Liberty Town Learning

In a city steeped in history, the Philadelphia Center program has been busy building some history of its own. For 25 years, the Philadelphia Center has been giving students from Hope and elsewhere a chance at urban experiential learning in the city of Ben Franklin.

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The Chapel Choir will tour Hungary, Slovakia and the Czech Republic in May. Please see page three.

Swimming standouts highlighted the winter sports season. Please see pages 10-11.
A fully-equipped laboratory enables students in the Hope-Calvin Nursing Program to work with hospital equipment on the Hope campus. The lab's flexible hours also allow the department's students to review nursing practices at times that match their schedules.

JAPANESE EXCHANGE: A group of four students and a professor from Japan visited Hope in March, part of a developing bond between the college and Technos International Academy in Tokyo. Technos International Academy is the union of the Tokyo Air Travel College and the Tokyo Kogakuen College of Technology, two vocational schools which merged in 1991. The school is administered by the Tanaka Educational Trust.

Students and a professor from Hope traveled to Japan to visit the academy last year, and another group will go this summer. Dr. Nea Sobana ’68, director of international education at Hope, believes the academy's technical emphasis provides Hope students with a unique international study opportunity.

Hope's involvement with Technos International Academy is exciting because it presents a new opportunity for students of academic disciplines that have traditionally not participated in exchanges.

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

Dr. Richard Brockmeier ’59, professor of physics and computer science, died on Tuesday, Feb. 9. Dr. Jan E. Leeming ’70, now a nephrologist and associate medical director with the Chicago Institute of Neurology and Neurosurgery Medical Group S.C., had this to say concerning Dr. Brockmeier's work as a Hope student radio pioneer.

As an entering freshman in 1956, I was a year behind Dick when we inaugurated brand-new Kollen Hall. Though the concrete dust, plaster debris and hard work in the lobby we somehow made our way to the upper floors where the rooms were mostly completed.

Dick's room was more or less near the center of the second-floor facing the back court. What drew me to him was the fact that Dick was a fellow radio enthusiast who always seemed to have his tape recorder going—why I soon found out. He had created, out of a tangle of wires, a small "carrier current" radio transmitter that broadcast into Kohlen's wiring and could be received by anyone in the dorm with a standard AM radio.

Another new student from Buffalo, N.Y., Jack Hellriegel, lived almost next door to Dick. He had a large collection of jazz recordings on tape which added to Dick's library of "programs." All too many hours were devoted to the adventure of carrier current radio, sometimes to the detriment of our studies. Sometimes the program content was what could best be described as proto-Saturday Night Live satire, sufficiently late at night that, hopefully, no one was listening.

In any case, more and more students tuned in, offered suggestions, provided tapes, and begged to take up the microphone. It became evident that we had stumbled upon something.

By the end of 1956-57, several of us conspired to make WATAS (the Anchor Station), something more than a tangle of wires in Dick Brockmeier's dorm room. Dick made a proposal to President Irwin Lubbers, and as many others as we could get to listen to us, for funding.

Eventually, and to our surprise, a generous amount of money was set aside with which to construct two relays transmitters and to formalize our fledgling radio station. A promise of space for a studio in Kohlen's basement was negotiated.

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In the course of the development of WATAS, hundreds of Hope students and many faculty became regular participants behind the scenes and behind the mics in a vital and important Hope institution which has prospered in the more than 35 years which have elapsed since Dick Brockmeier plugged in his home brew transmitter. WATAS, which ultimately became WTAS-FM, would not have happened were it not for the seeds Dick planted and for his continued interest.

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God Speed, Dick!
Campus Notes

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with Japan," he said. "This year, for example, we're sending students from communication, engineering/physics, and computer science, in addition to Japanese."

Dr. Sobania also noted that because the Hope students visiting Technos have just completed their first year, they now have more post-visit time to build awareness of Japan into their coursework. Hope has been involved in exchanges with Japan since the 19th century, and today, in addition to Technos International Academy, has ties with Ferris University, Meiji Gakuin University, Okayama Christian Junior College and Waseda University.

POSITIVE DEBITS: Students, faculty and staff at Hope all have the opportunity to use a new debit card system that eliminates the need to carry cash when purchasing food at the Kinet Snack Bar or Phelps Hall cafeteria. The "Debit Debit!" card is a declining balance account system that allows participants to deposit cash in advance and then draw upon it when making purchases. The total is deducted through a bar code affixed to the college's student and faculty/staff identification cards.

Users are given a 10 percent bonus on the money they deposit. In other words, someone who deposits $25 plus $1 in sales tax would have $27.50 to spend.

TRUSTEE HONOR: During its January meeting, the Board of Trustees voted to "acknowledge and commend" Dr. Kenneth Elzinga, formerly a member of the Board of Trustees, for receiving the University of Virginia's Thomas Jefferson Award on Oct. 30, 1992.

Dr. Elzinga is a professor of economics at U.Va., and was cited by the university's president as "a model citizen of the Grounds: engaged, compassionate and principled." He was a member of Hope's Board of Trustees from 1983 to 1991, serving two four-year terms.

CONGRESSional RECORD: Gay A. Vander Jagt '53 has placed his correspondence, letters and papers, covering 1966 years in the House of Representatives, in the Hope College collection of the Joint Archives of Holland.

The collection includes more than 700 linear feet of unprocessed archival materials and is the largest single collection ever received at the Joint Archives. Vander Jagt recently completed 13 consecutive two-year terms serving Michigan's Ninth Congressional District. The Ninth Congressional District seat is now held by Peter Hoekstra '75.

MISSION TRIP: Gordon Borg of the college's maintenance staff traveled to the Philippines and India in January and February to visit projects funded through Worldwide Christian Schools (WCS). The trip ran Jan. 22 through Feb. 13, and included sites that may be familiar to at least in, names of the Hope family. Their travels in India included the Vellore Diocese, in which his Voorhees College. While they didn't visit the college they did stop at the St. Scolas Monastery Hospital in Kanchipuram.

CHEERING SECTION: Asuka Ohkura of Japan, decided to make the most of her year studying abroad. Enrolled at Hope during 1992-93 through an exchange program with Ferris University, Ohkura not only studied a variety of classes but also joined the basketball cheerleading squad. She is believed to be the first international student at Hope to become a cheerleader. Ohkura's decision gave her an opportunity to experience firsthand the world of intercollegiate competition, home and away games, and, of course, the Hope-Calvin rivalry, giving her a perspective on American college life she might otherwise have missed.

Lab places Hope at forefront of molecular sciences

A new laboratory being added to the molecular sciences, which is the blending of biology and chemistry, will help place Hope at the forefront of the field, according to Dr. James Gentile, dean for the natural sciences.

The project has received support from the W.M. Keck Foundation of Los Angeles, Calif., and the National Science Foundation (NSF). The W.M. Keck Foundation has contributed $150,000, and the NSF has contributed $152,075.

"The line between what is biology and what is chemistry is getting more and more blurred all the time," Dr. Gentile said. "I think what you're going to see as a result of the new laboratory is the departments feeding off of one another in a positive way. It's really going to synergize activity."

"And I think this is where we're going to have a leadership role," he said. "While we recognize the distinct uniques of both biology and chemistry, we're going to go out and show that a melding of two superior departments can take both of those departments to an even higher level of activity."

Molecular biologists and biochemists alike are interested in how activity takes place at a molecular level, and in their work they use an understanding of both biology and chemistry. Dr. Gentile noted that the new laboratory reflects increased emphasis internationally on research questions that can be addressed by both fields.

"Molecular biology and biochemistry are probably the most expansive of the sciences at this point in history in the sense of the amount of new data that's being generated and the amount of new knowledge that's coming from that data," he said.

Hope's new laboratory will consolidate the college's work in molecular biology and biochemistry, bringing together programs that have thus far been independent and providing a central location for equipment both required. Laboratory courses in biology and chemistry, as well as student and faculty researchers, will be able to use the facility.

Located in the former science library on the second floor of the Peake Science Center, the laboratory will be ready for use by the fall of 1993. Dr. Gentile is hoping the laboratory may even be complete in time to support faculty/student research during the summer of 1993.

