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Engineering Understanding

A new research project brings an engineering perspective to the problem of falls among the elderly.

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The college's annual dance concert is one of many events scheduled for the semester.

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Many retired alumni have found life in Holland's Freedom Village offers chances to become involved.

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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. "He was a kind and generous person, and was much admired by many generations of Hope students as well as by his colleagues."

"Hope College was his family, and for us his loss is like the loss of a family member," he said. "But we are thankful for his career and for all that he did for Hope College and for our students."

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 had served as the department of philosophy'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 Knickerbocker Fraternity.

A summa cum laude 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 ordained minister of First Reformed Church in Guttenberg, 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 or chairperson of several 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.

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 the associate dean 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 courses in the philosophy of science."

"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 days was arranging a premiere broadcast of the college's annual Nynker Cup competition.

"He was receiving—or listening to—the broadcast, he asked his campus listeners to blink their rooms' lights if they liked what they heard."

Looking objectively at the data, continually seeking out new knowledge, "he said. "In keeping with his philosophy of inquisitiveness, Dr. Brockmeier maintained a diverse array of interests. Astronomy was one of them. He acquired his first reflector telescope as a youth, and he had his own observatory. While in California he participated in the Argus-Astro-Next Project, which investigated transient activity on the moon, and in the spring of 1966 he created an astronomy class at the Halcyon corner for the Ocean Islander Cruise Lines. He gave numerous lectures on stellar evolution."

Dr. Brockmeier was also interested in video recording, and had recently helped create personalized videos 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 Adviser 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.
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 services 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 Nutritionists: 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. The Bible was printed in 1599, and its version was an important source for the development of the King James Bible in 1611 (10 copies of which Dr. Weimers previously gave to Hope).

LILLY'S 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 20 church-related colleges and universities participating in the Lilly Fellows Program network. The program is coordinated by Hope 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 member 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 entertainer (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 Siblings Weekend.

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

The first place winner is Beth Bym, a Hope senior and pre-med student from West Lafayette, Ind., for "Liszt: a commentary on Liszt" for 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. Hemway, 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: Wichers Auditorium of Nykerk Hall of Music, 2 p.m.

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

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

Junior/Senior Recital—Friday, March 5: with Bronya Meynard, French hornist, and Michelle Goodman, oboist, Wichers 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 $6 for students, and information concerning sale dates may be obtained by calling (616) 394-6996.

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

Dance 19—Thursday-Saturday, March 11-13: DeVitt 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 DeVitt Center lobby ticket office. They can be reserved by calling (616) 394-7890.

Student Recital—Thursday, March 11: Wichers Auditorium of Nykerk Hall of Music, 7 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 Leniger, baritone, Wichers Auditorium of Nykerk Hall of Music, 8 p.m.

Great Performance Series—Wednesday, April 14: The Count Basie Orchestra directed by Frank Foster, DeVitt Center, 8 p.m. Tickets cost $10 for senior citizens, $12.50 for other adults and $6 for students, and information concerning sale dates may be obtained by calling (616) 394-6996.

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: Wichers Auditorium of Nykerk Hall of Music, 4 p.m.

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

Junior Recital—Wednesday, April 21: Allison Goin, pianist, Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 8 p.m.

Student Recital—Thursday, April 22: Wichers Auditorium of Nykerk Hall of Music, 4 p.m.

Chapel Choir Concert—Sunday, April 25: DeVitt Center, 8 p.m.

Orchestra Concert—Wednesday, April 28: featuring student winners of the Concerto/Aria Competition, Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 8 p.m.

Senior Recital—Sunday, May 2: Greg Laman, trombonist, 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.
### 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 Break begins at 6 p.m.

**March:**
- Feb 29, Monday — Spring Break 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 3–7, 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, 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 23, Monday — 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 designed to show students and their parents a typical day in the life of a Hope student. Please contact the Admissions Office for details.
- Friday, Feb. 19
- Friday, March 5

**Junior Days 1993**
- A day designed specifically for high school juniors and their parents to begin the college search. Please contact the Admissions Office 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 the Admissions Office for more information.
- For further information about these Admissions Office events, 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 Saturday, features a variety of art, foreign and classic films, and a number of live events.
- Admission to the theatre's films costs $4 for adults and $3 for senior citizens and Hope College students. For more information on programs and films at the Knickerbocker, call (616) 392-3195.

