel, the Rev. Dr. Timothy L. Brown ’73, senior pastor at Christ Memorial Church in Holland, Mich., delivered the sermon “Life’s A Risk—Take One!”

Dr. Brown argued that all life issues should be approached with the knowledge that nothing is certain in the world except the life-giving power of God.

In his message he echoed the words of Jesus, observing “If you would save your life—if you choose to live your life like a riverboat gambler plays his cards, cool and close to the vest—you will lose it. But if you will take the risk of losing your life, for the sake of Jesus, and the gospel, you will save it.”

Dr. Brown based his discussion on II Kings 4:8-37, the Old Testament passage that concerns the prophet Elisha and a Shunammite woman who is reluctant to accept a life-transforming gift from God.

The Shunammite woman has been kind to Elisha, and he wishes to reward her. Thus, despite her protests that her life is complete and that she needs nothing, he promises her that she will bear a son.
Memories of traditions past

Larry J. Wagenaar '87

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

It is only natural for an institution or organization with any sort of longevity to develop a tradition or two through the years. Hope College, currently celebrating its 125th anniversary year, is no exception. Long-standing and well-known events include the Pull, Nykerk, and the All College Sing.

But, through the years a few traditions have disappeared. As attitudes changed so have some treasured traditions. May Day has become Spring Festival, and Freshman Orientation no longer involves young men and women wearing green beanies.

May Day started in 1937 at the behest of new faculty member Elizabeth Lichty. The Anchor noted that "to that first May Day festival...the gala outing was a girl's and faculty women's affair." The following year the student council helped promote the day's events and an all college dinner was added.

The faculty and administration were fully involved. For example, the final decision of the May Day queen was in the hands of the Dean of Women—the first queen was Katherine Elderidge '38 Klooparan.

May Day continued to gain momentum. By 1964 it sported a picnic in Kollen Park and coronation of the queen and her court along with Mortar Board Members in the Pine Grove and a decorated May Pole. Dinner and a dance followed.

Today the event involves the entire student body, and instead of a dance features musical entertainment and intramural games. The picnic and the May Day queen endure, but the May Pole is a thing of the past.

But a few traditions have been abandoned over the years.

Oh to be a "Frosh"! In years gone by it meant something quite different than it does today. Contemporary freshmen differ from their Sophomore, Junior and Senior peers only in their experience with college life.

Freshmen of the past were required to wear green beanies, or "pots," for several weeks at the beginning of the first semester as a sort of initiation. Toward the end of this period the Supreme Court, later the Kangaroo Court, was convened to "judge" supposed "offenses" of the freshmen.

The Nov. 14, 1923, issue of the Anchor provides a sense of the fun. "The first two cases to come up were those of Clarence Berkompas and Donald Van Alsburg. The "persecuting" attorney had one witness to prove they were seen on Oct. 22nd, minus their pots, whereas their lawyer, the Hon. Mr. Tuttle, produced two witnesses to discredit these statements of the 'state.' These men were found 'not guilty' by the court."

In a headline of October, 1924, the Anchor claims "Several Frosh Convicted of Grave Crimes." For the offense of a forbidden date Dorothy Clements '28 was "made to go without her complexion for two days, besides giving the chapel steps a thorough scrubbing." Other sentences for those found "guilty" were sewing buttons or mending the senior girls' nails. All in good fun, the event was always interesting.

By the mid 1960s the punishments handed down by the court were entertaining. They included playing lawn on the lawn behind Van Raalde Hall and shouting "the British are Coming" in the Kletz. The Court was followed by the Pull.

The Kangaroo Court disappeared along with the green beanies in the early 1970s. In the early part of the century pageants were popular. In 1916, which marked the 50th anniversary of Hope College, "The Pageant of Hope" was presented. It dealt with the struggles and successes of the early Dutch pioneers. Ten and 20 later, the Classes of 1926 and 1946 produced pageants which also served as a commemoration of the college's founding.

A period publication mentions that "the action was all pantomime; and the interpretation, after the manner of the Greek chorus, was given orally by 'Voice.' New elements were a representation of 'Tulip Time' and the final scene, 'The Radiating Influence of the Dutch,' explained the achievements of the Dutch in the fields of agriculture, the sciences, the fine arts, naval strategy, commerce, coeducation, public schools, freedom of the press, democracy and religion."

A subsequent pageant in 1941 was said to be a "fitting climax" to the series. New features were "a professional producer, supervision entirely in the hands of the faculty and administration, and a manuscript written by Dr. Edward Dimmott of the faculty."

For many of these events there were special privileges for the students. Can you remember ever getting the whole day off for Arbor Day? Well, on May 7, 1915, the seniors were given the day off—it was Senior Day.

The Anchor comments: "At 5 o'clock [a.m.] 'garbed,' not in their somber yet stately gowns, but in raincoats, they appeared on Voorhies Lawn, and planted their tree...They left shortly thereafter to have breakfast at Macatawa Park—of coffee, buns, oranges and roasted weenies." At 1 p.m. a baseball game was held where "vast crowds were thrilled by the spectacular plays on either side...."

In 1923 Arbor Day featured an even more extensive program with speeches and the planting of trees by not only the seniors but by all four classes. The day was considered to be a highly patriotic event commemorating growth, with many parallels drawn to the lives of students entering the world beyond Hope.

There was a day when coronation was one of the prized events of the college campus. Contests were held and the gift of beautiful oratorical skill was a prized talent. One of the men that followed in this Hope tradition was Gerrit J. Dijkstra 1981, a man that served in local, state and federal offices, was a well-known local lawyer and finally ambassador to the Netherlands.

The Glory Day celebration followed victory in oratorical contests—and, like on Arbor Day, classes were suspended. It was abandoned in 1927. Later a similar event was used for athletic events but was again discontinued in the mid 1960s.

Through the years the faces on campus have changed, as has the face of campus itself. Along with these changes many deeply rooted traditions have been maintained that have added to the beautiful fabric of student life. These along with a few that proved more time-bound are part of the rich heritage of Hope College.

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America's social recession

by Dr. David G. Myers

A few weeks ago, the middle of the nation’s economic recession, presidential politics have belatedly turned to an issue that dwarfs our short-term monetary woes. I speak of America’s deepening social recession. Without blaming victims for the social forces which have created this recession, let’s face the facts. Since 1960:

• The delinquency rate has doubled.
• The violent crime rate has quadrupled.
• The teen suicide rate has tripled.
• The delinquency rate has more than doubled.
• The rate of disabling psychological depression has soared—to 10 times pre-World War II levels, estimate some experts.

Cool statistics, yet behind each are countless crushed lives. While standing tall during the 1980s, believing a comfortable lie that all was well in a prosperous and militarily successful America, we were losing social battles at home. Accepting a levelled divorce rate, the social recession shows no sign of abating.