Four of the college's faculty are centrally involved in research benefiting from the laboratory's construction. They are: Dr. Gentile, who is not only dean but also the Kenneth G. Herrick Professor of Biology; Dr. Rodney Boyer, professor of chemistry; Dr. Anthony Nieuwkoop, who is assistant professor of biology; and Dr. Maria Burnatska-Hledin, associate professor of biology and chemistry. Dr. Burnatska-Hledin was appointed to the faculty this fall, in anticipation of the opportunities the new laboratory will offer.

In addition, the participation of the biology and chemistry faculty also conduct research that will be enhanced because of the laboratory's resources. The W.M. Keck Foundation, one of the nation's largest in terms of annual grants, was established in 1954 by the late William M. Keck, founder of Superior Oil Company. He also created the W.M. Keck Trust for the benefit of the foundation.

The foundation's primary focus is on grants to U.S. universities and colleges with an emphasis in science, engineering and medical research. It also provides limited support, focused on programs serving Southern California, in the areas of community services, health care, precollege education and the arts.

The NSF supports initiatives in the sciences and mathematics at virtually all levels of education, from pre-school through graduate studies. Hope College is currently one of only three liberal arts institutions nationally to have received more than $400,000 annually from the NSF in the past three years. NSF funding at Hope has been directed primarily toward the purchase of equipment for classroom and research activities, and the support of faculty and undergraduate students in research.
Events

ACADEMIC CALENDAR
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 10–28
June Term (1993)—June 1–18
Summer Session (1993)—June 21–July 30
Summer Seminars (1993)—Aug. 2–6
Fall Semester (1993)
Aug. 31, Tuesday—Classes begin

ADMISSIONS
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. 49420.

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) 392-3155.

DE PREE GALLERY
Senior Show—April 10–May 9
Japanese Ceramics: The Kawashima Collection—May 12–Sept. 24
Admission to the gallery is free. The gallery is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, and 1–10 p.m. Sunday.

THEATRE
Hamlet: An Explanation, by William Shakespeare, April 15–24
Additional information may be obtained by calling the theatre ticket office at (616) 394-7890.

THE ARTS
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 18: Ann Labounsky, organist; Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 8 p.m.
Junior Recital—Wednesday, April 21: Allison Goins, pianist; Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 8 p.m.
Student Recital—Thursday, April 22: Wickers Auditorium of Nykerk Hall of Music, 7 p.m.
Great Performance Series—Thursday, April 22: The Count Basie Orchestra directed by Frank Foster, Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 8 p.m.
Tickets cost $10 for seniors, $15 for adults and $6 for students, and information concerning sale dates may be obtained by calling (616) 394-6996.
Chapel Choir Concert—Sunday, April 25: Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 8 p.m.
Orchestra Concert—Thursday, April 29: featuring student winners of the Concert/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. Admission, payable at the door, will be $5.

SUMMER THEATRE
Season opens Friday, June 11
Curtain time at 8 p.m., Monday through Saturday
Senior Recital—Sunday, June 13
Peter Pan (musical)
Young Rube (musical)
The Importance of Being Earnest (comedy)
Marvin’s Room (drama)
Courage (second stage production, Snow Auditorium)
Additional information may be obtained by calling (616) 394-7600 before May 18 (when tickets go on sale), or (616) 394-7899 after May 18.

WOMEN’S LEAGUE FOR HOPE
“The Best of Village Square...and more!”
Wednesday, June 23—9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
The event will run on campus, and will include the popular “Artic Specials,” a juried craft show and food.
Donations for the “Artic Specials” may be left at Hope’s physical plant building. Additional information can be obtained by calling the “Best of Village Square” chairpersons: Vinnie Wistake, (616) 772-6922, or Shirley Haan, (616) 699-1213 (days), (616) 699-0556 (evenings).
Grand Rapids Chamber Thursday, April 29—Spring Fashion Show
Tuesday, May 18—Inauguration of Bazaar Items
For additional information, please contact Nancy Matthews at (616) 394-7859 (days) or (616) 394-0513 (evenings).
Kalamazoo Chapter Thursday, May 6—Annual Spring Breakfast
For additional information, please contact Jenni Liggett at (616) 394-0348.
Zeeland Classic Wednesday, May 12—Tulip Time “Dutch Specialties Booth”
For additional information, please contact Jackie Reimink at (616) 875-8813.

SUMMER CAMP
Matt Neil ’82 works with a Hope basketball camp, one of a variety of sports camps the college will offer this summer.

ALUMNI WEEKEND
Friday, May 7
Reunion classes (1938–1978) will hold evening activities
Saturday, May 8
3:30 a.m.—noon Reunion registration
9 a.m.—10:30 a.m. Estate planning seminar—Van Zoeren Hall B–24
11 a.m.—noon Reunion luncheon and class photos begin (advanced registration needed)
2:30 p.m. Chapel Choir Box Voyage Concert—Dimnent Chapel
4 p.m. 50-Year Circle ceremony—Maas auditorium
5:30 p.m. Photo of all 50-Year Circle members (class of 1943 and earlier)—Phillips Hall Lawn
6 p.m. Alumni Banquet and Distinguished Alumni Awards—Phillips Hall dining room (advanced registration needed) A reception honoring the award recipients will follow in the Maas auditorium.
Sunday, May 9
9:30 a.m. Baccalaureate Service (admission by ticket only)—Dimnent Chapel
11:30 a.m. Baccalaureate Service (admission by ticket only)—Dimnent Chapel
11 a.m. Alumni Branch—(advanced registration needed)—Klotz, DeVitt Center
3 p.m. Commencement—Holland Municipal Stadium (Holland Civic Center, with admission by ticket only, in case of rain)
For additional information, please call the Office of Public Relations at (616) 394-7860.

TRADITIONAL EVENTS
Alumni Weekend—Friday, May 7–Saturday, May 8
Baccalaureate and Commencement—Sunday, May 9
Homecoming—1993—Friday–Sunday, Oct. 22–24

SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS
Boys Basketball Camp—July 5–16
Girls Basketball Day Camps:
Sixth-Eighth Grades—June 18–19
Ninth-12th Grades—June 21–22
Girls High School Basketball Team Scrimmage—June 21–24
Football Passing Camp—Aug. 1–4
Swimming Program—June 14–24, June 28–July 8
T.I.F.F. Distance Running Camp—Aug. 2–7
Boys Varsity Basketball Team Camp—July 12–15
Boys J.V. Basketball Team Camp—July 5–8
For additional information, please call (616) 394-7690.
Ask for Joyce McPherson.

INSTANT INFORMATION
Hope Sports Hotline—(616) 394-7888
Activities Information—(616) 394-7883

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NEWS FROM HOPE COLLEGE, APRIL 1993
Hope in the Future: a parental perspective

I could have been easy for David and Carol Cole to forget about Hope College. Their son Scott had graduated in 1990, and their son Christopher would be finished in 1993. Their role as tuition-paying parents was drawing to a close.

It could have been easy to forget, but it wasn't. Because David and Carol Cole also couldn't forget what Hope College has meant to both their sons. They couldn't shake the belief that Hope could be important for others, too.

So when the Coles, who are from Ann Arbor, Mich., were asked by Hope President Dr. John H. Jacobson to become co-chairs of "National Parents and Friends" for the Hope in the Future capital campaign, they willingly agreed.

They want to help Hope build on the strengths they experienced—not for their own sons' sakes, but for the sake of other students, still to come.

"We feel very positive about Hope and what it does for young people, and we were certainly concerned by the fact that it did not have a reasonable endowment in contrast to many schools," said Dr. David Cole, who is director of the University of Michigan's Office for the Study of Automotive Transportation. "We're really convinced that the campaign is necessary to provide the kind of long-term quality education that I think Hope is interested in providing."

"I would never agree to anything that I didn't believe in wholeheartedly and could speak to enthusiastically," Carol Cole said. "And Hope is trying to improve the whole—this is the capital campaign really symbolizes a striving to be better and better."

According to John Nordstrom, director of development and director of Hope in the Future, the Coles are not alone in how they feel.

"I spend a fair amount of time around the country with the college's other advancement officers, and we talk with a lot of parents," he said. "And over and over again I have been impressed with how parents feel about their child's or, in some cases their children's, experience at Hope College."

"It's not surprising, then, that many of these people, in addition to the tuition they pay, are willing to help support the college," said Nordstrom, whose four children attended Hope as well. "They do so not only financially, but through their willingness to volunteer—by calling the parents of prospective students; by providing leadership in the campaign, as have the Coles; by serving as campaign callers; or by helping identify other possible gift sources."