### DE PREE 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.

### EVENTS

**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 Countryside 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**
  - At 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 Mushiem of the college's business administration faculty.
- **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.

**SYMPOSIUM TOUR**

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

All concerts are evening concerts (most likely starting between 7 p.m. and 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) 394–7880; two weeks prior each play's opening for how show times, ticket prices and reservations.

**TRADITIONAL EVENTS**

**Alumni Day — Saturday, May 8**
- **Baccalaureate and Commencement — Sunday, May 9**
- **Homecoming '93 — Friday–Sunday, Oct. 22–24**

**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 Wanzl, (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
  - Friday—Saturday, Nov. 5–6 — Grand Village Bazaar
  - Nov. 18 — Chicago Bus Trip

For additional information, please contact Nancy Matthews at (616) 534–7619 (days) or (616) 528–0513 (evenings).

**Kalamazoo Chapter**
- **Thursday, March 9 — Spring Brunch and Style Show at Jacobson's, 9–30 a.m.**
- **Thursday, May 6 — Annual Spring Breakfast**

For additional information, please contact Jenni Litchfield at (616) 388–3577.

**Zeeland Classis**
- **Wednesday, May 12 — "Dutch Specialties Booth"**
  - The churches of the Zeeland Classis 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

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**NEWS FROM HOPE COLLEGE, FEBRUARY 1993**
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 Fong, 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.

"In professional theatre, sets are seldom built on site," he said. "The techniques of building sets that can be dismantled and then reassembled is something that our students need to learn if they're going on in technical theatre."

Hope is also establishing an endowment to help meet the needs of Dimnent Memorial Chapel, including renovating the 60-year-old Skinner Organ. A studio organ is also needed, so that organ lessons needn't be restricted to the chapel.

Removing practices from Dimnent will help make it available for other uses, and will provide a less distracting location for organ instruction.

Other efforts include raising funds for intramural athletic fields and an endowment for maintaining the Peck Science Center.

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 Lugers Fieldhouse, for example, dedicated in the fall of 1991, has been added to the Eldan 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 1988-90 renovation of Van Zaanen and Vander Weer Fields and later improvements.

Consequently, most of the campaign's emphasis on 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. Hauck Chair in Economics.)

Watch the giving grow!
A return to Hope roots

by Gordon Beld ’50

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’re up on your Holland geography and history, you know that puts Freedom Village right alongside what used to be Riverview Stadium.

“Tysse Village” was once considered the poor slam section of Holland,” recalls Albertus Derks ’26. “I never dreamed that some day 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.

It’s an appealing inside as out 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, conference rooms, 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 Tysse ’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 Tysse also remember their days as ADD (Athletic Debt Digger) girls, selling hot dogs at Riverview Stadium athletic events.

And Arloa’s husband, James Tysse ’34, recalls the excitement at Riverview Stadium during the early ’30s when he was a football standout for the Dutch. Both he and Arloa moved to 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 Wickers ’44 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 old Hope friendships and make new ones.

“That’s just what has happened here at Freedom Village,” adds Dupuis.

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, alumnae 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—organized monthly meetings on the campus and also sponsors interesting topic discussion groups and mini-courses as well as drama, 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.

Other Hope alumni are among a group of 42 Freedom Village residents who assist at Lincoln Elementary School in a Partners in Education program. The volunteers help students with homework; read to them; assist them in learning to read; lead singing; work at classroom activity centers; accompany class trips; design bulletin boards; knit mittens; scarves and hats; and bake cookies and other treats.

Alumna discovers meaning while aiding Hungary

by Melanie Scholten ’90

On the day Ronald Balitzer ’89 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 Rolm Company, a subsidiary of IBM, in his hometown of Vienna. “You could talk to co-workers about the last Redskins 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 Egger, Hungary, a city the size of Holland tucked into a valley between the Matra and Bakl 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 Rolm 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 all for,” he said.

