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Hope College is mourning the deaths of two long-time faculty members, both of whom died earlier this month after bouts with cancer. Dr. Arthur Jentz Jr. ’56 of the department of philosophy died on Monday, Feb. 1, at age 59 and Dr. Richard Brockmeier ’59 of the departments of computer science and physics died on Tuesday, Feb. 9, at age 55. Including their time as students, their combined association with Hope totaled more than 60 years.

Arthur Jentz Jr., philosophy professor

Dr. Arthur Jentz Jr. was a professor of philosophy and chairperson of the department. He was a member of the Hope faculty for more than 30 years.

"Arthur Jentz was an able philosopher who spent most of his life at Hope College and made a very strong contribution to our program in philosophy and more generally to the academic life of the college," said Dr. John H. Jacobson, president of Hope College.

Dr. Jentz joined the Hope faculty in 1962, serving first in the department of religion and since 1967 in the department of philosophy. He was promoted to the rank of full professor in 1971, and has served as the department's chairperson since 1986.

He was born on Jan. 1, 1934, in Jersey City, N.J., the son of Arthur Sr. and Edna Jentz, both of whom preceded him in death.

As a Hope student he was involved in Student Congress and Blue Key, and was a member of the Klockerbocker Fraternity.

A summum cura/unde Hope graduate, Dr. Jentz earned a B.D. from New Brunswick Theological Seminary in 1959 and a doctorate from Columbia University in 1965. He was an ordained minister, and served as pastor of Woodlawn Reformed Church in Brooklyn, N.Y., from 1959 to 1960 and as ordination minister of First Reformed Church in Gutenburg, N.J., from 1960 to 1962.

Dr. Jentz received the Hope Outstanding Professor Educator (H.O.P.E.) Award from the college's senior class in 1968, and in 1983 he presented Hope's Commencement address, which he titled "Affirm Life." He served as a member of the college's committees and boards, and had been a faculty representative to the college's Board of Trustees.

Courses Dr. Jentz taught at Hope included ancient philosophy, modern philosophy, existential philosophy and the philosophy of religion. Among his publications were several articles and a book: Whitehead's Philosophy: Primary Texts in Dialogue.

He was a member of the Crossroad Chapel Reformed Church in Holland.

Dr. Jentz was rewarded by his students for a lifetime of inquisitiveness, continually looking objectively at the data, continually seeking out new knowledge," he said.

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Dr. Brockmeier was also interested in video recording, and had recently helped create personalized videotapes that the students of the college's Russian Exchange Program could share with their families.

In addition, he had been an FAA-licensed pilot and held an amateur radio license.

His honors and awards included being named a Danforth Fellow, a Woodrow Wilson Fellow and a Caltech Institute Scholar. He had five publications in nuclear physics.

Dr. Brockmeier was a past chairman of the Board of Directors of the American Diabetes Association's Michigan Affiliate, was a member of the Technical Advisory Board for the Holland Public Schools, was an advisor for the Career Line Vocational Education Center and was a past president of the West Michigan Amiga User's Association.

Survivors include his wife, Helen; a son, Jonathan, currently a Hope freshman; and a daughter, Mary Beth.

Richard Brockmeier, physics professor

Dr. Richard Brockmeier was a professor of physics and computer science. He had been a member of the Hope faculty since 1966.

"Richard Brockmeier was a graduate of Hope College, and as an undergraduate he had already established a reputation for brilliance," said Dr. John H. Jacobson, president of Hope.

"He went from Hope to Caltech, which is surely one of the premier institutions in his field, and then returned to Hope and a long and distinguished teaching career. He undertook among other things to provide science opportunities for non-science majors through his course in astronomy."

"He was always very desirous of helping and advancing the program of Hope College in any way, and he is a person whose outstanding ability and unflagging good cheer in the face of adversity will be missed," Dr. Jacobson said.

Dr. Brockmeier was born on April 13, 1937. In addition to his degree from Hope, he held a master's degree and doctorate in physics from Caltech in Pasadena, Calif.

As a Hope student he participated in Student Congress, serving as president during the 1958-59 school year, the Arcadian Fraternity, Blue Key and cross country.

He was also involved with the college's radio station. An event he remembered fondly from his student days was arranging a premiere broadcast of the college's annual Nykerk Cup competition.

Not knowing if anyone was receiving—or listening to—the broadcast, he asked his campus listeners to blink their rooms' lights if they liked what they heard.

Dr. Richard Brockmeier '59 walked through the halls of the college, waving and greeting students and faculty alike.

He stepped outside the house that held the broadcasting equipment, was rewarded by several flickering lights, and ran the program again.

Dr. Brockmeier joined the Hope physics faculty as an assistant professor in 1966, was promoted to associate professor in 1969 and was named a full professor in 1972. Courses he taught included "Scientific Computer Programming," "Astronomy," "Modern Physics" and "Special Relativity."

Of his teaching he once said, "I want students to be able to think for themselves rather than trying to mimic someone else's thoughts. I want them to be in the driver's seat, as learning goes, instead of being on a guided tour."

"This approach can lay the groundwork for a lifetime of inquisitiveness, continually trying to understand the world around them," he said.

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BACCALAUREATE CHANGED: The college will hold two Baccalaureate services this year to better accommodate the many family members wishing to attend the event.

The college's recent graduating classes have been large, with the result that Dimnent Memorial Chapel has been unable to seat everyone.

The services on Sunday, May 9, will be held at 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m., with seniors obtaining tickets for the time of their choice on a first-come, first-served basis. Additional information concerning how to obtain tickets for Baccalaureate (and Commencement) will be shared with the seniors later in the semester.

BRIGHT SPOT: The Holland Chamber of Commerce presented its "January Bright Spot Award" to Hope College Food Service, Hope College Theatre, FMB—First Michigan Bank, Family Fare Supermarkets and Russ' Restaurants for presenting The Nutcracker: A Play as a Thanksgiving Day dinner theatre for individuals and families in need.

Invitations to the turkey dinner and free performance were distributed through Community Action House and the Salvation Army. The special Thanksgiving Day performance and theatre was made possible by volunteers and donations from all the recognized institutions, and the turkeys were provided by the Craig T. Hall family.

RARE GIFT: The college's Rare Book Collection has received an English Bible, known as the "Breeches Bible" from Dr. Everett Weimers '52. The Bible was printed in 1599, and its version was an important source for the development of the King James Bible in 1611 (a copy of which Dr. Welser previously gave to Hope).

LILLY SUPPORT: The "Lilly Fellows Program in Humanities and the Arts" in which Hope participates has received support from Lilly Endowment, Inc. for a second two-year period.

Hope is one of 33 church-related colleges and universities participating in the Lilly Fellows Program network. The program is coordinated by Christ College, the honors college of Valparaiso (Indiana) University, and VU's College of Arts and Sciences.

The program provides post-doctoral teaching fellowships for individuals who are committed to pursuing their vocations at church-related colleges and universities. The members institutions are also able to share regular conversations about the relationships between higher learning and the Christian faith, and may participate in national and regional meetings.

SAC SALUTED: Members of the college's Social Activities Committee (SAC) received in October the "best delegation" award during the annual Great Lakes Region conference of the National Association for Campus Activities.

The college's nine-member delegation was chosen from among delegations of the approximately 200 colleges and universities attending the event, which was held in Dearborn, Mich.

Criteria included participation in the overall conference, presenting information about their program, spirit and participation in a cooperative program to schedule entertainers' visits to campuses by clustering with other nearby institutions, so that the entertainment (or group) has several events in the same area, bringing down the cost to each institution by reducing travel costs.

SAC bears the primary responsibility for programming social activities of all-campus nature, such as dances, concerts, the Weekend Film Series, traditional events like Homecoming, an All-College Sing, a winter formal and Sibings Weekend.

VIENNA ESSAYS: Three students or recent graduates were winners in the 11th annual Howard Plogman Essay competition, held for students enrolled in the 1992 Vienna Summer School.

The first place winner is Beth Bym, a Hope senior and pre-medical student from West Lafayette, Ind. Amelia Cox, a Hope sophomore and theatre major from Holland, was the second place award. The third place prize was presented to Kate Christian, a summa cum laude 1992 Hope graduate working in Chicago, Ill., in special education.

All entries responded to some aspect of each student's experiences in Europe this past summer under the guidance of Dr. Stephen I. Hennaway, director of the program and professor of English.

The Arts

Artist Piano Series—Friday, Feb. 19: Pawel Checinski, Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 8 p.m. Tickets are $3 for senior citizens, $5 for other adults and free for students with a valid Hope identification.

Faculty Recital—Sunday, Feb. 21: Wickers Auditorium of Nykerk Hall of Music, 4 p.m.

Orchestra Concert—Tuesday, March 2: main stage of the Moxon Center for Arts & Technology, Lake Michigan College, Benton Harbor, Mich., 8 p.m.

Orchestra Concert—Thursday, March 4: with Mihai Craoveanu, violinist, Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 8 p.m.

Junior/Senior Recital—Friday, March 5: with Bronya Maynard, French hornist, and Michelle Goodman, oboist; Wickers Auditorium of Nykerk Hall of Music, 8 p.m.

Great Performance Series—Friday and Saturday, March 5-6: Ed Metzger as "Albert Einstein: The Practical Bohemian," Knickerbocker Theatre, 8 p.m. Tickets cost $10 for senior citizens, $12.50 for other adults and $5 for students, and information concerning sale dates may be obtained by calling (616) 394-6996.