"You can't say enough about how parents are involved in the life of Hope College, or about how important they are to the college," he said.

As prospective parents, the Coles knew Hope by reputation. David Cole had encountered Hope students at the University of Michigan and knew former President Dr. Gordon Van Wylen from the days they were both on the university's faculty. They were also familiar with the West Michigan work ethic, which they valued.

All combined to convince them that Hope presented the best opportunity for their sons: high in quality; small enough to provide personal contact with senior faculty; and with a Christian character that integrated faith with life and learning.

From the beginning, the college didn't disappoint them.

"I remember taking Scott to Hope," said Carol Cole. "That first child going off to school is quite an emotional jolt. I think for both parents, but really felt good about leaving Scott there."

"The people were very friendly; there was a lot of activity, of course; and there had been so many mailings ahead of time," she said. "Hope does such a good job of leading the way with all kinds of information."

"My overall feeling was that we were always very well informed of things happening on-campus and that things were explained carefully," she said.

The college, they believe, gave them both a chance to explore their interests. Scott majored in biology, visited the Galapagos Islands and arranged to student teach in an inner-city Chicago school. Christopher studied history and became active in the college's FM radio station. Both played football, and both tutored with Hope College Upward Bound, a program for local elementary school children.

Both of the Coles' sons also chose to become teachers.

Carol Cole believes the involved professors at Hope played a role in their career choices. Concerning Scott she noted, "He gained so much from the teachers at Hope and saw how they valued their students, and I think that was something that perpetuated itself.

"It is because of Hope's lasting effect on their lives that David and Carol Cole are involved with Hope in the Future. Although the Coles were not connected to Hope before their two sons came to college, they will be after both have left.

"Our association with Hope has been a very positive experience," said Dr. David Cole. "We very much believe in the kind of education that Hope is providing, and has provided, our kids."

"We are very comfortable that they are prepared to participate in a broader society," he said. "And in great part that is due to the education that they have found at Hope."
Two long-time faculty will retire this year

F. Phillip Van Eyl ’55

F ortunate were the events that brought a young Dutch, would-be economist to Hope College as a student—and later professor—of psychology.

Dr. F. Phillip Van Eyl ’55 emigrated to the United States intending to study economics. Given his education in the Netherlands, he was accepted as a junior by the University of Chicago, but those plans fell through. He also rejected a chance to attend Michigan State University as a freshman.

He was becoming desperate. He had lost two years serving with the U.S. Army’s 11th Airborne Division during the Korean Conflict, and another as a commander of the two universities. With a new academic year approaching, he still had no plans.

Luckily, he was staying in Holland, Mich., with an uncle who had an idea. “He said, ‘How about Hope College?’” Dr. Van Eyl said. “I said, ‘Great! Where is it?’”

He thus came to Hope in the fall of 1953 as a 25-year-old junior, a war veteran who was certain of his career goals and in a hurry to achieve them. Much to his dismay, the college compelled him to slow down—to enroll in “core” courses and study more than economics.

Although he pursued them only grudgingly, the classes changed his life.

During his second semester he enrolled in “Industrial Psychology,” and by the time the course ended he had a new major. His feelings concerning the “core” curriculum had also changed.

“It was because of the variety of courses that I had to take that I really discovered psychology,” Dr. Van Eyl said. “So not only does a program like ours broaden one’s mind or perspective of life, it also provides a wonderful opportunity to discover what you’re really like and what you can do best.”

Armed with his new direction, he enrolled in graduate school in experimental psychology at Claremont in California. Perhaps inevitably, he wasn’t gone long.

Learning that one of his Hope professors had fallen ill, Dr. Van Eyl offered to help by teaching some courses temporarily. That wasn’t necessary, but a position in psychology was available.

He took it. While away he developed a great appreciation for what the college offered—the education, the Christian character and the people—and he saw potential in psychology at Hope.

“Here was an opportunity to build a department worthy of a place like Hope College,” he said. “I think most people like to have a chance to build something, and so be a part of that was a real joy.”

When Dr. Van Eyl joined the faculty in the fall of 1959, he and Dr. Robert De Haan were the department, and the two professors shared a single office in Van Raalte Hall’s upper reaches.

In 1961, the department moved from Van Raalte Hall into Shields Cottage. The extra space enabled Dr. Van Eyl to design Hope’s first laboratory in experimental psychology, and also provided room for growth.

Today the department has even better quarters in the Peale Science Center, which also has laboratories he designed. The nine full-time professors are recognized for their teaching and scholarship.

Dr. Van Eyl provided leadership as psychology chairperson for many years. He also established Hope’s chapter of Psi Chi, the national psychology honorary society.

In addition, he founded the men’s soccer program, which he coached from 1965 to 1968. He recalls that the program largely started to provide international students with a familiar team sport. Raised abroad, he appreciated the opportunity’s importance.

“I felt a great deal of empathy here,” he said. “It wasn’t just a love of soccer, but a desire to become integrated with the student body.”

Dr. Van Eyl’s appreciation of Hope students was one of the major reasons he chose to teach at Hope.

For years to come, he will lose two long-time professors when Dr. F. Phillip Van Eyl ’55 (standing) and Dr. Eugene Jekel ’52 (seated) retire at the end of this year. They have both been members of the Hope community since the 1950s—first as students; then as professors.

“Our students have always been, for lack of another word, very decent,” Dr. Van Eyl said. “They’re the kind of students that you would readily adopt as your own children.

Actually, four Hope students were Dr. Van Eyl’s children. Daughters Evelyn graduated in 1980, daughter Christina in 1982, daughter Sonia in 1984 and son Paul in 1987. His wife, “Mickie,” Vanlengmon ’50 Van Eyl, is also a Hope graduate, as was his first wife, Miriam Gemmill ’53 Van Eyl, who died in 1982.

When this year concludes, Dr. Van Eyl will leave Hope a third time. Who knows, however, what the future will bring? His own experiences have taught him to be open to the possibilities.

“It is good to have goals, to plan, but it’s surprising how often circumstances change all of that—sometimes for the worse, of course, but quite often for the better,” Dr. Van Eyl said.

“So my advice to young people is to be open to that—to have some ideas of what you want to do, but in the meantime keep to keep listening and be prepared to do something different if the opportunity is there,” he said.

Eugene Jekel ’52

W hen he decided not to pursue a career in high school teaching, Dr. Eugene Jekel ’52 of the chemistry faculty unwittingly set himself up to have more influence in the field than he ever could have imagined.

After his first year at Hope he planned to be a high school chemistry teacher, but as the years passed realized that wasn’t quite the right direction. Instead, when he graduated he went on to graduate school at Purdue University, and returned to Hope as a faculty member in 1955.

Nine years later he was coordinating the college’s new “Summer Workshop and Leadership Activities Project,” which was funded by the National Science Foundation (NSF) and designed for teachers of Advanced Placement and second-year high school chemistry.

During the program’s 24-year run, approximately 1050 high school teachers from throughout the United States participated. They gained additional knowledge of chemistry and a battery of laboratory experiments to enhance their teaching for years to come.

As the teachers’ mentor, Dr. Jekel found a way to help make chemistry more meaningful for tens of thousands of high school students.

His role with the Summer Institute, however, was only one dimension of his work at the college.

Since 1977, he has also been the chief advisor for Hope students applying to medical and dental schools.

Throughout this time the average acceptance rate has been 90 percent for medical school and 100 percent for dental school.

The statistics say much about the quality of Hope’s students and program, but they also pay tribute to Dr. Jekel’s careful work in helping the students through the process, including holding pre-admissions interviews to help present them for the real thing.

Dr. Jekel has also reached all of the college’s chemistry students since 1976, although they may not know it, as coordinator of the college’s General Chemistry lecture and laboratory programs.

In addition to his teaching, he served as chemistry chairperson for six years and as faculty sponsor of the Hope chapter of the Alpha Epsilon Delta (AED) pre-medical society. For four years he was AED’s national treasurer.

He is a frequent presenter at annual chemical education conferences, for 14 years served as reader of the Advanced Placement Chemistry Examination and has conducted numerous College Board workshops throughout the Midwest for Advanced Placement chemistry teachers.

Since 1985 he has been a member of the committee that produces the American Chemical Society/Advanced High School Chemistry Examination, and on 11 occasions he has served as a panelist to review proposals for NSF teacher enhancement programs.