“At Hope, I learned that I want to do things that are worth more than just money or fame. The American Dream is so easy to get wrapped up in, it’s the way we’re taught, the way we’re brought up.”

What he likes best about life in Hungary is the emphasis on the simple pleasures of life. “Hungarians are down to earth, they appreciate the small things more—like a walk through the park. They are also intelligent and passionate, especially about their art and poetry. Almost every respected leader here has also been a poet or artist,” he said.

“I don’t miss any of the creature comforts of home, except maybe when I need to get some information and I can’t find a phone that works.” Ron does, however, have it better than some of his ESI teacher colleagues. Since he lives and works in the same building where computers, copy machines, a television and a VCR are all 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 lector at Esterházy Tanárkeryos Főiskola, 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.”

In the past 40 years, Christianity had been repressed in Hungary, leaving an intense generation of people. Since the communist regime in the country fell several years ago, numerous religious groups have made the rounds recruiting believers to their faith.

“There’s an awakening around the country, and it’s exciting to be a part of it,” Ron added. “God has not been asleep during the communist occupation.”
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 hip 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 engineering models of how people rise from sitting in a chair could help furniture manufacturers by providing insights as they develop new lines, helping them better serve their customers.

The modeling technique extends to the study of human motion the same approaches currently used in evaluating inanimate objects, according to Dr. James van Putten Jr., '55, professor of physics.

“Almost all systems are computer modeled—mathematically modeled. And there’s only one prototype.” Dr. van Putten said. “We’re trying to make measurements that enable us to develop a predictive theory about how the human body will function.”

The research, he noted, is breaking new ground.

“It has not been done yet in terms of understanding the human body.” Dr. van Putten said. “Very little data is currently available that can be used for developing a model.”

According to the 1984 publication The Injury Fact Book, each year nearly one third of all community dwelling persons age 75 or older fall, and more than five percent of those who fall experience fractures. In addition, people age 65 or older sustain 84 percent of all hip fractures. Such fractures, which occur mainly as a consequence of a fall, result in the largest number of hospital admissions of all injuries.

Dr. Luchies feels the college’s research can provide insights into the dynamics of falling, dispelling popular misconceptions along the way. One problem, he noted, is that apparently plausible explanations sometimes have little to do with reality.

“One of the things that this type of research is doing across the country is that it is cleaning up a very muddy water of understanding of what’s important and what’s not,” he said. “The easy answers to some of these questions typically are wrong.”

For example, one popular belief is that the elderly suffer more fractures because age has weakened their bones. According to Dr. Luchies, although age does cause such weakness, studies have also found that a young person’s fall generates more than enough energy to break the individual’s bones—10 times more than would be sufficient—yet such breaks are less common.

Similarly, skewed reaction times in general are often cited as a reason for falling injuries among the elderly, but in certain cases the elderly have actually been found to execute a response more quickly than younger subjects.

Examining how reaction times work in a fall situation, as opposed to under other conditions, will be essential in understanding their real role, Dr. Luchies believes.

The Hope study is testing younger and older adults, and will compare their responses to controlled situations that could lead to imbalance or a fall. The project will eventually test 48 people of both genders: 24 aged 20-29, and 24 aged 60-69. Healthy adults, meaning those not suffering from ailments that would influence the results, from the Holland area are 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, not-for-profit foundation with 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’s 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 everyone can attend.

This night’s major action revolves around a request from Hope’s Environmental Issues Group, which has been pressuring the administration to use recycled paper in the college’s photocopyers.

Environmental issues have risen, however, that the paper’s higher cost may need to be shared with Hope’s students via a S2-S4 tuition increase. They’re presenting the issue so that 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 predate 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 VanDoren (Class of 1879) wrote, “And right here let me pen a word of praise for the Student Council in effecting, through its President, a satisfactory adjustment of the difficulty in which the ‘A’s’ and ‘B’s’ 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 “College 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 Bugauff ’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 throughout its 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 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, 1971.