Chapel Choir. College Choir, Collegium Musicum Concert—Tuesday, March 9: with guest conductor John Aldiss; Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 8 p.m.

Dance 19—Thursday—Saturday, March 11-13: DeWitt Center main theatre, 8 p.m. Tickets are $5 for regular adult admission, $4 for senior citizens and $3 for students, and will be available beginning two weeks before the performance at the DeWitt Center lobby ticket office. They can be reserved by calling (616) 394-7890.

Student Recital—Thursday, March 11: Wickers Auditorium of Nykerk Hall of Music, 7 p.m.

Dance 19, the college's annual dance concert, will be held Thursday—Saturday, March 11-13.

Junior Recital—Friday, March 12: Erin Van Houzen, trumpet, Wickers Auditorium of Nykerk Hall of Music, 8 p.m.

Faculty Recital—Sunday, March 14: Wickers Auditorium of Nykerk Hall of Music, 8 p.m.

Junior Recital—Saturday, April 3: Jacqueline Fisher, organist; Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 8 p.m.

Symphonette Concert—Sunday, April 4: Knickerbocker Theatre, 4 p.m.

Wind Ensemble Concert—Tuesday, April 6: with guest pianist Kathryn Brown, Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 8 p.m.

Senior Recital—Monday, April 12: Stewart Lentig, baritone; Wickers Auditorium of Nykerk Hall of Music, 8 p.m.

Great Performance Series—Wednesday, April 14: The Count Basie Orchestra directed by Frank Foster; Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 8 p.m. Tickets cost $10 for senior citizens, $12.50 for other adults and $5 for students, and information concerning sale dates may be obtained by calling (616) 394-6996.

Collegium Musicum and College Chorus Concert—Thursday, April 15: Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 8 p.m.

Collegium Musicum Concert—Saturday, April 17: Methodist Church, Holland, Mich., 8 p.m.

Faculty Recital—Sunday, April 18: Wickers Auditorium of Nykerk Hall of Music, 4 p.m.

Guest Recital—Sunday, April 25: Ann Labounska, organist; Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 8 p.m.

Junior Recital—Wednesday, April 28: Allison Goins, pianist; Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 8 p.m.

Student Recital—Thursday, April 29: Wickers Auditorium of Nykerk Hall of Music, 7 p.m.

Chapel Choir Concert—Sunday, April 25: Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 8 p.m.

Orchestra Concert—Thursday, April 29: featuring student winners of the Concerto/Aria Competition, Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 8 p.m.

Senior Recital—Sunday, May 2: Greg Laman, trumpet; Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 8 p.m.

Bon Voyage Concert—Saturday, May 8: featuring the Chapel Choir before it departs for Europe; Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 2:30 p.m.
Events

ACADEMIC CALENDAR (SPRING '93)

Spring Semester (1993)
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 29—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 3—Monday—May—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—Sunday—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—Friday—Summer Session ends

Fall Semester (1994)
Aug. 31—Tuesday—Classes begin

ADMISSIONS

Visitation Days
For prospective Hope students, including transfers, high school juniors and seniors. Visitation days are intended to show students and their parents typical day in the life of a Hope student. Please contact Stu Post for details.
Friday, Feb. 19
Friday, March 5

Junior Days 1993
A day designed specifically for high school juniors and their parents to help them begin the college search.
Please contact LeAnn Waide for details.
Friday, April 16
Friday, April 23

Pre-Medicine and Pre-Engineering Day—Friday, May 21
Special activities for high school juniors interested in becoming medical doctors or engineers. Please contact LeAnn Waide for more information.
For further information about any Admissions Office event, please call (616) 394-7850 or write: Office of Admissions, Hope College, Holland, Mich. 49423

KNICKERBOCKER THEATRE

Downtown Holland at 86 East Eighth Street
The Knickerbocker Theatre, open Monday through Thursday, features a variety of art, foreign and classic films, and a number of live events.

Admission to the theatre's films costs $4 for adults and $3 for senior citizens and Hope College students. For more information on programs and films at the Knickerbocker, call (616) 392-3195.

DE FREE GALLERY

Nicole Carstens: Sculpture from Amsterdam—through March 5
Contemporary Calligraphy and Painting from the Republic of China—March 8—April 4
Senior Show—April 10—May 8
Japanese Ceramics: The Kawashima Collection—May 10—June 26

Admission to the gallery is free. The gallery is open 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, and 1-10 p.m. Sunday.

SYMPHONETTE TOUR

Friday, March 19—New Hope Reformed Church, Powell, Ohio
Saturday, March 20—Epiphany Public Schools; Epiphany, Pa.
Sunday, March 21—First Reformed Church, Hasbrouck Heights, N.J.
Tuesday, March 23—Hillsborough Reformed Church, Somerville, N.J.
Wednesday, March 24—First Reformed Church, Wyantskill, N.Y.
Thursday, March 25—Pitcher Hill Community Church; North Syracuse, N.Y.
Friday, March 26—University Presbyterian Church; Buffalo, N.Y.
Saturday, March 27—Jewish Community of the Nazarene; Novi, Mich.

All concerts are evening concerts (most likely starting between 7 p.m. or 8 p.m.) except for the one in Hasbrouck Heights on Sunday, March 21, which is at 4 p.m.

THEATRE

Buried Child by Sam Shepard, Feb. 19-27
Hamlet, by William Shakespeare, April 15-24

Additional information may be obtained by calling the theatre ticket office at (616) 394-7890; two weeks prior each play's opening for show times, ticket prices and reservations.

ALUMNI AND FRIENDS

Regional Events

Sarasota, Fla. — Tuesday, Feb. 23
Lunch with President John H. Jacobson and Robert DeYoung '56, vice president for college advancement, at the Sara Bay Country Club.
Naples, Fla. — Thursday, Feb. 25
Lunch with President Jacobson and Robert DeYoung '56 at Country Club.
Benton Harbor, Mich. — Tuesday, March 2
A dinner/reception in conjunction with the Hope College Orchestra's performance at Lake Michigan College.
Showcase Concert—Wednesday, March 17
Al DeVos Hall in Grand Rapids, Mich.
Alumni Day—Saturday, May 8
Tour of Britain—June 7-19
Alumni and friends of Hope will visit Scotland, Wales and England through this tour, which will be led by Anthony Hudson, the college's business administration faculty. Additional information may be obtained by calling MTA Travel at 1-800-682-0086.
Annual Golf Outing—Monday, July 12
Homecoming '93—Friday—Sunday, Oct. 22-24
For additional information concerning alumni events, please call the Office of Public Relations at (616) 394-7850.

TRADITIONAL EVENTS

Alumni Day—Saturday, May 8
Baccalaureate and Commencement—Sunday, May 9
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WOMEN'S LEAGUE FOR HOPE

"The Best of Village Square...and more!"
Wednesday, June 23
The event will run from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the Hope campus, and will include the popular "Attic Specials," a juried craft show and food.
Donations for the "Attic Specials" may be left at the college's physical plant building. Additional information can be obtained by calling the "Best of Village Square" chairpersons, Vonnie Wisenski, (616) 772-6692, or Shirley Haan, (616) 669-1213 (days), (616) 669-0586 (evenings).

Grand Rapids Chapter
Thursday, April 22—Spring Fashion Show
Tuesday, May 18—Inauguration of Bazaar Items
Thursday, Oct. 21—Fall Fashion Show
Friday—Saturday, Nov. 5—6—Grand Village Bazaar
Nov. 18—Chicago Bus Trip
For additional information, please contact Nancy Mathews at (616) 534-7619 (days) or (616) 528-0513 (evenings).

Kalamazoo Chapter
Thursday, March 9—Spring Brunch and Style Show at Jacobson's, 9-10 a.m.
Thursday, May 6—Annual Spring Breakfast
For additional information, please contact Jenni Leggett at (616) 388-3757.

Zeeland Clasiss
Wednesday, May 12—"Dutch Specialties Booth"
The churches of the Zeeland Clasiss will host the booth during Tulip Time in Holland. They are seeking Dutch crafts and snacks (not pigs because of refrigeration needs) to sell. If interested in contributing something to the sale, or for additional information, please contact Jackie Reimink at (616) 875-8813 by Monday, March 1.

INSTANT INFORMATION

Hope Sports Hotline—(616) 394-7888
Activities Information—(616) 394-7863
Academic equipment is vital to learning

It's a typical day at Hope College. Students in the department of music explore their discipline in an electronic music laboratory. Their peers in the department of chemistry work with lasers. Communication students design a publication on a computer.

Throughout the campus, supplementing the knowledge and insights of the college's faculty, Hope's academic equipment helps students become active learners. They don't just read or hear about discoveries—they make them.

A very real challenge facing the college, however, is obtaining the resources needed to acquire and maintain crucial classroom and laboratory equipment.

That's where Hope in the Future comes in. The campaign's priorities include purchasing and maintaining vital academic equipment, and creating endowments to provide a regular source of future support.

"One of the emphases that Dr. Jacobson has laid from the first days of his presidency is that he hopes to see the college as an exemplar of excellence in liberal arts studies, and I think we're a long way toward meeting that goal," said Dr. Bobby Feng, who is dean for the arts and humanities and professor of English.

"One of the great needs we have is to be supported in this technical way," he said. "Equipment does not substitute for faculty and for quality of students, but it goes a long way in enhancing the educational interactions between faculty and students."

The greatest emphasis is being placed on items within buildings, but campus construction is part of the initiative.

The college hopes, for example, to construct a new language arts building.