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Marc Baer, professor of history at Hope, and Elizabeth Morgan, a senior history major from Kalamazoo, Mich., made a joint presentation during the 97th annual meeting of the Michigan Academy of Sciences, Arts and Letters on Friday, March 5.

The paper, "Democratic Discourse: Language and Political Change in England c. 1780-1832," grew out of an investigation Dr. Baer and Morgan conducted last summer, which was supported by a student/faculty cooperative research grant from Hope. They explored current work in linguistic theory and then applied it to a study of how changing political language affected the development of democracy in 18th- and 19th-century England.

Rodney F. Boyer, professor of chemistry, has had the second edition of his textbook Modern Experimental Biochemistry published by the Benjamin/Cummings Publishing Company of Redwood City, Calif.

The book is for undergraduate biochemistry laboratory courses. The 1986 first edition has been used in about 200 colleges and universities.

Dr. Boyer will also appear on television in West Michigan on Monday, April 12. He will be on the program Profiles in Survival on WZZM, TV 13, of Grand Rapids, Mich., discussing his work in cancer-related research.

The survivors professor will include Tim Vandeveere '89 of Spring Lake, Mich.

Mihai Craioveanu, associate professor of viola/viola, performed a concert in New York City on the George Enescu Music Society of United States Inc. Concert Series, and gave several concerts as soloist with orchestra and in recital in Europe.

In March he was the violin soloist in the Sibelius Violin Concerto with the Hope College Orchestra at the Mecklenburg Center for Performing Arts at Lake Michigan College in Benton Harbor, Mich.

James Gentile of the biology faculty has been appointed to the State of Michigan's Site Review Board by Governor John Engler.

Dr. Gentile is dean for the natural sciences and the Kenneth G. Herrick Professor of Biology at Hope, and will serve on the board as a toxicologist.

The board was established to review and grant or deny final approval for each hazardous waste management facility and construction permit referred to it by the Department of Natural Resources. The appointees represent a variety of interests and areas of expertise.

Dr. Gentile is currently on a year-long sabbatical. In February, he participated in "Towards a Research-Rich Educational Environment," a Project Kaleidoscope colloquium held at the National Academy of Sciences in Washington, D.C., and designed to help make undergraduate science education more hands-on.

Jack Holmes and Fikkyu Kim of the political sciences faculty made presentations during the International Studies Association's annual conference, which ran Wednesday through Saturday, March 24-27, in Acapulco, Mexico.

Holmes presented "Economic Indicators: Long and Short Term Trends and U.S. Foreign Policy Assertiveness," which will form the basis of a chapter in a book he is writing. A professor of political science, Holmes' dissertation, which he conducted a four-day informational tour in Nevada later in the month, consisted of a similar visit to New Mexico in January and has also spoken in Detroit.

Dr. Williams is on an Educational Outreach Committee for the U.S. Department of Energy's Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management in Washington, D.C., and during a 1988-89 sabbatical he worked with the office's public information section.

During the tours he works or through the media, helping to educate and inform the public. Some tours include presentations to service clubs, such as the Detroit Rotary Club, and working with high school teachers and students.

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Concerning his time at the college, he noted, "I've really liked the teaching environment at Hope." "I've appreciated the quality of students that we've had, and it appreciated very much the teaching colleagues that I've had in chemistry as well as over the campus," he said.

"We've cooperated well with each other.

Dr. Jekel has been appreciated, too, both on-campus and off-campus.

In 1985, he received national recognition for his work when the Chemical Manufacturers Association presented him with the "National Catalyst Award" for excellence in teaching college chemistry. He received a Distinguished Alumni Award from Hope in 1987, the same year he was named to an endowed chair: The Drs. Edward A. and Elizabeth Hofma Professorship of Chemistry.

Dr. Jekel hasn't been alone in his work. His wife, Dr. Elaine Jekel, is an adjunct professor of chemistry at Hope, and played a major role in coordinating the NSF Summer Institute in addition to teaching. They have two children, one of whom, Karen, is a 1990 Hope graduate.

Although he's retiring, Dr. Jekel won't be finished teaching. He will continue an on-going project, compiling the best laboratory experiments shared through the National Science Foundation's national workshop program. "They'll be available on computer disk so that teachers can tailor the experiments. His influence will continue.
Baccalaureate and Commencement will be May 9

The 128th Commencement ceremony at Hope College will be held on Sunday, May 9, and approximately 500 graduating seniors will be participating.

This year’s Commencement speaker will be Dr. Harvey Blankespoor of the college’s biology faculty, who will present “Fire, Furnaces, Families, and Famines.” Beth Marcus ’42, president of the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America (RCA), will give the Baccalaureate sermon, titled “Changes and Choices.”

Commencement will be held on Sunday, May 9, at 3 p.m. in Holland Municipal Stadium. Baccalaureate will be held at 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. in Dimnent Memorial Chapel.

The two Baccalaureate services mark a departure from past practice. The second service has been added 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 the chapel has been unable to seat everyone.

Dr. Blankespoor is the Frederick Garrett and Helen Floor Decker Professor of Biology at Hope, as well as chairperson of the department of biology. He was named the 1991 national “Professor of the Year” by The Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) and The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.

CASE began the annual Professor of the Year competition in 1961 to recognize undergraduate faculty members for their extensive commitment to undergraduate teaching, for their contributions to the lives and careers of students, and for their service to their institutions and the teaching profession.

For Dr. Blankespoor, the national recognition led to two visits to the White House, an appearance on the Hour of Power television program, and a variety of engagements as a speaker.

He has spent more than a quarter of a century working in parasitology, from as far away as the Sudan and Ecuador, to as nearby as Michigan’s Lake Leelanau, following an emphasis that developed during his graduate work at Iowa State University.

Dr. Blankespoor has been a member of the Hope faculty since 1976. In 1980 the senior class elected him the recipient of the “Hope Outstanding Professor-Educator” (H.O.P.E.) Award, presented annually to the professor the students feel exemplifies the best qualities of a Hope faculty member.

He earned his B.A. from Western College in Iowa in 1963, and both his M.S. and Ph.D. from Iowa State University.

He was a visiting assistant professor of zoology at the University of Michigan from 1972 to 1976, and currently serves as professor of zoology at the University of Michigan Biological Station.

Dr. Blankespoor has been a member of the RCA staff for 33 years, retiring in 1986. He was executive for the Board of North American Missions for 15 years, was director of promotion and communication for three years, and for 13 years served concurrently as director of voluntary services and as executive director of Reformed Church Women.

In retirement he remained active in the denomination, and in June of 1991 was elected to a one-year term as vice president of the RCA’s General Synod. When she was elected to the presidency in June of 1992, she became the first woman elected to the position in the denomination’s 364-year history.

She continues to be involved in the RCA as a member of the Commission on Women—and serves as an elder in her church, Third Reformed in Holland.

Two will receive honorary degrees

Hope will present honorary degrees to two alumni during the college’s Commencement exercises on May 9.

The Rev. Calvin DeVries ’43 of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, will receive the doctorate of divinity (D.D.). Dr. Roger Voskuyl ’32 of Pasadena, Calif., will receive the doctorate of letters (Litt.D.).

Rev. DeVries served as a pastor for more than 40 years, and throughout his career was dedicated to inter-faith and interracial understanding, and peace. Dr. Voskuyl is president emeritus of Westmont College, and served during a period of dramatic change for the Santa Barbara, Calif., college.

“Calvin DeVries was selected to receive an honorary degree in view of his long, successful and highly visible Christian ministry, and Roger Voskuyl is being recognized for his outstanding career in higher education,” said Hope College President Dr. John H. Jacobson. “We’re proud of the careers they chose and of their service to the kingdom.”

Rev. DeVries is pastor emeritus of First Presbyterian Church in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, which he served as senior minister from 1977 to 1989. Other churches he served include Larchmont (N.Y.) Avenue Church; First Presbyterian Church of Danville, Ill.; Sherwood Presbyterian Church of Washington, D.C.; Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago, Ill.; and Saydarn Street Reformed Church of New Brunswick, N.J.

His time with Sherwood (1957-62) was particularly challenging because he was pastor while the church was becoming racially integrated. “When I was pastor it was the first residential Presbyterian Church in Washington to deal frontally with inclusive membership,” he said.

