This building was named for the Reverent John Van Vleck, principal of the Holland Academy from 1855 to 1859. After the Reverent Albertus C. Van Raalte raised the necessary funds, Van Vleck supervised the construction. Completed in 1858, Van Vleck Hall ini-
Rusty minds and rusty bodies had a chance to limber up at this year's Class Representative Conference, "School Days," held on Oct. 15. The conference involved participants in some of the newer aspects of life on campus so that they would be able to convey this information to their classmates. Class Reps were put back into the classroom and, to their surprise, these days a dance floor is also considered a classroom at Hope!

Participants also discovered that one old tradition had been brought back to life especially for their campus visit. The Class Rep Conference began with mandatory chapel! Chaplain William C. Hillegonds '49 and assistant chaplain Peter Semeyn '73 talked about the activities of the Ministry of Christ's People on campus and in the Holland community, and also answered questions about the religious dimension of Hope today.

Professor of Biology Paul Van Faassen '56 led the "first hour" mini-class. Class Reps received an interesting lecture, complete with demonstration, which informed that it doesn't make any difference whether you gently snap off the top of a plant and lovingly place it in a glass of water or if you hack off the top of a plant and shove it in water—it will root both ways because it's all a matter of hormones. Dr. Van Faassen found himself popular with his students as he answered their questions and attempted to give hints on the art of growing a green thumb.

Thus equipped, Class Reps moved on to their dance class where they learned how to get rid of a case of double left feet. Lecturer in Dance Maxine DeBruyn and several students helped Class Reps learn aspects of modern dance. After 15 minutes of "doing," Reps found they were unwilling to clear the dance floor, even if it meant being tardy for their last class.

In the Lubbers Hall video studio, communication profs Ted Nielsen and Sharon Mahood showed that speech class isn't what it used to be. It's now called communication and Mary Voskuil, a senior from Baldwin, Wis., showed the difference in speaking techniques called for when one is speaking on television as opposed to speaking before a visible audience.

Classes were over but Class Reps couldn't call it a day—they still had "homework" to do which consisted of writing the personal letters they would be sending to their classmates to tell them about Hope in 1976 and asking them to support the College through a gift to the 1977 Annual Fund.

According to John Nordstrom, director of annual funds, Class Reps serve two functions.

"First, they are a direct contact of one alumnus to another. They are in a position to inform their classmates about what is happening on the campus. And second, Class Reps serve as fund raisers. Their letters are reminders to their classmates of the importance of the Annual Fund. The Class Reps share why they support the Annual Fund, and why the College is deserving of the support of all Hope alumni."
Homecoming Contrasts
HISTORIC with FUTURISTIC

Alumni who returned to campus for Homecoming this year had the unique experience of participating in both an historic and a futuristic event within the span of an hour.
Michigan Historical Commission marker designating Van Vleck Hall as a registered historic site was unveiled and dedicated in a ceremony on Saturday, Oct. 16, at 10:00 a.m.

Participants then followed the Hope College Band a few blocks south to 14th St. near Columbia Ave. where the long-awaited groundbreaking ceremony for the College’s new Physical Education and Health Center took place.

Prof. Elton Bruins offered the invocation at the Van Vleck Hall ceremony and then introduced Prof. Paul Fried as “an honorary Dutchman” who would provide the historical setting. Dr. Fried pointed to three ways in which Van Vleck Hall has historical significance for Hope and the community of Holland. First he noted the age of the building. Erected in 1857, it was designed by and constructed under the supervision of the Rev. John Van Vleck, principal of the Holland Academy from 1855-1859. Van Vleck Hall provided the school with its first permanent structure.

Secondly, Dr. Fried said one could look at the continuous use the building has had since its completion. It presently serves as a women’s residence hall and in the past has been used as a men’s dorm, as well as housing lecture rooms, the library, the principal’s residence, a refectory, and the chapel.

Dr. Fried said that a third reason for the building’s significance is that it provides a reminder of “the role which one frail man, John Van Vleck, played in laying the physical and intellectual foundations of this school.”