The limited space in the scene shop proper (background) forces set construction onto the main stage of the DeWitt Center theatre. The campaign's provisions for equipment and facilities include building a new scene shop that would help free the stage for other uses.

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The structure would house the department of modern and classical languages and the department of English, and would be designed with new technology in mind, including electronic classroom capabilities—and even a satellite link—for language study.

The DeWitt Center theatre, in operation for more than 20 years, is starting to show its age, Dr. Feng noted. Many small details require attention.

A new scene shop is also needed. The current shop, located backstage in DeWitt, is too small, violating safety standards. In addition, the cramped space requires that sets be built onstage—making the theatre unavailable for other use during the run of each production but also much of set construction.

The new scene shop will be located in a new or renovated building off-campus. As inconvenient as that sounds, there are educational advantages, according to Dr. Feng.

The natural sciences will benefit in other ways as well. Hope is establishing a $2 million endowment to provide support for scientific equipment. There is currently no such fund, meaning that any maintenance must come from departmental operating budgets.

In addition to assisting with maintenance, the endowment will also support equipment acquisition—and allow the college to meet the "matching" conditions that come with many external grants.

A crucial gap will thus be filled. Dr. James Gentile, who is dean for the natural sciences and the Kenneth G. Herrick Professor of Biology, noted that while his division's faculty excel at obtaining grants for their research and equipment, funding isn't generally available for the sort of support the endowment will provide.

There is, however, a certain amount of urgency where the science endowment is concerned. A $395,000 challenge grant from The Kresge Foundation of Troy, Mich., is the basis for the effort, and the remaining $1.6 million must be raised by November—of this year, if the college is to receive the Kresge gift.

And whether or not Hope reaches the goal, according to Dr. Gentile, will have a major effect on the quality of the college's program. It's a sentiment that, stated slightly differently, could also apply to Hope's other divisions—and to the campaign in general.

"If we don't build an endowment, our equipment will continually be getting older and technologically out of date, and we will stand to lose it should it break down—and our students won't be trained in state-of-the-art technology," Dr. Gentile said.

"And that leaves us with a decision: 'Do we want our students to be at the cutting edge of competitiveness for graduate school, professional school and jobs in the sciences?'" he said. "And the answer in the past at Hope College has always been, 'Yes. That's what we want,' and that's where our students have been."

"In this newer era of science and technology, this is what it's going to take to keep us there," Dr. Gentile said.

(Editor's Note: Most of the items discussed here relate to the arts, humanities and natural sciences. The social sciences may seem conspicuous by their absence.

There have been some important additions in the division. The Lahrs Fieldhouse, for example, dedicated in the fall of 1991, has been added to the Eldal J. Bays Athletic Complex, placing locker room facilities at the college's playing fields. The fields have also been improved—a second soccer field has been added and the track resurfaced.

Many of the division's other physical needs were addressed shortly before the campaign began, with the 1988-89 renovation of Van Zoeren and Vander Werf Halls and later improvements. Consequently, most of the campaign's emphasis for the social sciences is on faculty and program endowed chairs, student-faculty research, faculty development funds and so forth. In fact, the social sciences received the campaign's first endowed chair: The Robert W. Haack Chair in Economics.)

Watch the giving grow!

NEWS FROM HOPE COLLEGE, FEBRUARY 1993
Alumni Profiles

A return to Hope roots

by Gordon Beld '58

No place in the world are there more Hope alumni living under one roof than at Freedom Village, Holland's new retirement community on Columbia Avenue, just a few blocks south of the college campus. Fifty-nine former students have homes in the building on the shore of the Macatawa River overlooking Windmill Island.

If you've ever been to Holland, geography and history, you know that what Freedom Village right alongside what used to be Riverview Stadium.

"This area once considered the poor slum section of Holland," recalls Albertus DeBoer '26. "I never dreamed that someday I might live here."

Doris VanLente '36 Neckers agrees: "It was not a desirable area 50 years ago. But that has certainly changed with the completion of Freedom Village. Now the shore of what used to be the Black River at the end of Columbia Avenue is the setting for an impressive seven-story structure of colonial design.

It's an appealing area as it is with five dining rooms, a gymnasium with walking track, a pool and spa, auditorium, library, deli, full-service bank, beauty salon and barber shop, woodworking shop, craft room, billiard room, game room and 368 apartments. Since its completion in August of 1991, 90 percent of Freedom Village's apartments have been sold and 80 percent are occupied.

Passing alongside the retirement community is Holland's Window on the Waterfront, a hiking trail in a park-like setting that extends all the way from Windmill Island to River Avenue. Several Freedom Village residents, including Lois Tyson '38 Strom, recall hiking in the same area during their student days.

"I used to go on the 'Four-Mile' around the river flats area," Lois says. "She and Arloa VanPearson '33 Tysee also remember their days as ADD (Athletic Debt Digger) girls, selling hot dogs at Riverview Stadium athletic events."

And Arloa's husband, James Tysee '34, recalls the excitement at Riverview Stadium during the early '30s when he was a football standout for the Dutch. Both he and Arloa graduated in Holland and graduated from Holland High School as well as the college, so they were anxious to move back when they heard about Freedom Village.

"There was a strong incentive," James says, "to renew acquaintance with friends we hadn't seen for almost 60 years."

Memories of Hope and a desire to live near the campus also prompted several other alumni to make Freedom Village their home. "Part of the attraction of Freedom Village was the proximity to a small college, especially this particular college," says Robert Snow '49.

"Moving back to Holland, my home town, and being able to participate in the activities at Hope has been most appealing," notes Dorothy Wichers '41 Claver.

"It was important to me to settle in a college town," says Richard Huff '52, "and what better college than Hope with all the activities and resources available just up the street."

Also important to him was the opportunity to renew Hope friendships and make new ones. "That's just what has happened here at Freedom Village and in Holland," he adds.

For Doris and Carlyle '35 Neckers, too, both the college's many activities and its place in memories are important. "We wanted to take advantage of the college's programs," Carlyle says, with Doris adding that they especially appreciate drama, musical and sports events.

Of course, those events enrich the lives of most Freedom Village residents, alumni and others, so Villagers are frequently on the campus. For those who don't wish to walk or drive to the college, the Village's bus provides transportation to many activities on the campus and elsewhere in the area.

Of particular interest to nearly all Hope alumni living at Freedom Village, as well as scores of other retirees in the Holland area, are activities of the Hope Academy of Senior Professionals (HASP). This association of retired persons—college alumni and others—promotes stimulating monthly meetings on the campus and also sponsors interesting topic discussion groups and mini-courses as well as dinner theater parties, concerts, field trips, and other special events.

A few Freedom Village residents are still active in their professions; and others are busy in a wide variety of activities, both in the Village itself and in the community. Many volunteer their service to organizations such as Holland Community Hospital, the Joint Archives on the Hope campus, the Good Samaritan Center and the new Holland Museum.

Several Hope alumni and other Freedom Village residents prepare and serve pancakes each Saturday morning at the retirement community's deli. Funds from the pancake breakfasts provide scholarships for Freedom Village employees, and three alumni serve on the committee which oversees the scholarship program and selects recipients. Five Village employees received scholarships for the 1992-93 academic year, and two of them are attending Hope.

Other Hope alumni are among a group of 42 Freedom Village residents who assist at Lincoln Elementary School in D.C., he decided it was time to give up the corporate world. "I enjoyed what I was doing in Georgia, but it got so easy after a while," he said about his job at the Rolfin Company, a subsidiary of IBM, in his hometown of Venice. "You could talk to co-workers about the land and chicken game, but it rarely went beyond that."

Leaving a closet full of red ties in his wake, Ron signed a contract with Educational Services International and now is teaching conversational English in Eger, Hungary, a city the size of Holland tucked into a valley between the Matra and Bakil Mountains in the northern part of the country. ESI is a Christian organization that places English teachers in China, Cambodia, Hungary, Russia, the Ukraine and Uzbekistan.

"The financial security of Rolfin was hard to give up, but I don't regret my decision. I realized that you can live your whole life without ever stopping to think about what life is really for," he said.

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Lois Tyson '38 Strom works with Brian Hagood, a kindergarten student in Holland's Lincoln Elementary School. The 59 retired Hope alumni living in Freedom Village have found many ways to become involved in the community and college.

Alumnus discovers meaning while aiding Hungary

by Melanie Scholten '90

On the day Ronald Baltzer '59 was offered another raise and promotion at a large telephone company near Washington, D.C., he decided it was time to give up the corporate world.

"I enjoyed what I was doing in Virginia, but it got so easy after a while," he said about his job at the Rolfin Company, a subsidiary of IBM, in his hometown of Venice. "You could talk to co-workers about the land and chicken game, but it rarely went beyond that."

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Ron however, have it better than some of his fellow ESI teachers in Budapest since he lives and works in the same building where computers, copy machines, television and a VCR are always accessible to him. His plans for the future are partly dependent on the Hungarian government. "This college may be closing in the spring so it's hard to say," was Ron's response to the question every recent college graduate endures. "I just don't see myself going back to the States, getting a big house and settling down."

Going to another country with ESI, teaching privately in Hungary, or graduate school are all options, he said. For now, however, Ron is making the most of his second year as a resident at the Eszterhazy Tanakorpusz Foksoda, saying his primary interest is developing deeper relationships with the people around him.

"It's not only important to have a job you enjoy, but also one that you feel has meaning or purpose. My purpose here comes from being able to get involved in students' lives."