He was an instructor for Protestantism courses at Mt. Mercy College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, from 1983 to 1990, and is one of two summer supply ministers for St. Timothy’s Chapel in Southern Cross, Mont.

Rev. DeVries served on the boards of Illinois College in Jacksonville, Ill., of Johnson C. Smith Theological Seminary in Atlanta, Ga., and of Coe College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and also was on a member of several denominational and professional organizations.

Rev. DeVries is the author of several articles. He received an award from the Anti-Defamation League of B’nai B’rith for inter-faith and inter-racial work in Danville, Ill., in 1966, and holds a citation from the Cedar Rapids Christian-Jewish Dialogue Group for work in inter-faith relations.

His wife is Janet Clark ’43 DeVries. They have two daughters: Janet ’72 and Nancy ’74.

Dr. Voskuyl was president of Westminster College from 1950 to 1968. The college was 10 years old when he arrived, and had only 219 students, a few Quonset huts and the buildings of the estate on which it is located. Westminster had also recently lost more than half its faculty.

During Dr. Voskuyl’s tenure, the student body grew to 750 and is presently 1,200, the faculty was built and seven major buildings were constructed. "It was a challenging (to say the least) and thrilling experience but, under God, I think we progressed," he said.

In a 1986 retrospective, the Westminster College La Paz said, “His 18-year tenure as president brought remarkable change and progress, but not at the cost of the College’s heritage…” the tradition of Westminster as an excellent Christian liberal arts college endured.”

After leaving Westminster, Dr. Voskuyl was executive director of the Council for the Advancement of Small Colleges. He also remained active in Westminster’s college development efforts.

Prior to serving with Westminster, he was a member of the faculty at Wheaton College in Illinois. He was a member of the chemistry faculty from 1938 to 1950, was dean of the college from 1947 to 1950, and was acting president from 1947 to 1948.

Dr. Voskuyl was a research chemist and group leader with the Manhattan Project from 1943 to 1945.

His wife is Margaret. He has three children: Ruth, June and Howard.
Alumni linked to career search

by Brian Paige '93

Keeping abreast of the career market is no easy task in light of the current economic climate. The Hope College Career Planning and Placement Office, however, has developed a new program which makes it easier for Hope students to find career opportunities while offering a chance for alumni to become involved with Hope College in a new way.

The new program, called the Employment Opportunity Program for Hope Seniors, attempts to connect current Hope students with potential job and career opportunities suggested to the Career Planning and Placement Office by alumni who are aware of openings in their organizations. Areas of particular interest include the private business sector, non-profit and human services organizations, media and education, as well as local and federal government opportunities.

"Any opportunities in these areas which alumni suggest will be more than welcomed by us, and the information can be passed directly on to students who can then forward resumes in response," said Dale Austin, director of career planning and placement. "This is an additional way to expand our resources for our students."

Although the program has only recently been formalized, Austin and his staff have been utilizing what he calls "the alumni connection" for the past several years.

"On a very informal basis we have already enlisted the help of our alumni in the educational field," he said. "For example, for a number of years I have contacted between 450 and 500 alumni nationally and asked them if they are aware of any teaching post vacancies. We average about 200 job openings per year from doing this."

Austin also notes that the program is really only an extension of the Career Planning and Placement Office's ongoing job placement program.

"The program is new in terms of the medium through which we are going, the alumni. It is not new in that this is what we do all the time," he said. "We are constantly approaching employers to recruit our students. We are involved in eight or nine major job fair programs that begin in October and run through May."

"We've also started some off-campus recruiting programs which other GLCA schools to place students in the Chicago and Twin-Cities areas," he said.

For companies that do not have the finances or resources to directly recruit from college campuses like Hope, Austin thinks that the alumni link might be a positive way to find highly qualified college graduates.

"We have a range of organizations who visit our campus each year, but there are also several smaller organizations which do not have established recruiting programs with a high-powered recruiting staff and a budget that allows them to visit colleges, and we would very much like to respond to the needs of these organizations," he said.

The new program also offers alumni a new way to become involved with Hope College.

"This is a way that alumni who again want to be involved in the life of the college can be given the chance to do so in a new way," he said. "And, given what I know about the support of Hope alumni, I am excited about responding to the opportunities that come in on behalf of our current students."

The program, although relatively young, already boasts several successes. Austin cites a recent example.

"Toni Bouwer '89, a student I worked with when he was a senior at Hope, went to work for a company that does active recruiting on campus, Andersen Consulting," he said. "After being with Anderson for a period of time doing technical consulting, he moved into a broader consulting job with Deloitte and Touche and was responsible for initiating Deloitte and Touche's active recruiting on campus."

"Last year they hired Brad Votava '92, who is now with the Detroit office of Deloitte and Touche. This past January, Brad and another representative came to interview on campus," Austin said. "Now several of our students are returning to Deloitte and Touche to interview."

Votava, who has now been with Deloitte and Touche for nine months, believes that his return to the Hope College campus in a professional capacity, besides evoking a strong sense of nostalgia, was very beneficial both for the candidates and the organization.

"It was a strange feeling to return to Hope and talk with people who were peers only a year ago, but it was also good to discuss what my own expectations were at that time, and whether they have been met," he said.

Votava also recalls his own feelings as he approached career decisions and offers helpful advice for will-be job-seekers.

"A lot of seniors feel like their backs are to the wall, and with that feeling comes a sense of desperation," he said. "But instead of thinking about who will hire, a student ought to think about what they can contribute. He or she should pursue a career direction in what they enjoy."

Votava speaks highly of his Hope liberal arts background, which he believes has given him an advantage over some of his colleagues.

"Hope College prepared me for the market not in terms of technical skills, as many other schools do, but rather in terms of teaching me effective communication, self-confidence, poise in difficult situations, and leadership," he said.

When reflecting back on the help from Austin and his staff, Votava remembers that they were both personable and professional.

"They were there to calm me down, provide focus and direction, and also brought opportunities right to the doorstep," he said. "I really owe my first job to the folks over there."

Austin notes that Deloitte and Touche is only one of a number of organizations who actively recruit on campus with alumni.

"The same story can be told for Andersen Consulting," he said. "They hire several Hope graduates every year and when they come to campus several of those alumni return. We have a reception as well as a presentation and this allows the alumni to mingle with current students and answer questions."

The Career Planning and Placement Office, besides providing a link between alumni and students, also offers a variety of other services to current students and recent graduates.

For the student in the process of seeking employment, there is help with resume writing, job hunting and interviewing skills. Also offered are career assessment tools including the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator test to match career possibilities with personality traits and an extensive career library which contains information on a variety of vocations in all academic areas.

"Making the transition from college to the world of employment is a big step," Austin said. "The Career Planning and Placement Office wants to help Hope students identify the careers their interests match and assist them in finding employment in those careers."

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(Editor's Note: Additional information on the Employment Opportunity Program for Hope Seniors may be obtained by calling Dale Austin at (616) 394-7950. Please also see the advertisement on page 16.)
Swimming performances highlight winter season

The 1993 swimming campaign was one for the books at Hope College as national caliber performances highlighted a successful winter sports season. For the first time, both the men's and women's swimming teams were undefeated in dual meets; each won their respective Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association (MIAA) championship, and at the NCAA Division III national championships they each accumulated the highest point total of any MIAA entry in history with the Flying Dutchmen swimmers finishing third in the nation and the Flying Dutch second.

As a result, Hope remains in the thick of the MIAA all-sports race. Through the end of the winter sports season Hope and Calvin are in their customary battle for the award, which is presented to the MIAA college with the best cumulative standings in all league sports. Calvin is leading the all-sports race with 98 points, followed by Hope with 95, Kalamazoo 81, Albion 73, Alma 67, Adrian 59 and Olivet 52. Hope is the defending all-sports champion and has won the award 10 of the last 13 years.

Flying Dutchmen Had 17 All-American Performances

Four silver medal finishes led the way to 17 All-America performances as the Flying Dutchmen amassed 333 points at the national championship meet.

The men's nationals culminated a productive two weeks for the Hope swimming program, which is coached by John Pamott. Since starting the swimming program at Hope in 1978, Pamott has coached his teams to 17 conference championships—12 by the women and five by the men. The list of All-Americans under his tutelage has grown to 55, including five national champions.