Dr. Fried spoke of the impact Van Vleck had on a number of young men who were his students, including 1857 graduates Adrian Zwemer and Gerrit John Nykerk. Zwemer’s son, Samuel ’87, became a renowned missionary of the Reformed Church to the Middle East. Nykerk became minister of the Reformed Church in Overisel. Dr. Fried noted that by 1900 there were four sons of that church on the Hope faculty and that the church also nurtured a seminary president and a considerable number of missionaries.
President Van Wylen and Holland Mayor Louis Hallacy signal realization of new physical education center with first scoop of dirt during groundbreaking ceremonies at Homecoming.
Graduates in 1858 included John H. Karsten, Egbert Winter, and Roelof Pieters, who all later occupied important positions in the Reformed Church.

Van Vleck also was a friend of the Rev. Charles Scott, who later became the second president of Hope College.

"Therefore, maybe what we're after here today is not just bricks and mortar," said Dr. Fried, "but rather the passing on of a spirit, an idea, and a faith which can serve the future."

William C. Wichers '32, a member of the Michigan Historical Commission, gave the authorization of the marker.

The marker was unveiled by current Van Vleck residents Lois Crouse, a junior from Albany, N.Y., and Rachel Hesselin, a junior from Grandville, Mich. Their participation had a special significance because their fathers, Ernest Crouse, Jr. '35 and Kenneth H. Hesselin '38, are former residents of Van Vleck.

President Van Wylen in accepting the marker said that its presence serves to help the Hope community recognize that it is the benefactor of a great tradition, to remind that the College's strength lies in people not simply in facilities, and finally to remind that "we are making a commitment to the future of the College and that we ought to give ourselves, as Van Vleck gave himself, to the ultimate purpose of the College: fulfilling the work God intends for us to do."

Ekdal J. Buys '37, honorary Board of Trustees member, presided at the groundbreaking ceremonies for the new Physical Education and Health Center. A crowd of several hundred gathered at the site, despite cold, cloudy weather which marked the day. Chaplain William C. Hillegonds '49 offered the invocation.

President Van Wylen said that when the Center is completed in 1978 it will pay tribute to Hope College's commitment to the whole person—mind, spirit, and body. He emphasized that the focus of Special guest of honor during groundbreaking was 93-year-old Jack Schouten, longtime coach and trainer at Hope College.

the facility will be not only on intercollegiate athletics, but also on intramural and health fitness activities and programs.

Holland mayor Louis J. Hallacy spoke of the excellent relationship which exists between the city and the College. Student Congress President David D. Teater expressed appreciation on behalf of the student body.

Honored guests were: Robert Marcus '39, president of the H-Club; Mrs. Randall C. Bosch and Max D. '46 and Connie Hinga '49 Boersma, representing the late Milton L. Hinga, who was appointed varsity coach in 1931 and contributed much to Hope athletics in the following decades; Jack Schouten, 95-year-old director emeritus of physical education, who was able to watch the groundbreaking from a parked car while his daughter, Elizabeth Schouten '31, participated on his behalf; Alvin VanderBush '29, who served the physical education program from 1945-1960, and Mrs. VanderBush.

President Van Wylen turned the first piece of sod. Others who eagerly did their parts to break in the shiny new shovel included Mr. Buys, the honored guests, and all the faculty members of the physical education department.

Thirteen proved to be a lucky number for the Flying Dutchmen as they earned Hope's 13th consecutive Homecoming victory, defeating Alma College. Cider and donuts followed the game under the tent at Riverview Park.

Other traditional events included sorority and fraternity luncheons and receptions and the H-Club annual luncheon which honored members of Hope's 1951 MIAA champion football team.

Introduced on this year's agenda were reunions held by the classes of 1966 and 1971. These classes elected to hold their reunions in the fall instead of on Alumni Day because they felt recent graduates are drawn to campus on Homecoming to participate in fraternity and sorority functions. According to Vern J. Schipper, associate director of college relations for alumni affairs, the two fall reunions were exceptionally well received with approximately 150 participating.

Capstoming the weekend was a Sunday morning worship service held in Dimment Memorial Chapel with the Rev. Harold Leetsma '39 pastor of Lake Hills Community Church, Laguna Hills, Calif., delivering the sermon. Rev. Leetsma was awarded the College's Distinguished Alumnus Award last spring.