One wonders: Where are we headed? What accounts for this insidious erosion of the American fabric? Does the divorce rate, which has nearly continued to rise, reflect a growing fear of commitment? If so, why? What role is played by today’s greater materialism and self-focused individualism? By the growing gap between the powerful rich and the powerless poor? By our acceptance of the media’s modeling of violence and sexual promiscuity? Will we someday look with chagrin on history’s events and ask to what extent are we affecting events that happen today? What are the new attitudes, environments, and spiritual resources will enable America to reverse its deepening social recession?

Lest we resign ourselves to present trends, consider what happened after the nation awoke to its drug problem. We changed our media images of drug and alcohol use and undertook drug education and alcohol awareness programs. Violent, high school seniors’ alcohol use dropped by 15 percent in the preceding month. What can we do to reverse the current social recession?

Our wealth has not bought social well-being.

The five percent of babies born to unwed mothers in 1960 has more than quintupled to 27 percent. Increasingly, everywhere in America children are having children, many of whom are destined to educational and economic impoverishment.

Despite the easier termination of unhappy marriages, reflected in today’s doubled divorce rate, the happiness of surviving marriages has slightly declined. In 1960, one in 10 children did not live with two parents. Today, nearly one in five do, most of whom experience diminished father care.

The meltdown of the American family recently caused American Psychological Association members to rate “the decline of the nuclear family” as the number one threat to mental health. (Conservatives such as Dan Quayle aren’t the only ones concerned.)

Yale psychologists Edward Zigler and Elizabeth Gilman report a consensus among child/family researchers: “In the past 30 years of monitoring the indicators of child well-being, never have the indicators looked so negative.” Moreover, family decline is compounded by other indicators of social recession. Since 1960:

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Book explores myth and reality of happiness

Close relationships, optimism and religious faith can help make you happy. Wealth won’t. The mid-life crisis is a myth and part of the empty nest syndrome.

These are among many conclusions from Hope, the Pursuit of Happiness: Who Is Happy—and Why, released in May by William Morrow and Company Inc.

"A message of the book is radical, as it challenges certain Western cultural assumptions," said Dr. Myers, who is the John Dirks Werkman Professor of Psychology at Hope, "and conservative as it reaffirms older wisdom.

Reviewing the work of hundreds of social scientists and others, Dr. Myers identifies traits that help enable a person to be happy. Among them are a fit and healthy body, realistic goals and expectations, positive self-esteem and feelings of control.

Other traits include optimism, outgoingness, and supportive friendships that enable companionship and confiding; and a socially intimate, sexually warm, equitable marriage, and challenging work and active leisure punctuated by adequate rest and recreation.

Another element is religious faith. Contrary to Freud’s idea that religion is a sort of sickness—an "obsessional neurosis"—people with an active faith are more often "very happy." They also cope better with aging and with personal crises such as unemployment, disability, and the death of a loved one. For many people, faith provides the ingredients of well-being: communal support, meaning and purpose, acceptance, a focus beyond self, and a hope when facing suffering and death.

"My purpose in writing this book has been more to inform than to prescribe," he said. "It’s like Consumer Reports, which doesn’t tell us what to buy—because that depends on our personal needs and circumstances. But we’d be foolish to ignore its information when making choices."

The scientific literature on happiness, Dr. Myers said, dispels "some popular but mistaken ideas," such as the notion that wealth buys happiness.

Since 1958, America’s buying power has doubled. Yet the portion of Americans who describe themselves as "very happy" in national surveys has remained constant—about one-third.

"So we’re twice as rich yet we’re no happier," said Dr. Myers. "In fact, by some measures—increased depression and teen problems—we’re more miserable.

It’s also a myth that tragedies, such as disasters, accidents, inherently promote happiness. Instead, life’s victories—even winning a state lottery—fail to maintain it.

"Surely you’ve noticed," said Dr. Myers, "that dejection and elation are both hard to sustain. Stung by criticism or rejection we wallow in gloom but only for a day or two. Delighted by success or acclaim, we relish the joy, but not for long."

Despite conventional wisdom, social science finds no basis for comparing happiness in different countries and the elderly are the unhappiest people. Nor is there any scientific support for the notion that men in their 40s experience a traumatic mid-life crisis.

Another concept dispelled by research is the empty nest syndrome—the belief that parents grow depressed when their children leave home. Also labeled as myths in Dr. Myers book: the idea that African-Americans, women and the disabled live with poor self-esteem; that trial marriages reduce the risk of later divorce; that most married people have affairs and that opposites attract.

The overall message of hundreds of studies, Dr. Myers said, is that well-being is found in the renewal of disciplined life-styles, committed relationships and the receiving and giving of acceptance.

(Dispensed in part from The Pursuit of Happiness.)
Sandy Alspach, director of forensics and assistant professor of communication, was honored during the Pi Kappa Delta Bi—Provincial Forensic Tournament, held at York College in York, Pa., on Thursday through Saturday, March 5-7.

Dr. Alspach received a plate at the tournament’s awards ceremony, in honor of her exceptional service as Governor of the Province for the Lakes for the last four years. She was recognized for returning Lakes Province to active participation in PKD provincial tournaments after a period of inactivity.

Under her leadership five schools have either reactivated their chapters or received new chapter membership in PKD. In addition, 13 other colleges and universities in the Lakes Province region have initiated membership procedures.

Since the Hope chapter was re-activated in 1988, more than 30 Hope students have earned membership in PKD through interscholastic speech and debate competition and community speaking programs.

Insights by C. Kondrick Gibson, professor of business administration, into the nature of hospital mission statements will be included in two different books: Health Care Management: Strategy, Structure, and Process, and Manual of Hospital Administration.

Dr. Gibson’s contributions are taken from “An Empirical Investigation of the Nature of Hospital Mission Statements,” an article that was published during the summer of 1990 in Health Care Management Review. The article stresses the value of an appropriate mission statement to a hospital’s strategic planning efforts, and suggests variables that mission statements should consider.

Dr. Gibson, a member of the Hope faculty since 1986, coordinated the college’s Hope in the Future strategic planning process during 1989-90. In addition to his teaching responsibilities, he is director of the college’s Carl Frost Center for Social Science Research.

James Herrick, an associate professor of communication, has been awarded a Summer Stipend from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) to continue his research on the 18th century miracles controversy.

The NEH Summer Stipend is a highly competitive program for support of faculty research. Dr. Herrick is believed to be the first Hope faculty member to receive the award.

Dr. Herrick’s research under the grant will focus on apocryphal skepticism in the 1730s and 1740s in England. He is in the process of writing a book on the miracles controversy which will explore its history and the relationship between religious thought and public rhetoric. The goal of his research is to advance understanding of the processes by which private attitudes are expressed and become a public belief.