The complete performance of the men's team was evidenced by the fact that 24 of Hope's 25 national entries advanced to either the championship or consolation finals. The Flying Dutchmen excelled in the freestyle events, highlighted by four of the nation's top eight Division III swimmers in the 200-yard freestyle.

Senior Jon Hescott of Holland, Mich., became Hope's most decorated All-American male swimmer. This year he was an NCAA medalist in three freestyle events and another four relays to raise his career total to 18 All-America performances. At nationals he was fourth in the 100-yard freestyle and sixth in both the 50-yard and 200-yard freestyle races.

Senior Jeff Bannink of Holland, Mich., culminated a brilliant career with silver medal performances at nationals in the 200-yard individual medley and 200-yard freestyle. He was an NCAA All-American 14 times in his career.

Bannink and Hescott joined sophomore Kirk Assink of Holland, Mich., and Steve Hope of Plainwell, Mich., in a silver medal performance in the 800-yard freestyle relay. It was the third consecutive year that a Hope entry has finished first or second in that event.

The Flying Dutchmen also demonstrated that they're a team for the future. Freshman Keith Nykamp of Holland, Mich., culminated an outstanding first collegiate year by winning the silver medal in the 200-yard backstroke. It's the best finish by a Hope freshman at a national meet. Nykamp was also an All-American in the 100-yard backstroke with a sixth place finish.

Sophomore success was evident for five All-America finishes. Assink was fifth in the 200-yard freestyle and sixth in the 500-yard freestyle; Hope was seventh in the 200-yard freestyle and eighth in the 500-yard freestyle; and Jack Methric of Holland, Mich., was fourth in the 100-yard backstroke.

The Flying Dutchmen had an All-American sweep in relay events with medal performances in all five of its entries. Hescott and Bannink were members of four of the relay teams. They were joined by Assink, Hope and Methric as well as senior Brian Bolone of Wyoming, Mich., sophomore Dan Knapp of Ypsilanti, Mich., freshman Shawn Kinser of Shelton, Wash., and junior Brad Gerson of Midland, Mich.

Seven Hope swimmers were voted the MIAA all-conference team. Bannink and Hescott were honored for a third consecutive year while Assink, Hope and Knapp were named for a second year and Kinser and Nykamp for the first time.

Dawn Hoving Repeats As National Butterfly Champion

The march by the Flying Dutch to national prominence was very much a family affair. Sisters Dawn and Kristen Hoving of Oak Brook, Ill., combined for five individual All-American performances as the Flying Dutch finished among the nation's top ten teams.

The Flying Dutch totaled 217 points for a school and MIAA record at a women's national meet. There were nine All-American performances which is notable because five of Hope's eight entries were appearing in this national competition for the first time.

Junior Dawn Hoving won two national championships and was the silver medalist in another event, while her freshman sister Kristen was an All-American four times.

Dawn successfully defended her national championship in the 200-yard butterfly and also won the gold medal in the 100-yard butterfly. She had the nation's fastest times in three events throughout the season and she was also the silver medalist in the 200-yard individual medley. Dawn has now been an NCAA All-American 14 times during her career.

Kristen finished third in both the 1,650-yard freestyle and 500-yard freestyle. She was also an All-American in two relays. The Flying Dutch also had four All-American relay performances.

The 400-yard medley and 400-yard freestyle relay each finished sixth while the 200-yard freestyle and 800-yard freestyle relays were seventh.

The Hoving sisters were joined in the various relays by freshman Michelle Mojzak of Grand Rapids, Mich., junior Monica Bullard of Traverse City, Mich., freshman Kirk Assink of Holland, Mich., and Steve Hope of Plainwell, Mich.

Women's swimming became a family affair, with sisters Kristen (left) and Dawn Hoving earning five All-American awards. In addition, Dawn won two national championships.
Jamie Crooks excels on-court and off

by Eva Dean Folkert ’83

In much rather be busy than bored. It’s a commendable motto. One that senior Jamie Crooks follows quite faithfully.

Of course, it’s really not possible to become bored when you are: active in Hope’s Fellowship of Christian Athletes, a member of Alpha Epilson Delta, the pre-medical honor society; a part-time worker at the Dow Center, a statistician for the women’s volleyball team; an in-demand babysitter, co-captain and starting forward on Hope’s women’s basketball team; averaging 10.7 points and 5.7 rebounds per game; and a biology major and biochemistry minor with an unblemished 4.0 grade point average.

That’s all A’s. No A-minuses. Just A’s. It looks pretty on a transcript.

According to Dean Jon Huisken, the college’s registrar, she is only the third student during his 24 years at Hope to maintain such perfection for four years at Hope.

And for her efforts as a student and an athlete, Crooks has been named first-team Academic All-America by the College Sports Information Directors Association of America (CoSIDA) and GTE, one of only five in the country honored from NCAA Division II and III colleges and NAIA institutions.

She is also the first basketball player at Hope—man or woman—to receive such an honor.

“Basketball is a nice balancing force,” says Crooks. “It’s a release for me. If I didn’t have basketball, I’d spend too much time studying. And studying more doesn’t necessarily help me do better. So basketball helps me organize my life and in many ways makes school a lot easier.”

“Jamie is a determined young lady,” says Sue Wise, Hope’s women’s basketball coach. “Let me explain. She is clear about her priorities in life. She has focus. Her knowing what is important to her allows her to jump into a task with her whole self. Her effort is always marked with a spirit of excellence.

“Let me also say that Jamie is a coach’s dream. She epitomizes all that we, as coaches, desire of our athletes. She plays with utmost intensity. She puts others’ needs before her own. She is a servant,” Professor Wise said. “And she is willing to learn and grow.”

During her sophomore year, though, Crooks secretly wished for a grade lower than an A. “I thought if I got an A-minus, it would take the pressure off me, and I could relax a little more.” It didn’t happen. But with one semester to go, there is still that possibility. Does that make Crooks feel any extra pressure now, having gone three—and—a-half semesters with nothing but A’s on her grade reports?

“I’m not letting it (her grade point) pressure me,” says Crooks, the daughter of William and Sidney Crooks of Grand Rapids, Mich. “If I work hard and get an A, I’d rather be working than bored. I’d rather be working than bored. I’d rather be working than bored.”

Jamie Crooks ’93, who likes to be busy, has propelled herself to a 4.0 grade point average and recognition as a first-team Academic All-American.

A-minus, and don’t feel that I could have done any better, then that’s what I deserved.

“Honestly, I don’t see my g.p.a. as being that big a deal. I don’t see myself as anything special. A lot of it is God-given talent, and a lot of it is hard work. I don’t slack off.”

Last October, Crooks received the letter she had always hoped to find in her mailbox. She was on her way toward becoming a physician. Crooks was accepted in the University of Michigan Medical School as an early-decision applicant.

Of the 5,100 applications the U-of-M Medical School received this year, only 170 were accepted. Of those 170, only 30 percent were admitted through the early-decision program. That’s just another testimony to Crooks’s academic achievement. The fact that she played basketball all four years at Hope helped a bit, too.

With medical school ahead, though, Crooks is worried that without a form of release like basketball she’ll end up spending too much time in the library or at her desk. She could always take up a new, non-team sport like golf.

“Faced with the option of boredom or golf, I’d rather be bored.”

Okay, maybe she doesn’t follow her motto to perfection. So what? Big deal! Her transcript says she does.
**The Philadelphia Experience**

by Lynne Powe '86

Embarking on a voyage of discovery, Hope College students travel to Philadelphia each semester to pursue educational challenges, explore career options, encounter different cultures, experience personal growth and expand their horizons.

"They're participating in The Philadelphia Center, an off-campus, liberal arts program designed to promote intellectual and professional growth through academic and experiential learning in an urban environment," according to Tony Muderuman, professor of business administration and one of Hope's faculty liaisons for the program. "Students can find a number of opportunities available in the community, through the students' exposure to the urban environment and their own experiences." He said.

Students spend four days a week interning with professionals in a variety of occupations. They also enroll in two academic courses: a city seminar that examines urban life and an elective seminar on a wide range of topics.

The program is sponsored by the Great Lakes Colleges Association (GLCA). Hope College, which serves as the agent college for the Philadelphia Center, was instrumental in the creation of the program. Dr. Robert DeHaan, former Hope College professor of psychology and education, served as the first director for the program, developing the form it took.