Former Board of Trustees Chairman Ekdal J. Buys '37 served as master of ceremonies at groundbreaking.
FALL REUNIONS

CLASS OF 1966
ROW 1: (Left to right) Timothy Stegeman, Sandra Stegeman, John VerSteeg, Linda Tiezi VerSteeg, Richard Weper, Marsha McGeohan, Albert McGeohan
ROW 2: Bruce Menning, Victoria Fris Menning, Anita Joekel, Tom Rosine, Sharon Naninga Rosine, Jane Jappinga Bont, Dick Bont, Karen Dryhout DeBoer, Neil DeBoer
ROW 3: Terry Terpstra, Kenneth Terpstra, Doug Berens, Julie Postmus Berens, Kathleen Walsma Jackson, Robert Jackson, Patricia Elzerman Eenigenburg, Paul Eenigenburg
ROW 4: Carol Marnie VanAllsburg, Lester VanAllsburg, Bruce Lubbers, Ruth Sytsma Lubbers, Barbara Kouw Forman, James Forman, Kim LaRose, Connie Jones LaRose
ROW 5: Dirk VanBeek, Barbara VanBeek, Patricia Schoonmaker Burkhardt, Mary Klaassen VanderBeek, Karla Otting Durvee, Cynthia Headlee Marker, Rick Strong, Susan Short Strong, Barbara Wolf Roe, Mary Paalman Schoon
ROW 6: Robert Engelsman, Lois Engelsman, Graham Durvee, David Marker, Marcia Bennink Knapp, John Knapp, Alverna Hovingh DeVissier, David DeVissier, Jon Schoon
ROW 7: Betty Ann Dolphin, Brian Dolphin, Robert Pangle

CLASS OF 1971
ROW 1: (Left to Right) Jim Koert, Mary Koert, John Norden, Nancy Riekse Norden, John Kuiper, Lindsey Griffeth Kuiper, Mary Elta Buis Zwart, Eildert Zwart, Catherine Schutter, William Schutter
ROW 4: Hoss Bone, Bruce Woudenberg, Richard Scott, Brian Koop, Anne Walvoord VanderByl, Wayne VanderByl, Ruth Huizinga Robbins, Fern Frank Sterk, Stan Sterk
ROW 5: Jane Voogd Lowe, Glenn Lowe, Linda DeWitt, Eric DeWitt, Anne Wildgren Merkle, Harlan Merkle, Jane Dykhuizen Schroeder, Lyn Swanlund, Drake VanBeek
Build Hope Achieves Goal

A vision—a realistic, practical, achievable vision. "Those were the words James M. Ver Meulen ’26 spoke in 1972 when as National Chairman he launched the Build Hope Campaign. But for many of the 725 persons attending the Build Hope appreciation banquet and victory celebration held on Friday, Oct. 15, the words of a selection sung that evening by James Taylor, a freshman from Holland, Mich., seemed to fit just as well: "To dream the impossible dream."

A sense of pride in accomplishment and gratefulness to God was evident as those present heard the announcement that Build Hope gifts and pledges totaled $10,227,049.14, thus making Build Hope the first fund drive in the history of the College that ever surpassed its goal.

The Hope cheerleaders, assisted by President Van Wylen, with the use of placards graphically enumerated the victory figure.

The banquet was given in appreciation of the efforts of persons who had contributed in a variety of significant ways toward the Build Hope Campaign.

The walls of the Holland Civic Center seemed to have given way an inch or two to accommodate the crowd of Hope friends and alumni. Blown-up photographs, depicting the various stages and faces of the campaign, decorated the walls. Orange and blue balloons descended on the audience after the announcement that the drive had gone over its $8,850,000 goal.

Adding considerably to the festivities was special music provided by the Wind Ensemble, conducted by Prof. Robert Cecil, and Collegium Musicum, under the direction of Prof. Stuart W. Sharp.

Board of Trustees Chairman Hugh DePree ’38 served as master of ceremonies. The Rev. Albertus G. Bossenbroek ’32, vice president of the General Synod, Reformed Church in America and a member of the Board of Trustees, gave the invocation.

James J. Malcolm, dean for the performing and fine arts, presented an unusual and stirring historical view of the College using slides which depicted campus scenes from various eras, and taped interviews with several individuals who have loved and served Hope.

Dr. John Van Zoeren ’12 revealed that when he was a student in the Preparatory School each class had a baseball team.

"Paul de Kruif pitched for our class," he said. "At that time the spitball was legal—but Paul had a dry mouth. And I stood on the sidelines and whenever he wanted to throw that spitball he came over for me to spit on the ball."