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 Social Center” (today’s DeWitt Center). The Senate also addressed national issues of the day, such as the Civil Rights movement and the Vietnam 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 reformed, and in the late 1960s became more like 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 board 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.

Students discuss and listen during one of Student Congress’s meetings earlier this year.

Current Roles

Through Hope’s constitution, members of the student body are represented in standing boards and committees that make decisions on programs and policies affecting students.

There are nearly 20 such bodies, with assignments including student activities, international education, and campus computer services, athletics, and security.

The current Student Congress, Moore ’93 of Quincy, Mich., said, “It’s not that Congress is unimportant; it’s that as one of these committees, we are vital in making decisions that affect students.”

When students are asked to have a direct voice in shaping the college and its policies, the result is participation in committees, their vote is equal to anyone else’s. “You don’t feel stuck in a corner,” Moore said. “If you’re upset about something, you go to your committee, you appeal your grievance, and you affect change.”

As a result, Hope students have a very direct voice in shaping the college. “You’re not just sitting in the dorm,” Moore said. “If you’re at the Affair Board, your vote counts. It’s not that contrived.”

President Dr. John H. Jacobson said, “It’s not that contrived. I sit on a number of colleges doing the same thing, and the process at Hope is no longer a system that’s not working. It’s something that was developed here at Hope very long ago, and it’s given great experience.”

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The hope is that by bringing everyone together, the issues can be addressed and resolved to the satisfaction of all parties involved.

The meetings are crucial for the college’s success, as they provide a platform for students to express their opinions and concerns, and for the administration to hear and respond to those concerns.

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Valuable Experience
Whatever else Student Congress has been, is, or will be, it 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 now 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 over more than a one-year lifespan—it might be a 10-year lifespan; 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 work. She has since 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 with a team of people who have different goals," 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 Bruins, president during the 1960-61 year and now a high school principal. "I was a 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 more interested in school kinds 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 activity 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. "I 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 totality 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 minoring in political science, and also sees relevance in his Student Congress experience. "It seems like everything I learn every day in political science, I’m doing in Student Congress," said Foster, a transfer student from Grand Rapids, Mich. He added that his Student Congress involvement also relates back to his academic work.

"So it goes back and forth," Foster 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.

A Philosophy
Communicating, in the end, is the whole point. Moore takes seriously Congress’s responsibility to understand and act upon student concerns. It’s a

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 Student Congress since her freshman year, Moore believes now more than ever that Hope’s Student Congress presents an opportunity for students to play a meaningful role in the life of the college.

Moore first ran for Congress as a freshman in Dickstra Hall, and never stopped. She is an example of those who still carry the torch for many, 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. A dialogue between Bruce Necker ’65 (64-65 president) and Wesley Granberg—Michaelson ’67 (who would be president during 1966-67) 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 gathers on a chilly January evening. The members may not like the hour, but when they ran for office they made a promise to serve their constituents, and they have a job to do.

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awards to 12 authors.

The foundation created the awards to encourage scientists 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 understanding engendered by the sciences, and the theological openness which new 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 to the John Templeton Foundation's "Honors Roll for Character Building Colleges" for a fourth consecutive year. Hope was also named to the foundation's "Honors Roll for Free Enterprise Teaching" in the spring of 1992.

Jacob E. Nenhuys, provost of Hope, on Thursday, Nov. 19, attended a luncheon in New York City with the prime minister of Greece, Constantine Mitsotakis. The luncheon in 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. Nenhuys 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 tour association led to 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. The government 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 main purposes of the program are 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 that year.

Dr. Polik noted that the support through the NSF's award and agencies like the Exxon Education Foundation has 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 Ritsema '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. Ritsema worked with the students and compiled the orchestra from a candidate list.

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.
W e'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 Southwestern Michigan are invited to join us for dinner before the concert.