Jack Holmes and Fikyu Kim, both members of the political science faculty, presented papers to the International Studies Association (ISA) in Atlanta, Ga., in April. Dr. Holmes is a professor of political science and chairperson of the department. Dr. Kim is an assistant professor of political science.

Dr. Holmes presented “Consensus and America’s Foreign Policy: A Long-Term Perspective,” which is related to the new book he is preparing, “Ambivalent America: Cyclical Responses to World Trends.” Dr. Kim presented “International Law and the Rights of Aliens in Japan.”

Shiniko Kagaya, assistant professor of Japanese, has received a 1992 Faculty Language Fellowship from the Program for Inter—Institutional Collaboration in Area Studies (PICAS). She will use the fellowship to study Chinese at the advanced level, and will be studying at the University of Michigan this summer.

Professor Kagaya became interested in Chinese language and culture while teaching Japanese language in Taipei, Taiwan, during 1989. Her current major field of research is medieval Japanese text and its relation to performance.

Her future plans are to conduct research and to teach courses based upon an interdisciplinary comparison of performance with a focus on East Asia, mainly Japan and China, and she plans to spend the summer of 1993 in China. Her research is an extension of her practice of teaching language as functional cultural behavior.

Elliott Tanis, professor of mathematics, has been selected as the first recipient of the "Award for Distinguished College or University Teacher of Mathematics," presented by the Michigan Section of the Mathematical Association of America (MAA).

The award has been established by the MAA on a national level. Each section gives an annual award, and from among the sections' recipients three will eventually be chosen for national recognition and a $1,000 award.

Dr. Tanis was recognized for a teaching career spanning 29 years. A selection committee drawn from the section's executive committee chose him from a field of four nominees.

After earning his doctorate from the University of Iowa in 1963, Dr. Tanis taught for two years at the University of Nebraska. He has been a member of the Hope faculty since 1965, and served as department chair from 1971-82.

He is the co-author, along with Robert V. Hogg, his thesis advisor, of “Probability and Statistical Inference,” a textbook which has had 250 adoptions and is currently in its third edition. His list of publications contains 28 entries, including papers on probability and statistics, using computer simulations in teaching and the mathematics related to the art of M.C. Escher.

In 1989, Dr. Tanis was selected by the college's graduating seniors to receive the Hope Outstanding Professor Award (HOPE). He served as vice-chairperson of the MAA from 1975-76 and as its chairperson from 1976-77, and is currently completing a three-year term as governor.

Boyd Wilson, associate professor of religion, presented the address "Faith—To—Faith Encounters or Can Christians Listen While They Talk?" at Western Illinois University in Macomb, Ill., on Tuesday, April 28.

Dr. Wilson is an internationally recognized expert on inter-faith dialogue, which is the attempt of individuals of different religious orientations to talk with each other and learn from one another. His address, attended by approximately 200 people, was sponsored by Western Illinois University’s Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies.

John Shaughnessy wins HOPE award

Dr. John Shaughnessy has been presented the 28th annual Hope Outstanding Professor Educator (HOPE) award by the 1992 graduating class.

Dr. Shaughnessy, an associate professor of psychology, was honored during the college’s Honors Convocation on Thursday, April 23. The award, first given in 1965, is presented by the graduating class to the professor who they feel epitomizes the best qualities of the Hope College educator.

"Professor Shaughnessy is certainly an outstanding psychologist and teacher," said Dr. John H. Jacobson, president of Hope. "He has an earned an enviable reputation as a fine teacher among Hope College students, and it is very fitting that he achieve this recognition of his merit.

A member of the Hope faculty since 1975, Dr. Shaughnessy teaches courses including "Introduction to Psychology," "Learning and Memory" and "Research Methods." He was appointed an assistant professor when he joined the faculty, was promoted to associate professor in 1982 and beginning with the 1992-93 academic year will hold the rank of full professor.

His books include "Experimentation in Psychology," co-authored with Benton Underwood, "Research Methods in Psychology," co-authored with E.B. Zechmeister, and "A Practical Introduction to Research Methods in Psychology," also written with Zechmeister and designed to be used primarily as a companion to their other book. He has also written or co-written many articles, which have appeared in publications such as "Journal of Verbal Learning and Verbal Behavior," "American Journal of Psychology," "Journal of Experimental Psychology" and "Memory and Cognition."

He involves Hope students in his research as well. Student involvement ranges from project design to data collection, data analysis and manuscript preparation.

Dr. Shaughnessy is also an active participant in the life of the college beyond the classroom and research. The campus committees on which he has served include the college’s Academic Affairs Board, the Board’s ad hoc Committee on Faculty Evaluation, the Teaching Advisory Committee and the Teaching Enhancement Workshop.

As a member of the faculty he is an enthusiastic supporter of the college’s Psychology Club activities, athletic events and other campus programs.
Year on campus gave Russian student hope
The program's overwhelming success has prompted the college to repeat it next year.

by Greg Olgers '87

As the college's academic year drew to a close, Andrei Rukavishnikov faced a changed world. But he didn't face it alone. He returned to his home in Moscow, Russia, accompanied by lessons learned during his time at Hope.

"This is a good word: 'hope,'" said Rukavishnikov, one of 19 students from Russia or Kazakhstan who studied at the college during 1991-92. "This college could live," he said. "People can live having no civil war.

"The experience of being in a small community like Holland, especially living in the houses of people and just seeing how they live, was valuable," he said. "People are so happy, so polite here and so safe.

"People know how to work, and they like their work," he said. "The attitude towards people, towards job, towards environment—just everything.

Rukavishnikov also valued the college's atmosphere and Christian perspective. "The spirit of a private, small college was really important for me," he said.

"My professors gave the class some examples—some comments concerning the Christian life and concerning the subjects we were studying from the point of view of Christians," Rukavishnikov said. "I've never had anything like that and that of course was very, very interesting.

He noted that he enjoyed receiving a foreign perspective on the momentous changes in his homeland, too. "It was very unusual and very useful for me to look at the events in my country from the outside," he said. "And to listen to the comments—from famous economists, for example—being made concerning the events."

Rukavishnikov's was precisely the sort of experience the Russian Program's planners envisioned when developing the initiative. And because it was not unique—others also had good things to say about their year in the United States— the college is planning to repeat the program next year.

Ten new students will be studying on campus through the program in 1993-94 and is there a chance that a new initiative through the U.S. Information Agency may add students from the Baltics and Eastern Europe as well.

"One of the reasons studying here was worthwhile is that I've seen how people could live. People can live having no civil war."

—Andrei Rukavishnikov

"My father told me a lot," he said. "I'd heard it before, but when your father tells you it's different.