Besides teaching, Ron and his ESI teammate, Keith, have started a Monday Night fellowship group—similar to the InterVarsity Christian Fellowship club at Hope College. They also participate in the school's English Circle and hope to revive an ultimate frisbee team in the spring.

"I'm excited about the Monday night group," Ron said. "I feel like there's a need on the campus for this kind of influence. There's a hunger in Hungary; people are searching for some kind of truth.

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Engineers tackle causes of falls

by Greg Olgers '87

Hoping to understand why elderly fall, researchers at Hope College are developing experiments that explore the problem from an engineering perspective.

The work began this fall in the college's new biomechanics research laboratory, the only one of its kind in western Michigan. Although the project has only recently started, director Dr. Carl Luchies hopes the research will someday help reduce fall-related injuries among older adults.

"If we can understand the causes of falls among the elderly, then elderly who are at risk of falling can be identified and therapies can be introduced to reduce that risk before they ever fall," said Dr. Luchies, who is an assistant professor of engineering at Hope.

The human equation, he noted, is centrally important to the mathematically-based effort.

"The fact that our work will help humankind really means a lot," he said. "If we can prevent a few people from getting hurt—having to go through the pain and agony of a fall fracture, for example—that would be the biggest payoff that we could receive."

Located in VanderWerf Hall, the biomechanics research laboratory enables researchers to record the way the human body moves and reacts. Eventually, the information can be used to create mathematical models that can apply to a variety of situations and disciplines, ranging from falls among the elderly, to sports medicine, to the design of products with a human interface.

As a result, Dr. Luchies hopes as time passes to explore other aspects of human motion through the laboratory as well. He noted, for example, that would influence the results, from the Holland area being chosen.

To assure that the process yields no actual injuries, restraining harnesses and other precautions guard the participants' physical well-being.

The falling project, which has recently received support through a three-year, $166,635 grant from The Whitaker Foundation of Mechanicsburg, Pa., is the first being undertaken in the laboratory. The Whitaker Foundation's grant will provide equipment, finance other expenses, and support faculty and student researchers.

The Whitaker Foundation is a private foundation with grant programs that primarily support biomedical engineering. During the past 15 years, the foundation has awarded more than $80 million in grants to colleges and universities to support faculty research and program development.

Dr. Luchies and two student researchers spent the summer preparing the college's laboratory for the study. The project's academic year complement includes four to five students.

Because biomechanics research laboratories are typically found only at universities, and even then generally only available to graduate students, Dr. Luchies feels the laboratory provides valuable opportunities for Hope's physics and engineering students. "They're getting experience here as an undergraduate that will make them extremely attractive to graduate schools," he said.

And an additional bonus of the falling research, according to Dr. Luchies, is that it involves students and faculty from more than one discipline. Faculty member Alice Briggs of the Hope-Calvin Nursing Program is examining the people who will be tested, and students from both the engineering and nursing programs are participating as researchers. Dr. Luchies and Professor Briggs anticipate that faculty from other departments may become involved in the future.

Dr. Luchies' work in biomechanics continues an avenue of research he pursued while a Ph.D. student at the University of Michigan, and his research group is working closely with University of Michigan researchers. He is interested in the field because it has potential for many applications, but also notes that the laboratory's first project for him is particularly meaningful.

"My father fell on the factory floor and eventually ended up retiring early because of it," he said. "He's never really recovered from it.”

"We are trying to understand real problems that are very relevant to the elderly community, and my father's experience brings it closer to home," Dr. Luchies said.
The students’ voice

An institution of long standing, Student Congress both provides a forum for expressing student concerns and gives students a direct role in shaping college policy.

by Greg Ogiers ’87

When the day for many is winding down, the semester’s first meeting for the Hope College Student Congress is just beginning. No one is happy about the late hour—Congress meets at 10 p.m. Thursdays—but it’s the only time every member can attend.

This night’s major action revolves around a request from Hope’s Environmental Issues Group, which has been pressing the administration to use recycled paper in the college’s photocopying. Environmental issues have not been ignored, however, that the paper’s higher cost will need to be shared with Hope’s students via a $2-$4 tuition increase. They’re presenting the issue so Congress—representing the interests of the student body—can endorse or reject the idea, providing guidance for those making the decision.

Congress acts quickly, deciding that a supportive letter should be drafted. It may seem a small thing, but the action could have a significant impact. There is, after all, the possibility of the tuition increase—and the chance to affect the environment through some of the millions of pieces of paper Hope students use for photocopies each year.

Welcome to Student Congress, 1993.

Historical Overview

Much of Student Congress’s early history has become lost in the mists of time. The events predating living memory, and no known written record survives (the student newspaper, the Anchor, in the 19th century was less concerned with campus news than it is today).

What is known is that organized student representation at Hope—whether called “Student Congress,” “Student Senate,” “Student Council” or something else—has a long history. In the Anchor of Dec. 2, 1914, for example, Hope College President Anne Warren (Class of 1879) wrote, “And right here let me pen a word of praise for the Student Council in effecting, through its President, a satisfying adjustment of the difficulty in which the ‘As’ and ‘Bs’ [grade levels in the college’s old Preparatory School] were involved.”

Further, Hope students in years past, as now, were not shy about using Congress to share their opinions with the college’s faculty, administrators and trustees.

Consider, for example, a 1922 letter to the “Council of Hope College” (the forebear of today’s Board of Trustees) that presented student opinion on several issues, from faculty salaries (too low) to the library collection (too weak), to the promotion of Hope (too little) to President Edward Dimnent’s workload (too heavy).

Signed by Winfield Burggraaf ’22, president of the Student Council, the letter explains, “This request... was suggested by a few students, and the Council forthwith took it up.”

Congressional Metamorphosis

Student Congress itself has changed extensively through the years. It’s had to, because the student body has continually challenged the organization to serve its constituents meaningfully. Since student expectations concerning the definition of constituent service have changed with time, so has Congress.

Anchor articles and letters to the editor, Milestone yearbook reports, and Congress’s own minutes, convey a sense of the process.

In an editorial in its Jan. 22, 1919, issue, the Anchor said, “One of the most inactive of all the active organizations on the Hope College campus that this body is not functioning as it should.”

The theme continued in future years: “The present and future role of Hope’s Student Congress is currently in limbo after a year of very sluggish activity; this is the consensus of Congress members and other observers,” an Anchor writer noted on May 1, 1974.

Congress has evolved accordingly. The Council of 1919, for example, concerned itself with improving the college’s athletic fields. In later years Congress had a more extensive social function—such as responsibility for coordinating Homecoming activities.

The Senate of the 1960s was involved in the student-led effort to build a “Student Cultural Center” today’s DeVitt Center.

The Senate also addressed national issues of the day, such as the Civil Rights movement and the Vietnamese War. Among other things, the Senate sponsored a drive to raise funds to aid the Vietnamese village of Le Loi.

As the years passed, however, student desire to have a real voice in shaping the college and its policies increased. Students were frustrated with a mandatory chapel attendance policy (since rescinded) and other regulations, and felt that the existing channels did not allow for adequate student input.

Consequently, Student Congress and the college’s governing structure were redrawn, and in the late 1960s as they are today. Congress’s composition was changed to represent the student body more fairly. Its social role was diminished, with activities such as Homecoming re-assigned to independent committees and organizations.

And new emphasis was placed on its members’ participation in decision-making at Hope.

Composition Now

Today’s Student Congress consists of 25 representatives and three cabinet members.

The representatives are elected in the fall by district, representing the college’s different residence units (dormitories, apartments, cottages) as well as off-campus students. Congress’s cabinet members are elected through a campus-wide vote in the spring, and include a president (the student body’s chief representative), a vice president (responsible for elections and record-keeping) and a comptroller (responsible for budgeting).

Individual members are chosen for Hope’s different governing body and committee assignments, and Congress as a whole meets weekly. The meetings give the members a chance to discuss the committees’ work and to gain input from the group—and by extension the student body.

Current Roles

Through Hope’s constituent committees, members of the student administration meet regularly with standing boards and committees to discuss programs and policies that affect students. There are currently 20 boards and committees including the Honor, International Education, and Computer Resources committees.

The current Student Congress, led by Moore ‘93 of Quincy, Massachusetts, is vital in creating student-organized events that are a big deal on campus. “I see that as one of their roles,” she said. “Beautify gets done at the college and it’s on Students Congress’s radar.”

“Students Congress is a very direct impact on the college’s board of representatives, their vote is equal to anyone else’s where we have a direct impact on what happens,” Moore said. “If you’re on the Student Affairs Board, your vote is equal to the Dean’s.”

As a result, Hope students have a direct voice in shaping the college at many other levels. “It’s not that common,” President Dr. John H. Jacobson ’65 said. “A number of colleges do not have governance structures whereby this system no longer works. It was developed here as a result of the way we have been very long lasting, a system that has given good experience.”

The community goes beyond just the Student Congress, however. The Appropriations Committee of students, Congress Day, and other groups are raised through Student Congress.
lives, however. Through the Student Appropriations Committee, which consists entirely of students, Congress distributes about $180,000 raised through Hope's activity fee.

Organizations funded through the committee affect nearly every aspect of student life, from the Social Activities Committee (which coordinates all-campus events, including a film series, concerts and dances), to the Anchor and WTHS (Hope's FM radio station), to groups such as Black Coalition and the Sailing Club. Congress also coordinates its own campus-wide events. In January of 1992 it brought in author Alex Haley to speak about his experiences writing The Autobiography of Malcolm X. This year, Congress invited actor Danny Glover of Lethal Weapon fame to speak in February about Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Langston Hughes.