On March 17, the fifth annual Musical Showcase, highlighting the talent of the music faculty and students will be held at DeVos Hall in Grand Rapids, Mich. This special evening includes performances by the orchestra, chapel choir, jazz ensemble, wind ensemble, collegium singers, chamber ensembles and soloists.

The symphonic 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 (seven tour days). The tour 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 will be 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 Seminary will be invited to the event. That weekend, Hope College will also host a gathering for all returning alumni, as well as for those alumni, parents, and friends living in the region. We'll have more information available in the April issue of news from Hope College.

There is still new for all Hope College alumni and friends interested in the June 7-19 trip to Scotland, Wales and England. The tour will be co-hosted by Anthony Madakeman, 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 Olgers '87. All submissions received by the Public Relations Office by Monday, Jan. 11, have been included in this issue. Because of the last minute required by this publication's production schedule, submissions received after that date (with the exception of obituary notices) have been held for the next issue, the deadline for which is Tuesday, March 2.

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

Martin Keichert '50 Fairbanks of Shelton, Conn., is treasurer of the Federal Garden Clubs of Connecticut Inc., which has more than 6,000 members and deals with the environment, conservation and beautiful gardens.

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Donald Cordes '40 of Des Moines, Iowa, is in Communications, 1992, was declared pastor-emeritus of the First United Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia.

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

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

Blaise Levis '42 and Marian Kertzing '47 of Jacksonville, Fla., have been chosen to listed in "Who's Who in the Field of Psychiary and Counseling for Outstanding Service."

Ken Newendorp '42 and wife Janet Arnold '44 of Newendorp have lived in Williamsburg, Va., since 1991. He is the July 1, 1992 national sales manager for magnet with distribution ability in United Technologies Corp./Excess Group of Fort Wayne, Ind.

50th Reunion

Class of 1943 Alumni Weekend May 7-9

Judson Van Wyk '43 and wife Perissa, of Chapel Hill, N.C., were in Sydney, Australia, from January through July, 1992. Judson was on academic leave at the Prince of Wales Children's Hospital as a visiting professor of endocrinology.

Periss Parker '44 Van Wyk is a substitute science and mathematics teacher in Chapel Hill (N.C.) High School.

45th Reunion

Class of 1948 Alumni Weekend May 7-9

Max DePree '48 is December participant in President Bill Clinton's two-day economic summit in Little Rock, Ark. During the summit, more than 300 business leaders, economists and educators met with President Clinton, Vice President Al Gore and new Cabinet members.

Ruth Bartholomew '48 Doggett of Commerce, Mich., retired after 25 years as a teacher and librarian with the Walled Lake Schools.

Helen Wagner '48 Spicuzza of Mason, Mich., retired after 35 years of teaching, and is now enjoying working with student teachers. She is a field instructor with the department of teacher education at Michigan State University.


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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.
**THERE THEY ARE:**

**1992 GRADUATION HONORS**

**SUMMA CUM LAUDE**

Julie M. Barrett, Mason, Mich.
Han Chen, Beijing, People’s Republic of China

**Magna Cum Laude**

Shelly J. Barenman, Holland, Mich.
René T. Gauthier, Deerton, Mich.
Cheryl Heideman Kalibeka, Holland, Mich.
Michael J. Kottering, Holland, Mich.
Matthew J. Muller, Holland, Mich.
Jim M. Norris, Fremont, Mich.
L. James Schost, Golden Valley, Minn.

**Cum Laude**

Mark N. Bast, Grand Rapids, Mich.
Sara M. Cripps, Grand Rapids, Mich.
Dana M. DeVries, Caledonia, Mich.
Brian L. Gerhardt, Birmingham, Mich.
Tricia Ann Hengst, Midland, Mich.
Martin P. Herttam, Glenn, Mich.
Mark A. Kriens, Muskegon, Mich.
Jodi C. Niemietz, Manistee, Ohio
Laurie Poll, Zeeland, Mich.
Amy E. Schweiger, Clawson, Mich.
Eric Wampler, Holland, Mich.

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John Edward Kuyper
Paul Jeffrey
Brian Keisling
Brian Grow

Muskegon, Grand Rapids, Mich.