"He told me that I would come back to a completely different country, and what he told me, unfortunately, was that this difference was not a good difference—not pluses but minusues," Rukavishnikov said.

As daunting as the problems are, however, through his year in Holland he found cause for optimism.

"One of the reasons studying here was worthwhile is that I've seen how people

"This year's program, I think, has been successful beyond our wildest imagining," said Dr. Neal Sobania '68, director of international education and associate professor of history at Hope. "And we're pleased that we will be able to continue next year with a new, equally-exceptional group of students.

Richard Mezeske '69, international student advisor and a lecturer in education, agreed. He also noted that the students' frequent appearances at local schools and before community groups has been a particularly valuable dimension of the past year.

"We've been tremendously pleased with the program's impact, not only on the students, but also on Holland and the Hope community—faculty, students and staff alike," he said.

Next year's 10 students, expected to arrive on campus around mid-July, were chosen following interviews in Russia in April with Professor Mezeske and Dr. Larry Penrose, associate professor of history at Hope. A total of 67 students applied for the program, with 30 being interviewed.

Assistance with the applications, screening and interviewing was provided by JV Dialogue, a Russian-American joint venture that is linked in part by Management Partnerships International Inc. (MPI) to Chicago Research and Trading Group Ltd. (CRT), one of the Hope Russian Program's corporate sponsors.

Professor Mezeske described the competition as "fierce," and noted some applicants were rejected because, despite their interest in Hope's undergraduate program, their academic skills were of graduate school calibre. A few were exceptionally-talented 16-year-olds whose youth precluded participation in 1992-93.

"Test scores were very high, personalites were very strong, and they had definite ideas about their futures and why they wanted to study in the United States," Professor Mezeske said.

As has been true this year, next year's students are studying a variety of disciplines. The major fields of the six men and four women include art, computer science, economics, mathematics, physics and sociology.

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Hope reclaims the All-Sports banner

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with 16 conference championships in softball, volleyball and women's basketball, Wolters was honored by her peers as the Midwest region softball coach of the year.
Wolters returned to her alma mater five years ago after 13 seasons as a coach at Calvin College. Her softball coaching record at Hope is 107-67.

Baseball Team Wins Third Straight MIAA Championship
The Flying Dutchmen became the first MIAA baseball team in more than three decades to win three consecutive conference championships.
Coach Ray Allen and his team liked the expanded schedule of league games as they posted a 12-3 record to finish one game ahead of runnerup Alma. The Flying Dutchmen were 14-7 during the regular season and finished with a 16-17 overall record.

Junior Monica VanderSall of Orange City, Iowa, was an NCAA All-American for the second year in a row as she finished sixth in the 5,000 meter at the Division III national track and field championships.

Buys

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a fun activity.

Buys relishes the moment when the discus is released, when it soars into the heavens, when it takes off on some wild ride towards the horizon, when man and object—man and nature—are separate but one. The discus continues to soar, taking on something more important, growing, transforming into something greater.
It is a tantalizing moment—a simple discus but so much more.

Confusing?
Perhaps, but at that precise moment, sport transcends into art. The act becomes a page of poetry, a page of geometry and physics, a page of music. When words and music find harmony.
"There is a feeling that comes when you throw the discus, a power just flows right through you," Buys said.
"You don't have to be a discus thrower to understand it. Basketball players call it the "zone"—when the rim looks like a giant hula-loop and everything falls through. Baseball players call it the "groove"—when the ball looks like a beachball and everything is a base hit.
"I am out there throwing the discus to find a perfect form," Buys said. "But you have to work at it. You take someone like Leonardo da Vinci, who sought perfection in art. I don't know if perfection is attainable. For me it is the same. I think perfection might be an illusion in the discus. You limit yourself, as soon as you do something. At the same time, you gain access to something greater."
"Few people understand Matt Buys. He doesn't try to be different; he just is.
You know what I think? I think once everyone should view life, view reality through the unusual eyes of someone like Matt Buys. They might see a curious place where sport is overemphasized, a place where winning has replaced the search for excellence, a place where few people question much of anything."
I suppose, all of this could be dismissed as some sort of hippie babble.
But that would be missing the point.
Jeff Seidel is a writer with The Grand Rapids Press, which published this story on Sunday, May 24. This article has been reprinted with permission.

TENNIS TEAM FINISH IN MIDDLE OF MIAA PACK
Both tennis teams posted winning records against MIAA opponents as they were in the middle of their respective races. The Flying Dutchmen finished third, while the Flying Dutchwomen finished fourth.
More than 800 alumni returned to campus during Alumni Weekend (May 1–3) to catch up with old friends. They laughed about the changes—maybe a little more weight, a tad more grey or slightly less hair. They smiled knowingly upon learning others had shared some of the same sorts of experiences—career, house payments, teen-agers. They enjoyed some pleasant days in a familiar place—the Pine Grove, Van Vleck Hall, Dimment Chapel. In short, they reflected a bit on who they had become with people who could understand. Because they’d started the journey in the same place.
1932/1937 Reunions


1937 - Row 1: Phoebe Sargent VanDragt, Jane Eldridge Breen, Marian Mulder MacDermott, Lucille Bater DeDee, Dorothy Parker Luyendyk, Lema Poppink; Row 2: Charles Seketece, Andrew Lampen, Lillian VanRaalte Lampen, Clare DeDee, Bill Luyendyk, Bill Poppink; Row 3: M. Eugene Osterhaven, Hildegarde Bos Scheerhorn
1942-1947 Reunions


1952/1957 Reunions

1952—Row 1: Babs Cross, Elaine Boelhouse, JoAnn Vanderwerp Dobben; Row 2: Lavina Hoogeveen, Betty Cook, Randall Vandewater, Amy Silcox Kooi; Betty Watson Mulder, Warren Mulder, Carol Northcutt Braun, Carol Beuker, John Beuker, Bob Roos, Donald Hoffman, Linda Miner '55 Hoffman; Row 3: Howard Richardson, Norma Hoffman Richardson, Anthony Kooiker; Row 4: Marie Nyitray, Betty Dowd Smouse, Ken Smouse, Joe Holbrook, Anna Herder Holbrook, Mary Rens DeNeut Boon, Maurice Boon, Marie Boon, David Prosser, Irma Smith Prosser; Row 5: John Nyitray, Elaine Groustra Boers, Al Boers '51, Ginny Hoger Gearhart '09, Eary Gearhart, Lenore DePree, Gordon DePree, Muriel Droppers Wagner, Doris Adams DeYoung, Del DeYoung; Row 6: Neil Van Heest, Mary Richards Van Heest, Irwin Brink, Gene Jekel, Elaine Zimmerman Jekel, Glenn Blocker, Ethel Blocker, Margaret Feldmann Kruenga, Marilyn Velde, Jack van der Velde; Row 7: Jacqueline Maroos Bakker, Dick Kruenga, Ruth Koeppke DeYoung, James DeYoung; Row 8: Art Van Houten, Caryl Curtis Van Hooten, Gaye Van Zyl, Jane Wright Van Zyl, Don DeYoung, Jackie Van Heest DeYoung, Dewey Bakker, Penny Ramaker Lumsden, Roy Lumsden, Joyce Post '51 Schipper, Easy Schipper Northuis, Don Northuis '55; Row 9: Julie Bernius Spitzler, Carol Crist Fern, Marge Mulder Bocks, Frances Schooten Rink, Don Rink, Yvonne DeLog Tien, Ron Schipper, Annette Heisinger Rothschild, Jerry Rothschild; Row 10: Phyllis Dee, Gene Bont, Clayton Bergman, Bill Bocks, Fred Yonkman, John Tien, Bob Dennis, Liz Schmidt Dennis, Dick Huff