In the spring of 1991 Congress also organized a "Career/Day-Camp-Up". An activity Moore would like to continue--or expand by involving local groups as well as Hope students.

Moore and Congress's other two officers (senior Joe Kuiper of Kalamazoo, Mich., and sophomore Julie Meyer of Buffalo, Minn.) also work regularly with President Jacobs. The members also busy themselves with seeking the input of their constituents.

### Valuable Experience

Whatever else Student Congress has been, it will be, is a valuable learning experience for those involved.

"They get the opportunity to become real leaders," said Dr. Richard Frost, dean of students at Hope. "They have to begin understanding how complex it is, how difficult it is to make decisions.

"They have to begin realizing that their decisions have short-term ramifications but long-term consequences; that sometimes you look at things even more than a one-year lift--it might be a 10-year lift; that participation is something that's very difficult, sometimes, but yet that's meaningful and real," he said.

Christine Simons '83 Congdon of East Grand Rapids, Mich., president during the 1981-82 year, agrees that being involved in decision-making is worthwhile. She has found particular value in having coordinated Congress's meetings, which involved working with a diverse group of independently-minded peers.

"It was a tremendous experience for me to work as a team in developing a policy or a goal," said Congdon, who is now a senior product marketer with Amway Corp. "That's not an easy thing to do. I still struggle with it and I've been at it for a few years.

Another former Student Congress president--Dr. Cal Bruins '61 of Paradise Valley, Calif.--even found his experience life-transforming.

"It changed my life totally," said Dr. Bruins, president during the 1960-61 year and now a high school principal. "It was in chemistry major and a biology minor, and the time I spent with the school administrators--Dr. Hollenberg, Dean Hinga, President Lubbers and others, like Dr. Jekel, my advisor--made me much more interested in school kind of problems than chemistry-related problems."

"I returned to Hope after I graduated to take my student teaching and went into teaching chemistry, and that year I also started my graduate work in administration," he said. "Since 1968 I have been a school administrator, and most of those years have been in a high school. So the kinds of problems and challenges we dealt with as a student body at Hope I continued to work with the rest of my life."

Dr. Bruins completed his doctoral dissertation on the relationship between school activities and success in later life, and consequently is a strong advocate of such extra-curricular involvement.

When considering factors of "success," such as stability, happiness, and achievement within community and career, he found that those that had been active--involved in leadership and student activities organizations--were the ones that had the most success later on.

Guy Vander Jagt '53, president during 1952-53, even pursued a career in the political arena. He recently completed 13 consecutive two-year terms serving Michigan's Ninth Congressional District, and his leadership positions have included serving as chairperson of the National Republican Congressional Committee.

"I can think of nothing I did that was better training in preparation for those roles," he said. He learned, for example, the importance of sharing progress with constituents, and how important the little things are.

He also found the process of running for the student body presidency good training for running for the U.S. Congress. "Both endeavors test the ability of a person in a way that few endeavors do," Vander Jagt said. He noted that one particular challenge of running for such a student office is that of the voters, living or at least working in close proximity, are likely to be very familiar with each candidate's strengths and weaknesses.

Kollen Hall representative Eric Foster is majoring in psychology and minor in political science, and also sees relevance in his Student Congress experience. "It seems like everything I learned in high school, I'm doing in Student Congress," said Foster, a transfer student from Grand Rapids, Mich.

He added that his Student Congress involvement also related back to his academic work. "So it goes back and forth," he said. "It gives me a lot of insight and experience.

Moore has found it helpful to work with many different people, including not only students but also the college's faculty and staff. "Student Congress has really helped me in dealings with other people and personalities. I feel like it's helping me to be a better communicator," she said.

### Philosophy

Communicating, in the end, the whole point. Moore takes seriously Congress's responsibility to understand and act upon student concerns. It's a view other members share.

"It's very important in any elected position, I think, to be accountable to the people that elected you," Moore said. "We talk to our friends, the people down the hall and the people in classes and find out what kinds of concerns they have. It's everything from 'more computers' to 'Why don't we have paper towel dispensers in our bathroom in Kollen?'

"A lot of what Student Congress does isn't on a grand scale, because you can only put so much time and energy into main goals and objectives, but a lot of work gets done on little tasks," she said. "It improves the quality of life on campus."

That is why, despite a certain amount of grumbling among the members about the time, Congress, as your President, January evening. The members may not like the hour, but when they run for office they made a promise to serve their constituents, and they have a job to do.

And they probably won't change the world, but they just may change a part of it. They may also learn something along the way.

### Congress is a "great opportunity"

When it comes to Student Congress, President Holly Moore '93 of Quincy, Mich., is a believer.

"A lot of it has to do with my interest in how things get accomplished and governing structures within organizations," she said. "And I like to be involved in the action that pushes positive movement."

Involving in Student Congress since her freshman year, Moore believes that no more than once ever that Hope's Student Congress presents an opportunity for students to play an meaningful role in the life of the college.

Moore first ran for Congress as a freshman in Dykstra Hall and never stopped. She is an expert proof that persistence can pay--she didn't let her freshman-year loss in the vise presidential race prevent her from trying, and winning, again.

One question is frequently asked whether or not she is the first woman elected to the Congress presidency. She's not.

There have been at least four other female Student Congress presidents: Christine Simons '83 Congdon (1981-82), Lynne Adams '63 Deur (1962-63), Joyce VanOss '46 Schorr (1945-46) and Eleanor Evere '45 Haan (1944-45).

Moore's advice to students thinking of becoming involved in Student Congress is unequivocal.

"Do it," she said. "It's a great opportunity to have an impact. Everyone on Student Congress can decide where the Congress can go, and that's important, because what Student Congress does affects so many people."

A dialogue between Brice Necker '65 (1964-65 president) and Wesley Granberg-Michaelson '67 (who would be president during 1966-67).
Faculty Kudos

Joan Conway, professor of music, had two students earn honors during Michigan's state-wide Yamaha Piano Competition, held at Hope on Saturday, Nov. 21.

Marka Jo Cross, a senior at Hamilton (N.Y.) High School was named the winner and Lora Clark, a junior at West Ottawa High School, received one of only two honorable mentions.

The contest is sponsored by the Music Teachers' National Association (MTNA), and is open to high school pianists. Wurthizer Collegiate and Baldwin Junior High winners were chosen the same day, and competitions for other instruments were also held.

Charles A. Huttar, professor of English, had commissioned articles included in two recently released encyclopedic dictionaries on specialized literary topics.

A Dictionary of Biblical Tradition in English Literature published by William B. Eerdmans in Grand Rapids, Mich., contains Dr. Huttar's 2,200-word article on the biblical figure of David. For the latest volume of Dictionary of Literary Biography, published simultaneously in the United States and the United Kingdom by Gale Research Inc. of Detroit, Mich., he has written on a minor 17th-century English religious poet, Sir John Beaumont. His 11-page article is one of 28 in the volume.


Dr. Huttar has been on the Hope faculty since 1966. His earlier work of this type included five articles contributed to An Encyclopedia of British Women Writers, issued by Galtland Publishing, New York and London, in 1988.

Bruce McComb, associate professor of art, has had a one-person exhibition of his watercolor paintings at the Xochipilli Gallery in Birmingham, Mich., from Thursday, Nov. 5, through Saturday, Nov. 28.

Professor McComb has been a member of the Hope faculty since 1969. He holds a B.F.A. in printmaking from the Cleveland Institute of Art and an M.F.A. in printmaking from Tulane University.

David Myers of the psychology faculty has won an award in the first "Call for Papers on Humility Theology," sponsored by the John Templeton Foundation. Dr. Myers, who is the John Dirk Werkman Professor of Psychology, earned a $2,000 award and a certificate for his paper, titled "Steering Between the Extremes: On Being a Christian Scholar Within Psychology." The foundation presented awards to 12 authors.

The foundation created the awards to encourage scholars and theologians to explore theological and spiritual questions. The "Theology of Humility," according to the foundation, is God-centered, not man-centered, and recognizes that while humankind has learned much, there is also much more to learn.

The winning papers were judged on the basis of their "contribution to our greater understanding and appreciation of the new climate of humility engendered by the sciences, and the theological openness which is required by awareness demands." Each paper was required to have been published in the past two years in a reputable scientific or theological journal.

Dr. Myers' paper was published in Christian Scholars Review in 1991. In the spring of 1992, Hope College was named the third Templeton Foundation's "Honor Roll for Character Building Colleges" for the fourth consecutive year. Hope also was named to the foundation's "Honor Roll for Free Enterprise Teaching" in the spring of 1992.

Jacob E. Nyenhuis, provost of Hope, on Thursday, Nov. 19, attended a luncheon in New York City with the prime minister of Greece, Constantine Mitsotakis.

The luncheon at the Plaza Hotel included other cabinet officers and government officials from Greece, prominent Greek-Americans, a delegation of Canadian Greeks from Montreal and members of the news media.

In his capacity as professor of classics at Hope, Dr. Nyenhuis has conducted seven study tours of Greece during the past 15 years for the college's students and alumni, and Greek officials have regularly briefed his tour groups on issues in contemporary Greece. The Greek ambassador led the special invitation to the luncheon.

Mitsotakis used the occasion to launch a major fundraising initiative to assist in efforts to reforest the entire nation of Greece. Greece has established a separate Ministry for the Forests and Natural Environment, and Greece is the only E.C. country with a separate ministry devoted to the environment.