Dr. Van Zoeren also revealed that another party had originally willed money to the College for a library but the heirs had broken the will.

"And then of course that gave me a chance and Dr. Lubbers sat down and cried when I told him I was going to give him this stock for the library," he said.

Also interviewed was Bernadine Siebers ’30 de Valois who talked about a round-robin that she and five of her classmates have kept in operation since 1936. "I think that is an indication of the long friendships which one can find (at Hope)," she noted. "So it becomes more than just a school, a place to get training for a job; it becomes the whole... whole way of life really."

An interview with Marian Anderson ’31 Stryker and Betty Smith ’31 Becker showed that some things at Hope haven’t changed at all. Mrs. Stryker revealed that in their day they went to chapel every morning and wouldn’t think of ever
missing—because it gave them a chance to see their boyfriends! Mrs. Becker revealed how her husband, Trustee Clarence '31, once accidentally slugged President Dimnent!

Mrs. Stryker, who is alumni secretary emeritus of Hope, said that she felt during all the years she served the college that "the students are just updated versions of the first eight men who graduated in 1866... That reminds me of Sandburg's line in one of his poems: Hope is an echo, Hope ties itself yonder, yonder."

Al VanderBush '29, retired professor and former coach, spoke of the difference people always seemed to recognize in Hope's athletic teams. "It's hard to put your finger on it, but I am sure it is the fact that it was a Christian college," he said.

Recently-retired Prof. Lambert Ponstein '48 recalled when professors went from door to door to collect money for a new science building. "It says something about the kind of people we had at this college," he noted.

Dr. Malcolm concluded the presentation with the words: "It has been said that between the two extremes of love for God and love for our neighbor spreads the landscape of a Christian culture. On that landscape stands Hope College built by the love, service, and generosity of all of you here tonight together with that of so great a cloud of witnesses."

Special awards were presented to National Build Hope Chairman James M. VerMeulen '26, and President Van Wylen. Also honored were members of the Build Hope Campaign Cabinet: Chairman James M. Ver Meulen '26, William J. Beebe, Ekdal J. Buys '37, Ruth Nibbelink '26 Comstock, Simon Den Uyl '19, Hugh De Pree '38, Richard A. DeWitt '31, Titus J. Hager, George D. Heeringa '36, Irwin J. Lubbers '17, Walter A. Reed, Jr., Howard R. Sluyter '28, Ilona Szabo '32 Smith, Henry Steffens '30, Gordon J. Van Wylen, and Willard C. Wichers '32.

National Build Hope chairman James M. VerMeulen '26 (upper photo) strikes up the Hope College band as guest conductor during recognition banquet under the appreciative eye of director Robert Cecil. Board of Trustees Chairman Hugh DePree '38 presents appreciation gift to Chairman VerMeulen.
ALUMNI PROFILE

Guy Vander Jagt
Articulate Legislator

Photos by Hoyt E. Carrier, II, Grand Rapids Press

The Ralph Nader Congress Project Profile on Congressman Guy Vander Jagt '53 (R-Mich.) states: "Two striking characteristics we noted during our lengthy interview with Vander Jagt were his candor and integrity, qualities he apparently developed long before arriving in Washington."

Another striking characteristic of Vander Jagt, but one which has more or less come out of the closet just this past year, is the fact that the Representative from Michigan's Ninth District is an articulate, powerful man behind the podium. As the result of his eloquence, last August in Kansas City Vander Jagt enjoyed political limelight as a prime-time, keynote speaker at the Republican National Convention.

"I'm very proud of that," the 45-year-old Congressman is quick to say. "Usually, invitations to speak at the National Convention, especially in prime-time, come as the result of years of party service or because of a position or title or because it's some honor they're bestowing. But I feel I earned my invitation, that it was not something they did as an honor to me. They did it because in my speeches around the country (as chairman of the Republican Congressional Campaign Committee) so many Republicans from the grass roots bombarded the National Headquarters with 'You've got to get him on national television to carry the message.' They made a spot for me on the Convention program, which I think is very unusual."

Vander Jagt's eloquence is another characteristic he developed long before arriving in Washington. It was developed to a large degree during his four years as a student of the late Dr. William Schrier, professor of speech at Hope from 1940-1969.