During its 25-year history, the Philadelphia Center has enrolled more than 4,000 students, 700 of whom are from Hope. From the first days, participants are encouraged to become self-sufficient and independent. After a week-long orientation, students are challenged to find their roles and responsibilities. They must face practical issues such as dealing with landlords and leases, hooking up telephones and utilities, renting furniture and learning the city's transportation system.

While students are encouraged to function on their own, the Center staff is always there if needed.

"The faculty and staff are there to back you up," said Karen Atkeson of Greenville, Mich. "They give you guidance and suggestions, but let you make your own decisions."

"I was looking for a broad internship... My experience helped me make a decision about what type of career I want to pursue."

— Christina Rutgers '93

**”I was looking for a broad internship... My experience helped me make a decision about what type of career I want to pursue.”**

Placements range from architecture to zoology, the opportunities for professional learning are virtually unlimited," said Dr. Jacob E. Nyenhuis, provost and professor of classics. "Students in business have the opportunity to learn firsthand what it would be like to be part of a large company," he said. "Students in law can become involved in a variety of legal settings. Students can work in a hospital where they can learn the arts they can work in one of the many museums." For many, the Philadelphia program is an opportunity to clarify vocational issues. It allows students to explore museum studies. "My supervisor made it an effort to show me all the different departments in order to give me an idea of all the different possibilities within a museum."

"Students sometimes obtain jobs as a result of their experience. "The internship I had at Penn Mutual gave me hands-on experience in corporate communications," said Ada Hamilton '85 Quinn. "I was doing work that they would actually pay someone to do—writing, editing, and working with clients."

"When the semester ended, I decided to stay in Philadelphia and my internship then turned into a paid consulting setting."

"Philadelphia is so diverse," said Shelley Blue '94 of Millington, Mich. "There are so many things that I had to see for myself and experience before I could understand them. For example, we visited different courts, prisons and drug rehabilitation centers and saw all these things that happen to people."

"It shocked me to learn that people's lives are so different from my own," Blue said. "At the time, I became very comfortable with the city because I saw it as a place where there were so many opportunities."

"Part of the Philadelphia Center's mission is to empower students to see themselves as learners and as responsible adults. When students return to campus, many are motivated to do better in the classroom."

"Academics is approached with a maturity and an ownership that is different when they come back," noted Dr. Joseph MacDonells, professor of communication and faculty liaison for the program. "I see students who were very marginally invested academically when they left for Philadelphia come back and function near the top of the class."

Even more noticeable is the self-confidence students develop as a result of the experiences they've had.

"It's very good for our students to go to Philadelphia and meet kids from other colleges in the Great Lakes Colleges Association," Dr. MacDonells said. "They discover while these students are very capable people, that, on balance they were not more than our own. I really feel our students come back with a sense of confidence that they are able to achieve."

"Through their internships students become involved in the work place as to their worth as people," added Jon Huisken, dean for academic services and registrar. "They realize they can perform and compete in the work place."

"It was the best semester I ever had," Atkeson said. "One of the most rewarding things about my experience was finding out that the people in my work place had enough confidence in me to give me real projects—projects that the clients would actually see."

"When I first got to Philadelphia, I thought there was no way I could function in the city," Blue said. "Now, if I had the opportunity to move to the city, I know I can do it. The feeling that I can survive is a really big accomplishment."

"Students come from the program feeling that they've discovered some things about themselves," concluded Professor Muderuman. "We've discovered how much they already know; they've discovered how good they are; they've discovered people appreciate their contributions; and they've discovered Hope College has prepared them well."

**Editor's note:** The Philadelphia Center will be celebrating its 25th anniversary on Saturday, May 29. For more information about the celebration write: The Philadelphia Center; 1227-29 Walnut St; Philadelphia, PA 19107-4943 or call (215) 574-3490.
Alumni Association honors four

Four Hope alumni will receive Distinguished Alumni Award recognition during Alumni Day on Saturday, May 8.

Being honored this year are Dr. Sylvia T. Ceyer '74 of Cambridge, Mass., Jeffrey D. Cordes '80 of Dallas, Texas, Beth Marcus '42 of Holland, Mich., and Dr. M. Eugene Osterhaven '37 of Holland, Mich.

The annual Distinguished Alumni Awards are presented by the Alumni Board of Directors in recognition of the awardees’ contributions to society and service to Hope.

“Sylvia T. Ceyer, we honor you for your professional contributions to both education and scholarship in physical chemistry, and your continued support of the chemistry program at Hope College.”

Jeffrey Cordes is vice president of planning and administration for Pillowtex Corporation, a manufacturer of home textiles.

He joined the international company as director of corporate planning after earning a master's degree. He has been involved in all aspects of Pillowtex’s management.

Cordes has been actively involved in the life of the college, both regionally and nationally.

Since 1986, he has held several positions with the Alumni Association Board of Directors, including the vice presidency and, from 1990 to 1992, the presidency. As president he was national chair for Hope’s Annual Alumni Fund drive, and was instrumental in the drive’s success.

Cordes has organized various regional events for alumni in Texas, and has encouraged alumni to participate in Hope activities. He has also assisted with the recruitment of new students by participating in the Admissions alumni calling program. He served on the steering committee for the Hope in the Future capital campaign, and is currently the campaign’s Dallas regional chairperson.

He and his wife, Valerie Ten Haken ’79 Cordes, are members of Christ Community Reformed Church in Dallas. In addition to being active in his church, he is also involved with community charity organizations.

He and Valerie have one son, Christopher Richard.

“Jeffrey D. Cordes, we recognize you for your service to Hope College, your dedication to enhancing Hope’s alumni program, and your contributions to your profession.”

“Beth Marcus, we recognize you for your loyal service and leadership in the Reformed Church in America, and your commitment to Hope College.”

Beth Marcus is president of the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America (RCA).

She was a member of the RCA staff for 33 years, retiring in 1986. She was executive for the Board of North American Missions for 15 years, was director of promotion and communication for three years, and for 13 years served concurrently as director of voluntary services and as executive director of Reformed Church Women.

In retirement she remained active in the denomination, and in June of 1991 was elected to a one-year term as vice president of the RCA’s General Synod. When she was elected to the presidency in June of 1992, she became the first woman elected to the position in the denomination’s 364-year history. She continues to be involved in the RCA as a member of the Commission on Women—and serves as an elder in her church, Third Reformed in Holland.

Marcus is also active in the life of the college. She has served as class representative for the Class of 1942 for a number of years, and is co-chair of the Church Division for the Hope in the Future capital campaign. She has been an active member of the Hope Academy of Senior Professionals (HASP), and has volunteered for sociology classes as a resource person on retirement planning.

She received an honorary doctorate from Hope in 1960, and will deliver this year’s Baccalaureate sermon.

“M. Eugene Osterhaven, we honor you for your life-long service to the Reformed Church in America, your international Christian ministry and your steadfast dedication to Hope College.”

From 1945 to 1952, Dr. M. Eugene Osterhaven was chaplain and professor of Bible at Hope. He subsequently taught at Western Theological Seminary, where he was the Albertus C. Van Raalte Professor of Systematic Theology until retiring in 1986.

He currently chairs the Committee for the Reestablishment of the Sarospatak Reformed Academy in Hungary, which was recently returned to the church after years of communist control. He had been instrumental in establishing a sister relationship between Hope and Sarospatak after World War II.

His international Christian ministry also includes teaching at Presbyterian Hall in Melbourne, Australia, and participating in the World Alliance of Reformed Churches in Geneva, Switzerland. For 20 years he was editor of The Reformed Review, and he is the author of five books and several hundred articles. His major work has been translated into Hungarian and Japanese.

He has received honorary degrees from Hope, Northwestern College and the University of Debrecen in Hungary. In addition, Sarospatak has named him an honorary professor.

Dr. Osterhaven is an active Hope volunteer, including as a speaker and as a class representative. He and his wife, Margaret Nagy ’42 Osterhaven, recently established the Margaret Nagy ’42 Osterhaven Scholarship Fund to provide financial aid to deserving Hungarian students wishing to attend Hope.

He and Margaret have four children: David; Ellen ’67 Ansir; Calvin ’68; and Janice ’75 Benedek.
A sacrifice remembered

Landmark anniversaries, such as a 50th, are naturals for commemoration. Landmark anniversaries of landmark events could be considered doubly so, which explains why the great and terrible events of World War II are so much remembered today.