William F. Polik, assistant professor of chemistry, has received a grant from the Exxon Education Foundation in support of his laser research.

The $10,000 grant will be matched by $10,000 from the National Science Foundation (NSF).

The Exxon Education Foundation grant was made under the foundation's Research and Training program. The major focus of the program is to support science and engineering departments that provide outstanding training for students and to assist high-quality science and engineering research taking place within those departments.

The NSF funding is available to Dr. Polik as an NSF "Presidential Young Investigator." He received the prestigious five-year award in the spring of 1991, and was one of only 16 chemists nationwide so honored.

Dr. Polik noted that the support through the NSF's award and agencies like the Exxon Education Foundation have made a significant difference in the college's use of lasers in chemistry.

"It's really had a tremendous impact in terms of having the financial resources to support research and to purchase state-of-the-art equipment," he said. "I think we have the top undergraduate laser facility in the nation here at Hope College."

Robert Riteman '57, professor of music and chairperson of the department, directed the State of Iowa high school all-star orchestra from Thursday through Saturday, Nov. 19-20.

The orchestra consisted of 200 students chosen by audition from throughout Iowa. Dr. Riteman worked with the students and supervised them in a concert hall.

He was invited to direct the orchestra by the Iowa Music Educators' Association. The event was held on the campus of Iowa State University in Ames.

Textbook includes Hope examples

For many of the examples contained in Probability and Statistical Inference, which he co-authored, Dr. Elliot Tanis of the mathematics faculty didn't have to look too far.

The new fourth edition's chapter on "Summary and Display of Data," for example, includes data on prenatal care from an Ontario County Public Health survey and data on body fat percentages from the college's "Health Dynamics" class. A chapter on "Continuous Distributions" cites a Hope biology class's study of the amount of time bees spend in flower patches gathering nectar.

More examples are taken from data provided by local businesses, members of the faculty and even students who, while enrolled in Tanis's classes, become caught up in his enthusiasm for the topic.

It's all part of the book's data-oriented approach, which emphasizes practical applications. "One of our goals was to make the study of statistics more relevant—to show students how statistics is used in applications," said Dr. Tanis, who wrote the book with his thesis advisor, Robert Hogg of the University of Iowa.

First published in 1977, Probability and Statistical Inference is an introductory calculus-based text geared toward college juniors and seniors. The new edition will be available for use nationwide beginning in January of 1993.

The publisher, Macmillan Publishing Company of New York City, notes that the book "has been considered for over a decade the definitive text on probability and statistical inference." It has been used at colleges and universities across the country since its introduction more than 15 years ago.

Dr. Tanis's commitment to using relevant examples extends beyond his textbooks and into the classroom.

Discussions and examinations in his statistics classes are as likely as the text to be filled with real data from local sources.

It's an approach that suits his students, like the Hope seniors we met to appreciate. In 1989, the college's graduating senior class awarded him the 25th annual "Hope Outstanding Professor" (H.O.P.E) award, making him the first member of the mathematics faculty so honored.

Dr. Tanis has been a member of the faculty since 1965, and is a full professor. During the 1993 calendar year he is also serving as intern dean for the natural sciences.

He specializes in statistics, and his other publications in the field include several articles and two books: Statistics I: Descriptive Statistics and Probability and Statistics II: Estimation and Tests of Hypotheses, both of which were published in the "College Outline Series" by Harcourt Brace Jovanovich Publishers of San Diego, Calif.

He recently completed a three-year term as governor of the Michigan Section of the Mathematical Association of America, and in May received the section's first annual "Award for Distinguished College or University Teaching of Mathematics."
alumni alert

by Lynne Pove '86

We've a lot of exciting events planned for the next few months. In March, the college's department of music will be showcased in a variety of performances. The Orchestra has a special concert on March 2 at Lake Michigan College's Mendel Center in Benton Harbor, Mich. All alumni, parents, and friends in the Western U. of Michigan are invited to join us for dinner before the concert.

On March 17, the fifth annual Musical Showcase, highlighting the talents of the music faculty and students will be held at DeVos Hall in Grand Rapids, Mich. This special evening will include performances by the Orchestra, Chapel Choir, Jazz Ensemble, Wind Ensemble, Collegian Singers, chamber ensembles and solos.

The symphony begins its spring tour on March 19 at the East Coast. During the eight-day tour, performances will be held in Ohio, New Jersey, and the state of New York (see page four). The choir will not be touring this spring, as they will be performing in Hungary, Slovakia, and the Czech Republic in May.

Don't forget Alumni Weekend is May 7-9. Eleven classes will be celebrating reunions and committee members are hard at work to make this year's Alumni Weekend memorable. Those who are celebrating reunions will be receiving information soon.

The Philadelphia Center is having a 25th Anniversary Celebration during Memorial Weekend. All alumni who participated in the Philadelphia seminar will be invited to the event. That weekend, Hope College will also host a gathering for all returning alumni, as well as those alumni, parents, and friends living in the region. We'll have more information available in the April issue of never from Hope College.

There are still openings for all Hope College alumni and friends interested in the June 7-9 trip to Scotland, Wales and England. The tour will be co-hosted by Anthony Millman, professor of business administration, and his wife, Ely. For more information contact MTA Travel at 1-800-682-0086. This spring we will also be hosting other regional events. You will be notified by mail if an event is scheduled in your area. I hope you'll be able to join us!

class notes

News and information for class notes, marriages, births, advanced degrees and deaths are compiled for news from Hope College by Greg Ogres '87. All submissions received by the Public Relations Office by Monday, Jan. 11, have been included in this issue. Because of the late hour required for this publication's production schedule, submissions received after that date (with the exception of obituary notices) will be held for the next issue, the deadline for which is Tuesday, March 2.

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Ila Primm '24 Van Eunenman of Holland, Mich., was invited to a surprise birthday party (celebrating her 90th on Thursday, Nov. 19 by the members of the "LVE League for Leadership." Established this year and named in her honor, the group connects women students from Hope with women community leaders in order to address issues that affect women.

65th Reunion
Class of 1928
Alumni Weekend
May 7-9

Julian Schipper '28 of Akron, Ohio, reports "nothing out of the ordinary," but does note that his total family has reached 50 members, including himself and wife, their five children, their four spouses, 19 grandchildren and their nine spouses, and 11 great-grandchildren.

Bernadine Siehle '30 DeValley continues to enjoy Visiting Retiree in Colorado Springs, Colo., where she is involved with new residents' orientation. At Springs Christian Church (RCA), she is involved in the women's ministry and Senior JOY Group in addition to being a helper in first- and second-grade Sunday School classes. She is also happy that she has family living nearby "for frequent family get togethers."

Paul Alderink '50 was elected chair of the personnel committee of the board of Coalition for Appalachian Ministry (CAM), one of the Reforming Church in America's (RCA's) mission partners in Appalachia. He is a retired director of Jackson County Ministries.

Alvin Vander Kolk '55 of Lansing, Mich., retired on April 1, 1992. He worked as a chemist and then as an administrator in the Occupational and Environmental Health programs with the Michigan Department of Public Health for 35 years.

40th Reunion
Class of 1953
Alumni Weekend
May 7-9

Norman Grebner '54 is professor of counseling/psychology at the University of Missouri-Columbia. In November of 1992 he conducted a five-day seminar in Bad Kissingen, Germany, for school counselors and school administrators of the German Region, Department of Defense Schools.

William Helder '54 has retired as director of curriculum and staff development after 35 years with the Lansing (Mich.) School District. During that time he spent three years on leave with Michigan State University's Social Science Teaching Institute. In recognition of his contributions to the school system and to community theatre, Bill was presented with the district's Meritorious Service Award. In a separate action, the Board of Education has named the auditorium of the Hill Center for Academics and Technology the William J. Helder Auditorium.

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Donald Cordes '40 of Des Moines, Iowa, in September of 1992 was selected for the Health Care Hall of Fame at Pennsylvania Hospital in Philadelphia.

Chester Postina '40 of Holland, Mich., on May 31, 1992, was declared pastor-emeritus of the Beechwood Reformed Church.

James Baar '42 of Holland, Mich., is traveling chaplain for Hope College basketball.

Blaise Leval '42 and Marian Korteling '47 of Jacksonville, Fla., have been chosen to be listed in "Who's Who in the Field of Psychiatry and Counseling for Outstanding Service." Ken Newdorp '42 and wife Janet Arnold '44 of Newdorp have lived in Williamsburg, Va., since 1991. He retired July of 1990 as national sales manager for photonics distribution. United Technologies Corp, Exes, Group of Fort Wayne, Ind.

50th Reunion
Class of 1943
Alumni Weekend
May 7-9

Reunion class members: we hope to see you back on campus this spring.

We also hope you will consider a special gift to the Alumni Fund in recognition of your reunion year and of the continuing need for alumni support to keep Hope in the forefront of America's finest liberal arts colleges.

On May 7-8, Hope's campus will come alive with alumni from all corners of the globe...celebrating class reunions...renewing old friendships and beginning new ones.
Robert Andre '58 of Holland, Mich., has been selected as a future student for inclusion in Who's Who Among America's Teachers (1992 edition). He recently retired from the Holland Public Schools after 31 years as a mathematics teacher at the middle school level.

Ray Duvec '58 on Nov. 29, 1972, was installed as minister of the Hope Reformed Church in South Haven, Mich.