1957—Row 1: Elsie Vande Zande Redeker, Peter Bylenga, Norma Damstra Bylenga, Tom Keizer, Erma Van Dyke Keizer, Dale Kane, Warren Kane, Sannie Pas Birdswall, Fred Birdswall; Row 2: Jerry Redeker, Suzanne Underwood Ten Hoeve, Thomas Ten Hoeve, Don Knoll, Dee Knoll, Joan Kaper Hickman; Row 3: Betty Barnett Jeltes, John Jeltes, Janice Wisse Piety, Neil Pietty, Carol DeVries Hoffman, Alice Werner Osborn, John Varden; Row 4: Alice Warren Maxam, Carl DeVree, Marilyn Glupker DeVree, Susan Shuler Verduin, Rob Verduin, John Soeter; Row 5: Dale Maxam, Larry Lop, Pat Bont Miller, Jaye Miller, Harold Ritsma; Row 6: Jean Marks, Edward Marks Jr., James Baker, Elizabeth VanderZagt '59 Baker; Row 7: Merwin "Mike" Van Doornik, Alice Abrahamse '62 Van Doornik, Mary Alice Ferguson Ritsma, Robert Ritsma

SIXTEEN

NEWS FROM HOPE COLLEGE, JUNE 1992
1962/1967 Reunions

1962-Row 1: Jim Van Heken, Ev Jackson, Betty Whitaker Jackson, Marie Geerlings Blauwkamp, Young Olson, Lance Evert, Marty Spaan Evert, Bruce Scharman, Delores Beimers, Bruce Beimers, Judy Willey Meijers, Elizabeth Talmia Bakker; Row 2: Sara VanDePoel Van Heeken, Barbara Lowing Brink, Sybil Brown Greitz, Sherwin Weener, Shirley Prins Weener, Henry Olson, Henry Van Der Kolk, Pat VanderBeek Van Der Kolk, Renetta Dykstra Twes, June Veldheer, Goerard Bakker; Row 3: Marilyn VanderWill Ryndrandt, Mary Fryling White, Richard Greitz, Stanley Hamermayer, Donna Zerpe '65 Cook, Robert Cook, Kathryn, Teck Norton, Catherine Baker Overkamp, Frederick Overkamp; Row 4: Cal Ryndrandt, David White, Nancy Sonneveldt Miller, Carol Cronk Dalman, Paul Dalman, Keith Nykerk, Ruth DeBeer Wilson, Martha Proos Lovell, Jerry Lovell, Lars Granberg, Carol Van Os Granberg


NEWS FROM HOPE COLLEGE, JUNE 1992
1972/1977 Reunions


W hat a wonderful Alumni Weekend we had last month! More than 800 people from the reunion classes of 1927 to 1977, plus many other alumni, returned to campus to join in the celebration. The fellowship was warm and the weather — lovely. I hope you were able to join us.

On Friday evening the 15-50th reunion classes started a full weekend of activities with individual gatherings of campus. Numerous committee volunteers had eagerly planned everything from casual hors d’oeuvres receptions to formal dinners with dancing. Members of the Class of ’52 even invited their former professors to attend a reception featuring special entertainment by faculty members George and Roberta Kraft, who presented the music of Rodgers and Hammerstein.

The next morning all reunion class members were invited to join us at the west end of campus. Those who had not visited campus lately marvelled at the renovation of Van Zoonen and VanderWef Halls, the Van Andel Plaza and, of course, their Student Union Library. An open house featuring these facilities and faculty representatives from each department made for a lively morning. A light breakfast buffet table with plenty of coffee...and help too! — helped the morning get off to a good start for many.

Throughout the morning alumni boarded the Holland Trolley to enjoy a complete campus tour with commentary by Hope student Scott Ruysen of ’93 of Howell, Mich. Others stopped at the beautiful Van Wylen Library to relax in one of the lounge areas and review their class reunion booklet or to read their favorite memory. Still others headed for the special reunion memorabilia display at the Joint Archives of Holland, located on the library’s ground level.

Following a busy morning, our guests preceded to their respective class luncheons. The reunion committee members planned an outstanding program for their classmates. Several invited their former Hope professors to take part in the festivities by sharing special memories of the class’ days spent on campus.

After lunch and their class photo, several people proceeded to the Knickerbocker Theatre to enjoy a rare Alumni Weekend treat. The Hope College Symphonic Band, under the direction of Dr. Robert Rispena ’57, professor of music and chairperson of the department, presented a benefit concert in preparation for its summer European Tour.

Those who had not visited Holland lately were invited to board the Holland Trolley once again — this time for a tour of the city. The trolley took them through Holland’s beautifully restored downtown area, and past the lake and many of the city’s famous tulip beds.

Capping off the day was the annual Alumni Dinner. The presentation of the 1992 Distinguished Alumni Awards highlighted this gala banquet. Honored were Dr. John Kemkii ’71, the Rev. Dr. Louis Lotz ’72, the Rev. Russell ’49 and Eleanor Short ’51, Novi; John Winter ’30 and Dr. William Winter ’36.

Sunday began with a special alumni worship service in Dimnent Memorial Chapel featuring music by the Hope College Chapel Choir and the Rev. Dr. David Breen ’72 preaching. This was followed by a reception on the lawn of Graves Hall, where we watched the Class of 1992 process into the chapel for Baccalaureate.

A delicious brunch buffet in the DeVitt Center Kletz marked the close of a wonderful weekend spent with dear friends sharing fond memories.

That afternoon the Class of 1992 joined the alumni alert

The college’s 127th Commencement ceremony, with the Rev. Dr. Robert Schaller ’47 delivering the keynote address, was attended by 10,000 people. I’d like to extend a special “thank you” to each of my reunion committee volunteers. They did a truly outstanding job in helping their friends recapture the memories and relive the spirit of time spent together at Hope College.