The headlines scream from a troubled past. Pearl Harbor, Stalingrad, Kearsarge Pass. They will not go away, continue in the years ahead, culminating with the terror of the atomic bomb blasts at Hiroshima and Nagasaki, and the euphoria of V-E Day and V-J Day. Most of the events are familiar. A few are not. A few strike close to home.

One such headline concerned a member of the Hope family: the Rev. Clark V. Poling '33, who more than 50 years after his death is remembered for the selflessness with which he met his end.

Rev. Poling, a pastor with the Reformed Church in America, was one of four Army chaplains aboard the SS Dorchester, which was torpedoed in the North Atlantic by a German submarine in 1943. The chaplains gave their lives so that others among the more than 900 aboard the ship could live. Even as the Dorchester sank, they offered comfort to those around them.

“Four Army chaplains—two Protestants, a Jew and a Roman Catholic—after working to distribute life jackets, calm the frightened men and direct them to lifeboats and rafts, gave their own life belts to men without them,” wrote Associated Press Religion Writer George W. Cornell, in an article released in conjunction with the sinking’s 50th anniversary.

“Survivors related that as the ship went under on Feb. 3, 1943, the four chaplains clung together on the salting deck, their arms linked, their heads bowed in prayer,” Cornell continued.

The chaplains’ solidarity was heralded as an indication of how closely different faiths and denominations could work together. “Ministers of different backgrounds, drawn together in crisis, gave up their lives for others in love of God,” said the Rev. David Poling of Albuquerque, N.M., Clark Poling’s cousin and quoted in the article.

According to Cornell, the episode’s 50th anniversary was being commemorated “in scores of communities across the country by churches and veterans’ organizations.” The chaplains are also being honored through the construction of a “Chapel of the Four Chaplains” in Valley Forge, Pa., and through a plaque installed at the Staten Island, N.Y., pier from which the Dorchester sailed.

Rev. Poling’s role was also not forgotten on campus. He was a member of the Knickerbocker Fraternity while a student, and roses and a card in his memory (denoting his Knick ties) were placed near the plaque at Nykerk Hall that honours the college’s war dead.

So you’re celebrating your class reunion?

Reunions are special times . . . to remember the way we were; to feel pride in the way Hope is today.

Join us on May 7-9 for Alumni Weekend, and join your classmates in giving generously to the Alumni Fund to continue the Hope tradition.
See you at Alumni Weekend '93
May 7-9

More than 800 alumni join in the fun each year: visiting old haunts, renewing friendships and just enjoying Hope and Holland in springtime.

Eleven classes will hold reunions during Alumni Weekend '93. If yours is among them, this is your year to discover that you CAN go home again.

Please see the schedule on page four for more, or call the Alumni Office at (616) 394-7800 for additional information.

Karin Granberg-Macklin's book, "Health Care Policy: A World Casebook," has been published, and she has accepted the position of director of communications for the World Young Women's Christian Association in Geneva, Switzerland.

Allen Gerbich's "Bite of Battle Creek," Mich., on June 1, a six-year-old term as Calhoun County circuit judge. He has been reelected to the newly created seat in November.

John W. Dickens Jr.'s DeYoung has been named assistant director of the Good Samaritan Center in Holland, Mich. He works closely with church volunteers as members of their staff.

George Fisher '72 is in private practice in labor and employment law in Portland, Ore.

John Hawkins '73 and his family are teachers in Dallas, Texas, and are filming with cinematographer Victor Duncan.

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Rey Adelaide '52 of Grinnell, Iowa, died on February 26, 1993, of cancer at St. John Hospital in Detrmoir, Mich. He was 54.

Became an instructor; and was a leader in the National Council of Churches, and was head of the New York office of the Protestant Radio and Television Commission. After moving to Provo, Utah in 1905, he served for six years as director of public relations for the Y.M.C.A. of Metropolitan Detroit and hosted weekly radio shows on WMLK, TV and newspapers in WWJ-TV. He died in 1971, he was executive director of the International Institute of Detroit.

In 1976, he lost the battle to bring their own radio station to the Detroit area and for his numerous appearances and direction of community activities to the Detroit area. He was a prominent figure in the Fine Arts Society of Detroit and was a past president of the Fine Print Ski Club.

He is survived by his wife, Suzanne; a daughter, Lisa, and a granddaughter.

Timothy Beers '54 of Holland, Mich., died on Friday, March 12, 1993. He was 60.

Born in Grand Rapids, Mich., he lived in the Detroit area of this life; he was a graduate of Holland High School.

Before retiring, he worked at Parke-Davis Co. for 35 years.

Surviving him are his wife, Phyllis; his children, Karen, Robert, and Peter; and his grandchildren.


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Yes, with your help, there will be a strong Hope for students—today and for generations to come.

Rich Heritage  Bright Future
Working toward the dream

by Greg Oligers '87

I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal," said Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., during the historic Civil Rights "March on Washington" on Aug. 28, 1963.

I have a dream that one day on the red hills of Georgia, the sons of former slaves and the sons of former slave-owners will be able to sit down together at the table of brotherhood," he said. "I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character.

Dr. King's dream was, and is, a noble vision, but it is only partially realized. Much has changed for the better since 1963, but much also remains to be done.

Consider Rodney King. Whatever else might be said of the situation, the events leading to the trial and the subsequent strife in Los Angeles, Calif., demonstrate that interracial understanding in the United States still requires deliberate effort. Words must become action, and dreams, reality.

For 25 years, Black Coalition at Hope College has been working to help bring about the transformation.

According to the Anchor of Sept. 27, 1968, Black Coalition was organized in mid-September of that year.

On Jan. 23, 1969, the group was recognized as an "official" student organization by the college's Campus Life Board.

Black Coalition has historically had two primary purposes: to provide a support group for Hope's African American students and to foster cross-cultural understanding.

It may be difficult for members of a cultural majority to appreciate the isolation minority groups can feel, no matter how benign the environment. For example, James Stills '73 came to Hope and Holland, Mich., from Racine, Wis., which had 90,000 residents, about 10 percent of whom were black. The relative homogeneity of Hope and Holland represented quite a change, which was assuaged by Black Coalition's existence.

"It was a matter of security and also simply a matter of communications," said Stills, who is back in Racine as an instructor of behavioral sciences at Gateway Technical College and an adjunct faculty in the sociology/anthropology department at the University of Wisconsin-Parkside. He also found that the structure of social life at Hope in the early '70s often made Black Coalition the only source of social activities for African American students.

"It meant a sense of belonging," said Darryl Stewart '73 King, a alumna of Black Coalition and now associate's counselor with the Office of the People's Counsel in Washington, D.C. "But it was a place to belong within a place in which I already belonged. I was very happy at Hope, very comfortable at Hope, but it was also nice to have the Black Coalition.

"It also gave me a sense of identity," she said. "I think the '70s for almost all of us were a grand search for identity—trying to figure out who we were and where we fit in the world, and the world was a very changing place.

Beyond helping its members, the Coalition emphasizes awareness activities aimed at the campus in general. Events this year have included an evening service in the Chapel to honor Dr. King's Jan. 18 birthday, and a Gospel concert in February.

The Coalition currently has 35 members. Its officers, senior Yolanda Carter of Detroit, Mich, (secretary); junior Omarial Cates of Tuskegee, Ala. (co-president); and junior Terrance Haynes of Franklin, Tenn. (co-president), shared their vision in a letter they sent to the college's freshmen in the fall.

"We are a group of individuals whose goal is to broaden cultural awareness by providing African American history, experiences, ideas, issues and perspectives," they wrote. "Our organization is made up of individuals with different perspectives, backgrounds, ideas and races working toward one common goal—developing a greater sense of community and diversity.

Now and in the future, educated people need to understand and be able to interact with people of diverse ethnicity and nationality.

"I think that there is another important consideration. He believes Hope's status as a Christian college demands it.

"This reaching out is appropriate in light of the inclusive and ecumenical character of the Christian faith we profess," he said. "All people are made in God's image and have personal authenticity which is derived from that fact.

Dr. Richard Frost, dean of students at Hope, agreed.

"Each one of us represents a piece of a mosaic," he said. "Each piece has its own integrity and dignity but when placed together they form a tremendous picture that's part of God's vision for everything.

Dr. King understood the beauty of the mosaic. Organizations like Black Coalition, and the college's other efforts, help Hope students see it too, so that they can go forth and help the dream become reality.

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