Thomas Jr.
and Elizabeth Becker

and Tonja


and Alan, June 12, 1992.

and Borden's Dairy

Holland, Mich.


Leawood, Wash.


McCard, Mich.


Borden's Dairy

Richard Anker '92, preceded him in death.

She married


of Victorville, Calif., and a son, Shawn. He was a member of the United States Army, World War II. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, serving in World War II. He was a member of the United States Army, World War II. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, serving in World War II.

He was employed in the lumber business, and owned Pioneer Cleaners in Holland.

A son, Craig DeBoe, preceded him in death.

Surviving are his wife of 18 years, Mary; his children, Donald and Barbara DeBoe of Springfield, Ill., and James and Sue DeBoe of Grand Rapids, Mich.; seven grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

II. Allan Dykstra '48 of Hall, Iowa, died on Saturday, Jan. 9, 1993. He was 68.

In addition to Hope he attended Western Theological Seminary, and he served in the Air Force. He was predeceased by his daughter, Patricia Starkey, in 1972, and by his parents, Thys and Marjorie Dykstra.

Surviving are his wife, Evelyn; his children, the Rev. Dauna and Barbara Nienhuis of Battle Creek, Mich.; Daniel and Sharon Dykstra of Iowa, and Timothy and Melissa Dykstra of Iowa; 10 grandchildren; and several cousins in the Holland, Mich., area.

Gregory Feenstra '97 of Holland, Mich., died on Wednesday, Nov. 25, 1992, from a brain tumor. He was 28, and had left his family and all friends.

He was a member of Third Reformed Church, graduated from Hope College, and was a member of the United States Air Force, member of the United States Army, World War II. He was a veteran of the United States Navy, World War II.

Surviving are his parents, Gis. and Barbara Feenstra of Holland, a brother, Jeff Feenstra of Grand Rapids, Mich., a sister, Laureen Thompson of Plaines, Ill., and Margaret Thompson of Plaines, Ill., and Henry Feenstra of Derby, Kan., and aunts, uncles and cousins.

Robert Goodwin '42 of Richmond, Texas, was on Saturday, Jan. 2, 1993.

He was employed with Borden's Dairy as a district controller, secretary and treasurer in North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Virginia for 21 years. He was also employed with the South Dakota Dairy Corporation Dairy Group as a group account executive for the Continental United States for 17 years, retiring in December of 1986.

He was in public accounting for two years, and was with the U.S. Army during World War II.

Sherman was a survivor of his wife, Helen; four daughters, Sharon of Victorville, Calif., and Karen of Victorville, Calif., and Karen of Victorville, Calif.; and a son, Kent, of Skokie, Ill.

Evelyn Ackerst '88 of Ypsilanti, Mich., was on Friday, Dec. 4, 1992. She was 32 years old.

Surviving are her husband of 36 years, Harold; her
children, Roger and Vivian VanLiere 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 Achtenhagen 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 illness. 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, and before his retirement he served with the Department of Justice. He was preceded in death by his parents, Harry and Jennie 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 26, 1948. He was a physician, specializing in urological surgery, neuroradiology, emergency medicine and electroencephalography. He received the Distinguished Alumnus Award in May of 1990. He and his wife also established the "Dr. Lloyd and Irene Strick Lemmen Hope College Endowment Fund" to support the college's operations.

In addition to his wife, 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 day and night, every day, and for 25 years he did not take even a single day off for illness.

He was a member of Westminster 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 Psi. He was also affiliated with several professional boards and associations.

Surviving are his wife, his four children, Dr., Lloyd and James Lemmen, Dr. Kathleen and Neil Lewanski Lemmen of Kalamazoo, Mich., Mibeth and Roger Brink of Zeeland, Mich., Lauri and Paul Van Eyl of Bartlett, Ill.; five grandchildren, and nieces and nephews.

Wendis F. Rumsey, '35 of Allegan, Mich., died on Wednesday, Jan. 27, 1993, in the Allegan County Medical Care Facility. She was 80. Additional information will appear in the April issue of Hope College's Alumni News.