You are always welcome to return to campus. There are many exciting on-campus and off-campus events throughout the year and we would be pleased to have you join us.

For example, coming up next month in Holland is the college’s annual Golf Outing. The Outing will be held on Monday, June 13, at the Holland Country Club. We will again host two site dinners, one at 8 a.m. and the other at 1 p.m. In order to facilitate play, golf carts will be provided for all participants and participation is limited to 32 four-person teams. This event continues to draw record numbers, so be sure to register early to guarantee your choice of tee-off time. We look forward to seeing you there!

Finally, this is my last “Alumni Alert” column, as I will be returning to graduate school to complete the doctoral degree studies I started five years ago. I will sincerely miss the people I have grown to know over the past five years here. These past five years have been terrific! I have been privileged to work with truly outstanding individuals.

To each of my volunteers during this time, and to all alumni, parents and friends of the college, a heartfelt thank you. You have demonstrated interest and enthusiastic support of the Alumni program, the college and Hope’s mission means a great deal. It’s been wonderful to meet you and share the excitement of Hope today while we enjoy the treasures of time spent on campus.

Continued best wishes to each of you.

Spera in Deco!

Assistant Director for College Advancement for Alumni Affairs at Hope College

The Assistant Director for College Advancement for Alumni Affairs is a staff person who reports to the Director of Public Relations and is responsible for establishing and maintaining high quality programs between the college and its external constituencies.

Responsibilities

1. Coordinate the alumni relations programs of Hope College.

2. Function in a variety of constituency relations area.

Qualifications

1. An understanding of the church-related, liberal arts institution.

2. College graduate, preferably from a church-related, liberal arts institution.

3. Demonstrated analytical, organizational, and creative skills and knowledge of the communication process.

4. An understanding of the Advancement profession.

5. Demonstrated effective oral and written communication skills in a variety of settings and to diverse audiences.

Application Process

Fulltime: receive by July 1, 1992

Application Procedure

Submit letter of application, resume, and names of at least three references to:

Thomas L. Reutter, Director of Public Relations
Hope College, Holland, MI 49423

Hope College is an equal opportunity employer.
Alumni Board appoints officers, new members

During its May meeting, the Alumni Association Board of Directors chose its three officers for 1992-93 and made two re-appointments. During the course of the 1991-92 academic year, the board also appointed five new members.

John Abe '79 of Naperville, Ill., was appointed the board’s president, replacing Jeffrey Cordes '80 of Dallas, Texas. Janet Lawrence '80 of Albany, N.Y., was elected vice president, which was Abe’s previous office. Thelma Leenhouts '66 of Washington, D.C., was re-appointed secretary.

The board’s new members are Janette VandenBerg '79 Aardema of Grand Rapids, Mich. (West Michigan Region), Bryan Bush '84 of Anaheim, Calif.

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Mail orders should include a check or money order and be addressed to: Hope Book Offer, Hope-Geneva Bookstore, P.O. Box 9000, Holland, MI 49422-9000. All orders are shipped within 48 hours of receipt.

Hope College presented Distinguished Alumni Awards to six alumni during the annual Alumni Dinner on Saturday, May 2. Pictured from left to right are: Dr. John K. Winter '30, Dr. William G. Winter '30, Eleanor Short '51 Norden, the Rev. Russell L. Norden '49, Dr. John L. Kemink '71 and the Rev. Dr. Louis E. Lott '72.
More than 800 Hope alumni were on campus for reunions during Alumni Weekend '92 to...
Hope College is preparing a new edition of the Alumni Directory for publication this fall. Unfortunately, through the years the Alumni Office has lost track of some graduates and former students. Keeping track of a mobile alumni family is a full-time job; we currently have 18,500 on our rolls.

Your help in locating "lost" classmates is appreciated, and will help make the 1992 Alumni Directory even more useful. Please check the list of "lost" alumni and contact us if you know any whereabouts. Complete information is always appreciated, but even a tip will assist our staff. (See the form on page 22.)

NEWS FROM HOPE COLLEGE, JUNE 1992

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Dear Alumni of Hope College,

On May 3, my classmates and I joined the more than 18,000 people who are proud to call themselves "Hope Alumni." I know it took the support of many to make Hope what it is today. As a new alumna, I plan to contribute to Hope's Alumni Fund as many of you have in the past.

Please join me in making a gift to Hope before June 30, the end of the 1991-92 fund drive.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Fayette '92
Class Representative
Alumni Board Member

NEWS FROM HOPE COLLEGE, JUNE 1992
Herman Laug ’29
died on Wednesday, April 8, 1992. He was 84.

Herman Laug ’29 of Coopersville, Mich., had been a long-time supporter of Hope College and its programs. He was the first recipient of the Howard and Dorothy Distelphine Service Award, presented the first Hope for Harmony Award by the college’s Alumni H-Club, and served on the college’s Board of Trustees from 1965 to 1971.

In an interview with The Grand Rapids Press, his sister, Jelena Jelles of Muskegon, Mich., said of him and his wife, Flora, “They had no children, so Hope became their family. They attended all the sports events and the theatrical and musical performances here. I feel that they educated themselves so importantly, she continued, “We had a big family and we couldn’t afford to send them away to school. They helped send four of our eight kids to Hope. Communicating their generosity, a scholarship was established in honor of Herm and Flora by a nephew, Dr. John L. Nemick.”

The fund exists for deserving students.

Herm majored in history at Hope, and earned a master’s degree in history at the University of Michigan. He taught in Coopersville and was a principal in Muskegon, Mich., before he became deaf as the result of a hunting accident.

After losing his hearing, he quit teaching to go into business with his father, John, who owned Coopersville Flour and Feed Mill, in 1943. His hearing was later surgically restored in the 1950s. He returned to the mill in 1955 and sold the company in 1965.

He met Flora, whom he married three and a half years ago, while both were vacationing in Athens, Greece. They traveled to 56 countries, and were particularly interested in helping foreign exchange students. They were active in civic affairs, participating in committees for the Red Cross, Cancer Society and other groups. He was also active in Coopersville Reformed Church as well as Central Reformed Church in Grand Rapids, Mich.

In addition to his sister, he is survived by many nieces and nephews.

Eduard Van Lente ’43 of Grand Rapids, Mich., died on Sunday, April 19, 1992. She was 70.

She graduated from Hope College in 1944 and had served as a nurse at the Grand Rapids Lutheran Home, a volunteer at the Grand Rapids Medical Center and a volunteer with the American Red Cross. She was a member of the Grand Rapids Section of the American Chemical Society and Sigma Xi.

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She was also active in the First United Methodist Church, and was active in the Dutch Reformed Church, including First United Methodist Church by Boyd Stump.

She is survived by her husband, her children, her grandchildren, and her great-grandchildren.