Vander Jagt remembers clearly the evening he and Dr. Schrier met, and no doubt Dr. Schrier also maintained vivid recollections of the event. The occasion was Orientation Night and Frosh Vander Jagt boldly made his way over to Dr. Schrier's table. After introducing himself, he announced that he had come to Hope partly because he wanted to be a great speaker and was aware of Hope's tradition of excellence in this area of study. Vander Jagt went on to say that he believed that in order to achieve that goal one must virtually turn one's self over to the teacher. Vander Jagt recalls telling Dr. Schrier something to the effect of: "I am yours and you can do anything that you want. If you want me to go down to Lake Michigan and talk with stones in my mouth, I will. Whatever you tell me to do, I'll do it."
While at Hope VanderJagt was Michigan State debate champion for three consecutive years and captured the National Oratorical Championship during his senior year.

Even today, fierce pride is evident when the Congressman recalls the “Glory Day” that was organized to celebrate this victory. His father—a Dutch immigrant who had never finished grade school but had managed to establish himself as a livestock dealer in Cadillac—was present. He and his wife received a standing ovation for the accomplishment of their son.

VanderJagt recalls that ovation for his parents as one of the greatest moments of his undergraduate days.

VanderJagt’s father seems to have had a considerable influence on his life. It is not an uncommon pattern—an immigrant father, a laborer who puts his faith in a unique combination of hard work, thrifty living, and Providence, manages to instill in his only son a sense of special mission, a sense that there is “a name to be made.” The Hope College Glory Day for VanderJagt was probably an indication to both father and son that a good beginning had been made.

Like many Hope men, VanderJagt was interested in a ministerial career. He had reason to think he would be good at it. When he was 17 he served as a summer lay preacher at a little church in Tustin, south of Cadillac. VanderJagt tells the story that 14 of the 18 parishioners in attendance were hard of hearing, a circumstance which helped to develop his resonant speaking quality. By the end of the season, attendance numbered 80. VanderJagt preached there for three summers.

After graduation from Hope he enrolled at Yale Divinity School. Two years later he received a Rotary Fellowship to study at the University of Bonn in Germany for a year.

That was in 1955, not that far removed from World War II, and the scars of war and Nazism were very evident.” VanderJagt says. “I realized then that democracy and freedom are more than concepts, that they have to be part of your way of life. It has to be the air you breathe... It became apparent to me then that democracy is only real if people work at it and that my calling was public rather than Christian service.”

VanderJagt returned to complete his one remaining year at Yale, graduated with high honors, but chose not to be ordained.

Dr. Schrier apparently found all of this to be a bit much. VanderJagt describes the professor’s reaction as being “totally disinterested.” Nonetheless, Dr. Schrier responded to the occasion with some words of wisdom that VanderJagt has carried with him through the quarter-century since: “You don’t learn to be a great speaker. You become a great man. And a great man then articulates.”

It was quite by accident that VanderJagt wound up in Dr. Schrier’s freshman speech class. After delivering his first address, VanderJagt was asked to remain after class. Dr. Schrier told him that he had changed his mind, that he would like to take the young student under his guiding wing.

Unfortunately, VanderJagt can’t recall the subject matter of that first speech. It must have been impressive.

Therefore, in spite of an unlikely beginning, VanderJagt says the two of them became “very close.” He says that the strongest indication of this came when Dr. Schrier turned over his speech collection files to the charge of his young prodigy. “He treasured those files probably as much as his wife,” VanderJagt says.
In 1957 he enrolled in Washington's Georgetown Law School and worked as a public relations aide for former Michigan Representative Robert McIntosh. The following year he transferred to the University of Michigan Law school.

He received the Doctor of Laws degree in 1960. After having paid for 11 years of higher education out of his own pocket, primarily through work as a disc jockey, VanderJagt graduated with $2200 in the bank. He had learned well his father's lessons of hard work and thrift. (One of the indications that those lessons have been carried into his political life is the fact that VanderJagt has received the "Watchdog of the Treasury" Award from the National Independent Businessmen annually since 1969.) Immediately after graduation, he joined the prestigious law firm of Warner, Norcross and Judd in Grand Rapids.

One of his first assignments demanded the advice of a psychologist. The psychologist he sought employed a young woman named Carol Doorn. VanderJagt and Miss Doorn began a courtship which saw its way through the lengthy court proceedings of the case. They eloped in April, 1964.