Russell Van Keuren, '49 of Mount Prospect, Ill., died on Monday, Sept. 7, 1992, in Niles, Ill. He was 66.

He was born on May 31, 1926, in Muskegon, Mich. He was a World War II Navy veteran and retired in 1986 from Burkhart's Funeral Home in Michigan after 35 years of service.

Survivors include his wife, Dolores "Doll"; three children, Darrell (Antonia) of Mount Prospect, Craig (Nancy) of Oakdale, Minn., and Melodie (Steve) Broden of Bowling Green, Ky.; four brothers and sisters, June (Harry) Krieger, Bud (Ken) Cobb, Alma Sperry, Paul (Jane) and Lois (David) Cramblet; four grandchildren; and his mother-in-law, Effie Nelson of Mount Prospect.

Betty Amanda Gowing, '55 Ward of Cherry Hill, N.J., died on Wednesday, Feb. 5, 1993. She was 58.

She was an active member of the South Jersey Horticultural Society and Eastern Star.

Survivors include her husband, Bruce, her children, Rosario and McAdam of Hillsfort, Pa., Karen Ward of Mifflinburg, N.J., Christopher Ward of Lebanon, N.J., and two grandchildren.

Mindie Spencer, '75 White of Herndon, Va., died on Monday, Jan. 19, 1993. She held a bachelor's degree in education, and taught elementary school for four years.

Survivors include her husband, Douglas, four children, Ashley (age 10), Kiley (age eight), Riley (age two), and Tenley (age two), all of Herndon, three brothers, Rick Nibbelink of Holland, Mich., and Lauri and Paul Van Eyl of Bartlett, Ill.; five grandchildren, and nieces and nephews.

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 Nibbelink '36 Comstock, and the "Ruth Nibbelink Comstock Memorial Scholarship" was established through his 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 Merriville, Ind.

The family of Howard Hageman, who died on Sunday, Dec. 20, 1992, after surgery for cancer of the esophagus. He was 71.

He had received an honorary degree from Hope—Litt.D.—in 1975. He was president of New Brunswick Theological Seminary from 1973 to 1985, and had served as pastor of North Reformed Church in Newark, N.J., from 1943 to 1973. He was a frequent guest lecturer and was president of the RCA's General Synod 1958-59.

He is survived by his wife, Carol.

The family of Ted Westing of Holland, Mich., who died on Saturday, Jan. 24, 1993. He was 80.

He had been a custodian at Hope, and retired after 20 years with the college. He was a member of the Central Avenue Christian Reformed Church, and was a farmer in the Holland area for 30 years.

Survivors include his wife, Lucie; his children, Stuart and Jeff Westing of Holland; five grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife and daughter-in-law, Olive and Milda Westing.
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 out terms like bee bop, 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 Nori, 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 some other ensemble music. It's hip. That's what I like."

Any doubt that these three don't exude enthusiasm when they set their instruments to play? Any question regarding their dedication to a "c-scale"? Wondering when you can capture this devotion to harmony 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 fourth 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," 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 is indeed a showcase. We are showing off, 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 Schadel, 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 plus three zeros and probably a few more."

"Well, I'll just put the crowd out of mind and just think about the music," insists 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 Ritsema '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—presentation of where they have to be ready to play on an instant's notice," Dr. Ritsema 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. Ritsema says. "I think any time you get everybody together and working on a common venture like this, it has some 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 an 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. Ritsema says. "Each of them tends to be centered on their own performing group or area. Through Musical Showcase, they get to see 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 sheet 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.

(Ed 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) 394-7600.)

Featuring all of the college's major performing groups as well as soloists and smaller ensembles, Musical Showcase not only provides an entertaining evening but is also a good learning experience for the participants. Pictured are the members of the Saxophone and Percussion Trio (from left to right): sophomore Jonathan Brink of Marshfield, Wis., freshman Brian Capps of Downers Grove, Ill., and sophomore David Evenhuis of Novi, Mich.