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Lloyd Plewes of Zeeland, Mich., was the chairperson of the Michigan County Cancer Crusade. He was a member of the Michigan Retailers Association, and was past chairman of the Holland Rotary Club, and a life-member of the Masonic Lodge of Greenville, Mich.

Surviving are his children, Nancy P. and Robert Koch of Cedar Springs, Mich., and Barbara K. and John Pratt of Lakewood, Colo.; five grandchildren; a brother, Lloyd Plewes of Zeeland, Mich.; a sister, Dorothy Weygand of Zeeland, Mich.; nieces, nephews and cousins.

John Pott '34 of Holland, Mich., died on Saturday, March 28, 1992, at a Holland nursing home. He was 81.

Born in Amsterdam, The Netherlands, he immigrated to Holland in 1912. He graduated from both Hope and Princeton Theological Seminaries.

He served as pastor of the Delffeer, N.J., Presbyterian Church, First Holland Reformed Church in Posen, N.J., Vianenland (Mich.) Reformed Church, Third Christian Reformed Church of Roseland, Chicago, Ill., and Second Christian Reformed Church of Grand Haven, Mich. He also served as an instructor of Bible at Chicago Christian High School for seven years.

Survivors include his wife, Henrietta Pott, his children, Jan and Gwendolyn Pott of Grand Rapids, Mich., David and Esther Pott of Concord, Vt., Kurt and Lois Pott of Holland, Kathleen Pott of Grand Rapids, Mich., and Paul and Richard Birk of Zeeland, Mich.; nine grandchildren; one great-grandson; two sisters, Mrs. Diet (Gee) Zwier and Mrs. Bernard (Hermans) Van Zeel of Holland; and two brothers, Clarence and Mannus Pott of Holland.

Mary R. Rhodes '37 of Grand Rapids, Mich., died on Thursday, Feb. 27, 1992, in Grand Rapids, Mich. She was 75.

She was born on Jan. 11, 1917, in We-Keekey, Kan., and came to Maplelag, Mich., in 1960, from Holland, Mich. In addition to her A.A. from Hope, she held a master's degree in clinical psychology from Wayne State University.

She was a member and very active in Lakeside United Methodist Church and was a former member of Zion. She was a member of the Muskegon Heights School System for 15 years, retiring in 1979.

Survivors include three brothers, Amos M. (Grace) Rhodes of Redlands, Calif., and Joseph D. (Betty) Rhodes and David L. (Flossi) Rhodes, both of We-Keekey, one sister, Lois Dough of Gilmore City, Iowa; and two nieces, Viola (Robert) Schier of Lyons, Kan.

Ruth Van Dyke '32 Rottschiffer of Littleton, Colo., died on Saturday, March 14, 1992, of pneumonia following hip surgery. She was 82.

She was born on June 2, 1910, in Chicago, Ill., on June 24, 1903, he married John L. Rottschiffer, M.D. of Grand Rapids, Mich. He preceded her in death on July 19, 1967.

From 1938 to 1968, she lived in Alma, Mich., where her husband practiced medicine. They were members of Evangelist Presbyterian Church.

She is survived by her children, L. Dyke Rottschiffer '62 of Englewood, Colo., Jan Marie Bos and Ronald R. Bos of Bellsburg, Va., two grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.


He took his graduate work at the University of Michigan and earned a doctor of medicine degree in 1959. He was a board-certified internist and practiced in Grand Rapids, Mich.

He held many offices at the local, state, and national levels. He had been president of the Kent County Medical Society, and president of the Michigan Society of Internal Medicine, and had served at the national level on the Board of Trustees for the American Society of Internal Medicine.

He and his wife, Beverly, who survives him, had been married for 54 years. Other survivors include their three daughters, Diane S. Carr of Haslett, Mich., Nancy Cooper of Indianapolis, Ind., and Sandra Sletker of Grand Rapids; and two grandsons, Colin and David Carr.

Mary Jean Henney '41 Stalling of Redlands, Calif., died of a heart attack on Tuesday, Feb. 25, 1992, at St. Bernardine Medical Center in San Bernardino, Calif. She was 71.

A native of Paw Paw, Mich., she lived in San Bernardino County for 16 years. She was a Certified Public Accountant and a member of Townsmen and Redlands Community Church.

Survivors include her son, Glenn D.; a daughter, Donna Jean Kiple of Salt Lake City, Utah; a sister, Lois Troop of Story, Ark.; a brother, George Ernest Henney of Hawthorne, a foster sister, Carol Anne Witzel of Omaha, Neb.; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Douglas Stalling, in August of 1981.

Peter Stielstra '39 of Indian River, Mich., died on Sunday, April 26, 1992. He was 75.

Born on May 31, 1916, in Holland, Mich., he was the son of Nicholas and Cornelia (Boeve) Stielstra. He graduated from Holland Christian High School in 1935, and following his years of high school earned a master's degree in education administration from Ohio State University.

He married Jane Naegelen in 1938. In 1943 the couple moved to Brazil, returning to Michigan in 1947.

He was superintendent of public schools in Pentwater, Muskegon and Hartland, and in the Police Department in Holland. He became superintendent of Inland Lakes Public School in 1966, retiring in 1978.

He was a member of the Topinabee Community Church and the Indian River Lions Club.


Richard Van Farowe '24 of Zeeland, Mich., died on Sunday, April 19, 1992, in Traverse City, Mich. He was 89.


He was a member of First Reformed Church in Zeeland.

His wife, Nellie, preceded him in death in 1988.

Surviving are his children, George and Dorothy Van Farowe of Traverse City, and the Rev. Carl and Kay Van Farowe of Johnson, Iowa; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

John Van Harn '38 of Holland, Mich., died on Sunday, May 23, 1992, at a local nursing home. He was 78.

He was a 1938 graduate of Western Theological Seminary. As a pastor, he served at concert Reformed Church from 1938 to 1943, at Hope Reformed Church in Grand Rapids, Mich., from 1943 to 1954, at Emmanuel Reformed Church in Chicago, Ill., from 1954 to 1966, at Bethel Reformed Church in Holland from 1966 to 1980 and for the World Home Bible League in Chicago from 1969 to 1975.

He was a member of Fellowship Reformed Church.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Hettie. (De Graaf) Van Harn, in 1990, and a granddaughter, Marcie Groeter, in 1988.

Surviving are his children, Janice Van Harn of Holland, Mary and Terry Nagelvogt of Wykoff, N.J., Lois and Robert Groeter of Holland, and Judy and Norman Robbins of Pennsylvania, a sister, Mrs. John (Jan) Jopson of Holland; nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Jacob Van Hooft '39 of Holland, Mich., died on Monday, May 25, 1992, in a local nursing home. He was 80.