60s

Marshall Elting '60 of Hibbing, Minn. has been appointed professor of chemistry in the Graduate Center of the City University of New York.


Norman Kansfield '62 will be inaugurated as president of New Brunswick Theological Seminary Feb. 20.

30th Reunion
Class of 1963
Alumni Weekend
May 7-9

Bruce Brow '63 of Norman, Okla., recently received a three-year, $3.7 million grant from the National Institutes of Health to sequence human chromosome 22 as part of the Human Genome Project.

Donald Vayreurs '63 of Edmeston, N.Y., has served six years on the Board of Helping Hands of Cass County, and is now treasurer.


David Hollebeck '64 of Oakland, Calif., is a research associate with Amgen Research Center. Amgen's Basic Research Council named him co-recipient of the 1992 Julian Allen Award for a super co-authored, "Photoionization Region Basics: Models," which identifies names, and develops a comprehensive theory for a major component of the infrared spectrum that had not previously been explored. Named in honor of a former Amgen director, the award recognizes outstanding scientific and engineering papers authored by members of the staff.

Earl Johnson '64 of Timnoff, N.Y., is a contributing editor for the journal Retrospective Outlook.

Mary Keet '64 of Canfield, Ohio has written the book American Understanding of English Education, published by Pickwick Publications in December of 1992. The book examines six major differences in the English and American systems of education and points out steps American educators to England can take to enable their students to cope with each of the differences.

Richard Busman '65 of Richmond, Mich., is an information scientist in the Fine Chemical Division at the Upjohn Company.

John VerMeulen '65 of Grand Rapids, Mich., on Nov. 19, 1992, was named vice-president of sales for Centram Communication Corporation's Northern region, and is responsible for sales, product distribution and major customer accounts in the northern states and eastern Canada. He was previously the region's director of sales.

Mary Jane Ravan '65 of Forest Hills, N.Y., is computer coordinator for PS 13 in Elmhurst, Queens, N.Y.

Vicki Van Ech '68 of Ada, Mich., has been the literacy specialist for Kent County Head Start in Grand Rapids, Mich., since March, 1992. She welcomes contact with other literacy specialists in similar family literacy efforts, and can be reached at P.O. Box 113, Ada, Mich. (616) 753-8416.

Brad Kiefer '68 is the program manager of Junior Achievement of Kalamazoo and Van Buren Counties.

Kortange '67 of Saxton's River, Vt., has received a grant from the Vermont Council on the Humanities to develop a five-part lecture-performance series on "The Culture and History of India Through Stories." He plays his harmonica and is a member of the group Krishna, which performs Indian dance, music and poetry in the New England area.

25th Reunion
Class of 1968
Alumni Weekend
May 7-9

G. John Tyson '68 is a partner in the law firm of McQuigg and Williams in Washington, D.C., and resides in McLean, Va., with his wife, Janet, and their five children.

Kenneth Martensson '69 of Edson, N.J., is chairperson of his mathematics department.

A. Gay Guigner '69 of Northville, Mich., represented Washtington Adair at the dedication of the new corporate headquarters for the Kellogg Foundation and the Walter Reuther Wing at Wayne State University. He served as construction manager for both projects.

Julie Morgan '69 of Porti City, Ala., is director of physical therapy at Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind. She assisted in a special education program for severely impaired children.

Jeffrey Seise '69 of Waldwick, N.J., is teaching computer applications and conducting staff development workshops. He is also the systems operator for two elementary computer laboratories at the school.

Lore Hultquist '69 of Wilkes is director of Business Services of River Vale Manor of N.J., a program manager for a new computer program.

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Bonita Everts '70 is chairperson of the Fine Arts Board at Plymouth Congregational Church in Minneapolis, Minn.

Jerry May '70 on Sept. 2, 1992, was named vice president for development and president of The Ohio State University Foundation by the university's Board of Trustees. He is a 20-year veteran of university fund-raising and administration, and was most recently director of the principal gifts program at the University of Michigan.

William Strang '70 of Pella Church, Va., has been named president of the United States Army Medical Corps, and is chair of the Quality Assurance Division of the Office of the Surgeon General.


Nora Doering '70 Wendell is chairperson of the children's department at Los Gatos (Calif.) High School.

Robert Grahman '71 and Patricia White '71 of Greenwich, Conn., and their four children spent the summer in Albania. They led an International Development Service3 summer mission with 10 students from the United States.

Bill O'Connell '71 of Gettysburg, N.Y., has been promoted to director and general manager of Carmein International-New England Area. His oldest daughter Melissa is a Hope freshman.

Christine Hanra '71 of Bella Vista Horse Farms, Hills, Mich., on Feb. 22 and 23 will speak at Hope College during "Women's Week," discussing the ministry of "Food for the Poor."

David Been '72, formerly a pastor at Breethwood Reformed Church in Holland, Mich., has been appointed the Reformed Church in America's (RCA) minister for evangelism and church development.

David Buchman '72 is pastor of the Moira (N.Y.) Church, consisting of the Methodist and Reformed Churches of Moira, Brandon and North Bangor. He recently received his doctorate of ministry degree in leadership development. The recipient of a grant project was "Equipping People for Ministry Support Among the Working Poor in the Nassau Region, New York."

Brenda Book '72 of DeBruyn of Two Rivers, Wis., recently had three items exhibited in a quilt show at the Rural West Museum in Manitowoc.

20th Reunion
Class of 1973
Alumni Weekend
May 7-9

Linda Warni '73 of Cravotta, Sen., N.J., was named one of 2-A-Team "Woman of the Year," by the Delaware County Council of Women. Lou Cravotta '73 of Sussex, N.J., coached Kittimah High School's girls' cross country team to second place in the state.

Donna DelBraya '73 of Two Rivers, Wis., practices internal medicine at the Manitowoc Clinic and has served as chairperson of the Board of Two-Rivers–Manitowoc Habitat for Humanity for the past four years.

Mary Dychem '73 in October received the third annual "Hopes for Humanity Award," which was presented by the college's H-Club and recognizes service above self. Mary is a mathematics teacher, and has been a coach with the Hamilton (Mich.) school system.

Michael Edbers '73 of Irving, Texas, teaches PSY-102-based imaging and printing for IBM Skill Dynamics, an education company. His daughter is a freshman at Oklahoma Baptist University.

Tamaro Cooke '73 has covered education for 25 TODAY.

Phyllis Kleder '73 of Monongahela, Pa., is a director of financial aid at Hope. She has been invited to accept a fellowship appointed by the Commission on Financing Higher Education with the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities. In February of 1992 she was invited by the office of Senator Edward Kennedy to offer testimony regarding federal aid to education to the U.S. Senate Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

Kenneth Janda '73 is a professor of chemistry with the University of California at Irvine.

Greg Kuhnbuscher '73 and family are living in Free River, Minn., until April, and are hoping to return to Iowa at month's end. May. Their major assignment has been to learn the language and culture of the Mi'prr people, to form an alphabet suitable for the language and to produce literacy materials so that the 5,000 Mi'prr speakers will be able to read and write. They have just begun teaching Scripture passages.

Christine Bush '73 is a research assistant at Davidson, Pa., in 1992 published her fourth novel, Where the Heart Belongs, with Avalon Books of New York City.

Sylvia Ceyer '74 was the co-recipient of the Nelson Laureate Signature Award and Graduate Education in Chemistry," which will be presented by the American Chemical Society (ACS) during its spring, 1993, national meeting in Denver, Colo., in March. She is the W. Meck Foundation Professor of Chemistry and acting director of chemistry at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and was the recipient of the awards' other co-recipient.

Kristi Knowles '74 is a teaching assistant at Yale University in the summer, and was invited to present a demonstration lesson at the International Geographical Union's Symposium on geographic education in Boulder, Colo., in August. As a teacher consultant she presents various teacher-in-service workshops. She continues to serve Yale's West Orange peers as the best student coordinator and a part-time middle school teacher.

Bill Bohos '74 of Peoria, Ill., is the coordinator of the Hope Area Intermediate School District.

Dave Clay '74 is the President of Massillon Mutual Life Insurance Co. in Grand Rapids, Mich., as a production facilitator. As part of the management team he is responsible for new agent training, recruiting and advanced sales instruction development. He is also involved in personal sales and has completed coursework toward his CGLU and CEC settings.

Mary Smith '76 of Hill of Boulton, Cdu., is the Director of the Wisconsin Lutheran Children's Home, a home for people who have family members who are alcoholics.

Russell Johnson '76 of Hill of Boulton, Cdu., in the fall of 1992 will begin a new job as a teacher of special education for children who have family members who are alcoholics.

Brenda Book '72 of DeBruyn of Two Rivers, Wis., recently had three items exhibited in a quilt show at the Rural West Museum in Manitowoc.
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December '92 graduation honors

Summa Cum Laude

Jule M. Barrett, Mason, Mich.
Han Chen, Beijing, People's Republic of China
Margaret Rieke, Evansville, Ind.

Magnae Cum Laude

Shelly J. Barenem, Holland, Mich.
Karliss F. Davidson, Kohler, Wis.
Lauren J. Ferguson, Terre Haute, Ind.
Craig Copi, Ada, Mich.