He was born in the Netherlands, and moved to Holland from Orange City, Iowa, in 1924.

He served on the Holland Public School Department 39 years before he retired in 1967. He was police chief for 25 years.

A member of Trinity Reformed Church, he was a former member of the consistory. A son, Vernon Dale, preceded him in death in 1972.

Surviving are his wife, Norma; his children, Jack and Thelma Van Hooft of Holland, Keith Van Hooft of San Francisco, Calif., and Lois and Hiroko Komai of Madison, Wis., five grandchildren; and a brother, Ray Van Hooft of Tuscon, Ariz.


Survivors include her husband, Bruce Ward '57.

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TWENTY SEVEN
All-Sports award follows “banner” year

It's baanaack!!!

Hope College has reclaimed the All-Sports banner awarded by the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association (MIAA) to the number school with the best cumulative performance during the school year.

After an absence of three years, Hope teams in 18 sports for men and women during 1991-92 combined to capture the All-Sports award for a conference record 17th time.

Hope won the All-Sports award nine consecutive years during the 1980s, but relinquished the honor to rival Calvin in 1989.

Hope, which led the All-Sports race after each season, finished with 137 points, followed by Calvin 130.

Kalamazoo 116, Albion 106, Alma 102, Adrian 57 and Olivet 5.

Hope teams won five MIAA championships during the school year women’s golf, men’s and women’s swimming, baseball and softball.

The athletic administrators of the Hope intercollegiate program are Dr. Ernie Irwin and Ray Smith.

The spring season culminated an All-Sports year with outstanding team and individual performances. The baseball team won its third consecutive conference championship, while the softball squad was ranked third in the nation in NCAA Division III after going unbeaten in league games and earning a berth in the NCAA tournament for the second straight year.

Individual accolades were plentiful, too. Softball coach Karla Hovey, ’73 Wolters was voted the Midwest region coach of the year for the second year in a row. Two of her players, seniors Johanna Psedona and Deb Vashaw, were voted first team All-Americans.

Senior Matt Buys, a third-generation Hope athlete, was voted to the All-MIAA track team for a fourth consecutive year. In women’s tennis, for the fifth time in eight years, a Hope player, senior Monica Earl, was presented the MIAA’s sportsmanship award.

Flying Dutch Among Nation’s Best: Win First MIAA Title

The Flying Dutch captured the attention of the national pollsters throughout the season as they went through the MIAA schedule undefeated while playing one of the country’s most challenging small college schedules.

Ten of the team’s games during the regular season were against nationally ranked opponents. One of their victories was over the defending NCAA Division III champions. The Flying Dutch finished with a 27-8 record and entered NCAA competition with a 15-game winning streak.

The Flying Dutch advanced to the championship game of the NCAA Division III Midwest regional tournament before bowing to Illinois Benedictine, 2-1. A highlight of the regional was an 8-3 victory over defending national champion and RCA sister college Central of Iowa.

Hope went nearly two decades without a softball All-American. After the 1992 season the college has two! Senior second baseman Johanna Psedona of Lansing, Mich., and senior catcher Deb Vashaw of Howell, Mich., were named first team Division III All-Americans by the National Collegiate Softball Coaches Association.

Psedona, who was also voted the most valuable player in the MIAA, was a four-year starter. This year she batted .406 overall and led the MIAA in hitting with a .543 average. She established Hope career records for batting (.380), total hits (127), doubles (22), total bases (173), and RBIs (63).

Capturing the MIAA batting championship had a unique twist. Psedona’s older sister Chris won the MIAA softball batting title in 1988 while playing for Calvin College, and her brother Greg was the MIAA baseball batting champion in 1986 at Adrian College.

Members of the physical education faculty honored Psedona as the college outstanding student-athlete for the 1991-92 school year. She plans to teach at the elementary level and coach softball.

Eight months ago, Vashaw was in a hospital bed recovering from knee surgery. She tore an anterior cruciate ligament in a physical education class, putting her softball playing days in jeopardy. Doctors advised her that softball was a possibility, but they didn’t think the knee would be able to handle the demands of catching. Hours of rehabilitation and a personal commitment to succeed put Vashaw in the Hope starting lineup when the Flying Dutch opened their season.

She played in all 15 games, one of only two players to accomplish that. She batted .408 with a team-leading 13 extra bases, including a school-record 10 doubles.

Opposing teams had only 19 stolen bases over 35 games and Vashaw threw-out nine runners trying to steal a base. A physical education major, she plans to pursue a career in sports management.

Psedona was joined by senior teammates Kristie Gauntt of Jenison, Mich., and Lisa Walters of New Hudson, Mich., on the All-MIAA team. Gauntt, who started four years at shortstop, set a single season record for batting (.431) and hits (47) while Walters during two seasons fashioned an outstanding 28-10 record behind a school-record 1.47 earned run average.

Players voted to the All-MIAA second team were Vashaw and senior outfielders Keelli Kins of Farmington Hills, Mich., and Sherrin Scholton of Jenison, Mich.

Psedona and Gauntt were voted to the GTE/CoSIDA regional all-academic softball team.

One of the most successful coaches in MIAA history (Continued inside on page 12.)

Philosophy, discus spin together

by Jeff Seldel

Matt Buys had a look that was between places. He was lost in his mind, thinking, searching for answers, a truly uncommon behavior these days. In this age when the importance of sports is all out of whack, Matt Buys has struck a balance.

Here’s the simple description of Buys: He is the best discus thrower and shot putter in the history of Hope College.

But Buys would bristle at such a brief definition. Perhaps, it’s better to describe what he does, instead of who he is.

While we watch television, Buys writes poetry. While we rush to the store for the latest compact disc, Buys plays classical guitar and piano.

While we worry about looking good, Buys worries about the L.A. riots.

While we work at being politically correct, Buys works at a summer camp in Colorado which exposes inner-city youth to white-water rafting and hiking.

While we participate in sports by reading the newspapers, sitting in the bleachers and watching television, Buys actually competes.

While we talk about third-world inequity, Buys is about to leave for a year-long stay in Honduras to educate underprivileged children.

By now, it should be apparent that Matt Buys, who recently graduated from Hope with a degree in philosophy, is not an easy person to describe in a quick sound byte.

Still, we have only scratched the surface.

Better to concentrate on only one factor: The discus.

Buys has thrown the discus 100 feet, 6 inches, which is the Hope record.

But Buys doesn’t compete to win. He throws the discus for the pure joy of it, for the search for excellence. "I just throw once a week on a sunny day," said Buys, who won both the shot put and discus at this spring’s MIAA Field Day. "It’s just a fun activity for me.

"You know the discus is like an art," Buys continued. "You kill it if you use it too fee, or you use it to try to get publicity. That ruins it. It’s just (See "Buys" on page 12.)