Cum Laude

Mark N. Bost, Grand Rapids, Mich.
Christi L. Broermann, Holland, Mich.
Sara M. Cripps, Grand Rapids, Mich.
Dana M. DeVries, West Branch, Mich.
Brian L. Gerstard, Birmingham, Mich.
Martin P. Herteman, Glenn, Mich.
Jodi C. Niemants, Manista, Ohio
Hilary E. Oskam, Holland, Mich.
Laurie Poll, Zeeland, Mich.
Eric Wampler, Holland, Mich.
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children, Roger and Vivian VanLien of Clearwater, Fla., and Harvey and Joanne Huyser of Kenyon, Minn.; four grandchildren, several great-grandchildren, several nieces and nephews, and sisters-in-law, Naomi Achtenher of Mentor, Ohio, Catherine Huyser of Jenison, and Catherine Verreeke of Zeeland, Mich. She was preceded in death by an infant son, Don Huyser.

Howard Koop '49 of Lodi, Wis., died on Sunday, Nov. 22, 1992, at his home following several months of ill health. He was 68.

Born in Holland, Mich., on July 30, 1924, he graduated from Holland Christian High School, and did graduate work at the University of Michigan and the University of Colorado. He was a veteran, having served in World War II. He spent his career in government service, mostly in Madison, Wis. He was chief administrative aide to Gov. Gaylord Nelson and John Reynolds, in Madison, Mich. He was preceded in death by his parents, Harry and Jessie Koop, and a son, Tom.

Lloyd Lemmen '44 of Muskegon, Mich., died on Saturday, Dec. 26, 1992. He was 69.

Born on Aug. 25, 1923, in Holland, Mich., he married Irene Strick '44 on June 29, 1946. He was a physician, specializing in otorhinolaryngology, and was a frequent guest at the college's operations. In addition to Hope, he was educated at the University of Michigan and Michigan State University. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II, and in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He established a practice in Muskegon in 1959, and was for many years the area's only neurosurgeon. Consequently, he was on call all day, every day, and for 25 years he did not take even a single day off for illness.

He was a member of Westwood Reformed Church, Muskegon Rotary Club, Muskegon County and Michigan State Medical Society. Sigma Chi fraternity, and Alpha Omega Alpha, at the University of Michigan, and Phi Kappa Phi. He was also affiliated with several professional boards and associations.

Surviving are his wife, his four children, Dr. Lloyd and Janice Lemmen, Dr. Kathleen and Neil Lewanski Lemmen of Kalamazoo, Mich., Mildred and Roger Bank of Holland, Mich., and Lauri and Paul Van Eyl of Bartlett, Ill.; five grandchildren; and nieces and nephews.

Evelyn Koop, a dentist in Kalamazoo, Mich., died on Saturday, Jan. 2, 1993, at her home in Kalamazoo. She was 66.

Born in Mentor, Ohio, Catherine Koop was preceded in death by a Litt.D. — Dr. Kathleen and Neil Comstock, and the "Ruth Nipher Koop Memorial Scholarship" was established through her estate.

A retired colonel, he served in World War II and managed real estate properties in the Holland area. He was a member of Third Reformed Church and the Holland Rotary Club. He is survived by a brother, Robert Comstock of Merrillville, Ind.

The family of Edwin Comstock of Holland, Mich., who died on Saturday, Jan. 8, 1993, in St. Petersburg, Fla. He was 82.

He was a member of the college's Second Century Club. His wife was the late Ruth Nipher Koop '26 Comstock, and the "Ruth Nipher Koop Memorial Scholarship" was established through her estate.

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It took the support of hundreds of alumni, parents and friends to make 1991-1992 a success. Can we count on your support for 1992-93?
Musical Showcase is entertaining experience

by Eva Dean Folkert '83

Give these Midwestern guys a break, put them in a smoke-filled Manhattan coffeehouse, and they'd feel right at home, quite comfortable, totally at peace. Throw in terms like bebop, cool jazz, and hard bop, and they'd devour them instantly, asking for more. Tell them to wing a few solos, make a new song, and they'd surely answer, "Anytime. When is your pleasure because it's always ours."

From the soles of their tapping feet to the rhythm of their pounding hearts, the practice and performance of jazz music for three Hope students—Jonathan Brink, Brian Capps and David Evenhuis—are delights of the soul. In fact, in many ways, jazz music defines who they are.

Let them explain. "I like jazz because of the freedom it provides," says Capps, a freshman saxophonist from Downers Grove, Ill. "The improvising allows me to say whatever I want to say musically. I can get my own words in with my sax."

"Jazz is my true love," explains Evenhuis, a sophomore percussionist from Novi, Mich. "It's how I feel most comfortable. It's just natural to me."

"The ability to be creative is what jazz is all about," comments Brink, a sophomore saxophonist from Marshfield, Wis. "It's not legit compared to other ensemble music. It's hip. That's what I like."

Any doubt that these three don't exude enthusiasm when they discuss their instruments to play? Any question regarding their dedication to a c-scale? Wondering when you can capture this enjoyment and tone in action?

The best place to start would be in DeVos Hall in Grand Rapids, Mich., on Wednesday, March 17. Brink, Capps and Evenhuis, as well as more than 200 other Hope student-musicians equally dedicated to their own brand of music, will perform in the fifth annual Musical Showcase, a college concert featuring all of the college's major performing groups and ensembles, vocal and instrumental.

"This concert is the high point of our year. Our talented students are combined and showcased in this major concert," says Dr. Russell Floyd, associate professor of music and coordinator of the event.

Musical Showcase—a two-hour concert with intermission—was modeled after an event at the University of Michigan. The format offers a change of pace from Hope's other concerts, which generally feature one or two groups performing several numbers each.

"It's indeed a showcase. We are showcasing, all in one concert, our entire music program, from our large ensembles to our finest soloists and chamber groups."

Brink, Capps and Evenhuis make up one of those chamber groups, simply named "The Saxophone and Percussion Trio." They will be performing "Trigon," a work by Thomas Schiidt, a Canadian composer. Capps terms the piece "weird." Brink calls it "avant garde type stuff," and Evenhuis more thoroughly explains that it is "a real busy piece and not in the traditional mode of music. It is very driving. The tone coloration is something you wouldn't normally hear in a classical setting."

Dr. Floyd agrees. "Trigon is truly a modern, 20th-century piece. It lacks a sense of key, and its harmony is very non-traditional. It's challenging and quite interesting. I chose these particular students because I knew they would be willing to invest the time needed to perfect this type of composition."

So, with this strange and quite modal work, this trio—with Capps on the tenor sax, Brink on the soprano sax and Evenhuis on eight different percussion instruments—will wait for the spotlight to shine on them and their music in DeVos Hall. Big DeVos Hall. Classy DeVos Hall. Cavernous DeVos Hall.

"We'll just go out there and do our best," says rookie Capps. "I'm not nervous about playing in front of a crowd."

Not even a "crowd" of 1,000-plus, Musical Showcase's normal ticket sales. "How many?" freshman Capps asks. "That's one with three zeros and probably a few more."

"Well, I'll just put the crowd out of mind and just think about the music," admits Brink, who played in Musical Showcase last year, "but I really love playing for people."

"This is my first time in a small chamber group so I'm looking forward to it," adds Evenhuis, who also played in Musical Showcase last year.

"Individuals are much more exposed this way. Each person in a small group has a lot more responsibility."

And while the audience is being entertained, Hope students are learning lessons like the one Evenhuis explained. The first important lesson comes from the setting itself. "It's valuable for the students to have a chance to perform in a first-rate professional performing hall," says Dr. Robert Riseman, '57, professor of music and chairperson of the department. "And DeVos is generally recognized as one of the best in this area."

"In keeping with the professional setting, the concert operates at a fast-moving, no-nonsense pace. All the groups occupy the stage at the same time, playing one after the other with almost no pauses between pieces. No applause thanks the performers after each work is played, for as the last note comes off the lips of a previous performer, a new note begins from the next."

"It teaches them a whole new approach—providing experience where they have to be ready to play on an instant's notice," Dr. Riseman says.

In addition to learning from the concert's setting and style, the students benefit from the concert's scope. Because the event encompasses all of the college's groups and ensembles, Musical Showcase gives Hope students the opportunity to contribute to a larger effort.

"It gives us a focus for the second semester much as Christmas Vespers, also a collaborative effort, does for the first," Dr. Riseman says. "I think any time you get everybody together and working on a common venture like this, it has this extra—musical benefits as well as musical ones. It really helps the spirit of the department."

One additional advantage of all that cooperation is that the students become much more aware of the breadth and quality in the department. Developing such awareness on the part of the audience was one reason the concert was established in 1989, but the students' own appreciation has been another benefit.

"I think it's great for them each to have a chance to actually see what's going on in our department as a whole," Dr. Riseman says. "Each of them tends to be centered on their own performing group or area. Through Musical Showcase, they get to hear the others as well."

"And I think they're always quite amazed to see what's going on in our department, both in terms of sheer numbers involved and the quality of the different groups."

Quality and quantity—and all in an event in which about two-thirds of the students who are performing are not music majors. Many of those students, like Capps and Evenhuis, pursue music purely as a hobby—albeit a loyal and time-consuming hobby. Capps intends to be a biochemistry major. Evenhuis is a philosophy major, though he does have a minor in music. Brink, who found a deeper love for the sax than he ever imagined when he came to Hope, is indeed a music major.

Regardless of their academic pursuits, though, this trio is totally made up of music men. Jazz music men. To them, that is the best kind.

(Editor's Note: Musical Showcase will be held on Wednesday, March 17, at 8 p.m. in DeVos Hall in Grand Rapids, Mich. Tickets are $9 each, and may be purchased through the Office of Public Relations. Additional information may be obtained by calling (616) 394-7860.)