In 1964 VanderJagt also made his political leap and ran for the State Senate. Because Michigan had just been redistricted, he ran against two Republican incumbents in the primary. The tally declared VanderJagt the victor by 3,300 votes.

In 1966 he was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives. In the 10 years since, he has won all but one general election by at least 2-1 margins. While big margins are traditional for Republicans in Michigan's Ninth, even in 1974, when Republicans suffered the voters' wrath over Watergate, VanderJagt still won by a comfortable 57 per cent.

He tells the story of the first time he sought an office. He was in the fourth grade and ran for class president. He beat his opponent, a girl, by one vote. His narrowest squeak.

On the Hill, VanderJagt first served on the Governmental Operations Committee and the Science and Aeronautics Committee. He worked for better assignments. In 1971 he made it to the Foreign Affairs Committee and in the 94th Congress he moved to a position on the Ways and Means Committee.

"It's terrible to be out of mountains to climb at the age of 45, but I now have exactly the committee I want," he says. "The Ways and Means Committee is, I think, one of the most powerful and one of the most important."

A report carried in several newspapers in the Ninth District last summer claimed that VanderJagt had "national political ambitions" and that he was "developing a political base which could be a springboard to the national ticket in 1980 or 1984."

The Congressman responds to this report by saying "I'm like Jerry Ford in that I have only one goal and that is to represent the people of the Ninth District as long as they see fit to re-elect me."

He goes on to say that if he were to achieve national leadership he would like it to be through the House of Representatives, as Speaker. In order to achieve that goal, Congress would have to switch from Democratic to Republican control. That hasn't happened during the past 22 years. However, elected in early 1975 by his Republican colleagues as chairman of the Republican Congressional Campaign Committee, VanderJagt worked hard toward that end. He made over 300 speeches in 38 states, appeared on the nationally-televised "Meet the Press," and on PBS television.

What accomplishments is VanderJagt particularly proud of in his political career?

He points to the passage of the National Mellitus Act of 1974, the diabetis research bill which he spearheaded. The resultant National Commission on Diabetes, VanderJagt says, has made the odds 50-50 that juvenile diabetes will be conquered in the near future.

VanderJagt's efforts in this area were triggered when a constituent, a mother of two children afflicted with diabetes, visited his Holland office. VanderJagt says that he personally regards the formation of the Diabetes Commission as a memorial to his mother, who had the disease.

Another feather he treasures in his political cap is receiving a Federal Water Quality Agency grant for construction and research of the Muskegon Waste Water Treatment Plant, where waste water is now recycled. VanderJagt calls it "the most exciting environmental development of this century."

But first and foremost he is proud of his reputation for high ethical standards. He points out that it goes back to 1964 when he entered politics, "before that sort of thing was fashionable." During his entire career, he says, he has never received more than $300 from any individual or organization for campaign funding.

"I doubt that there are five members of Congress who can make the same statement," he adds.

Many of the small gifts VanderJagt receives are raised through the "Fry for Guy," an annual fund raising dinner event. Carol VanderJagt coordinates the affair each year. Daughter Ginny, now a second-grader, also makes the scene. Also, long before the law required, VanderJagt has made a full annual financial disclosure.

Discouraged after the 1974 election "because of the Watergate mess," VanderJagt considered making that his last campaign. His zeal for causes was again sparked when he returned from a Caribbean vacation to discover that the only candidates for the Campaign Committee post were Rep. John Rousselot of California, an ultra-conservative, and Rep. Pierre du Pont, a liberal. Although stepping in late, VanderJagt outpolled both opponents.

From all indications, he now plans again on making public service his sole vocation. VanderJagt likes politics. Even Carol calls it "a fascinating life," although she adds that she thinks Betty Ford probably sees more of Jerry since he entered the White House than she ever did when he was a Congressman.

Whether or not that VanderJagt combination of candor, integrity, and eloquence will bring him a position of national leadership within the next decade remains to be seen. Changing the control of Congress from Democratic to Republican remains no small task after this year's election.

As VanderJagt puts it, "I guess I shouldn't say I'm out of mountains to climb. I still have Mount Everest ahead of me."
Quietly Retired but Not Forgotten

In October, Dr. Lambert Ponstein '48, professor of religion, gave his last oral exam to students enrolled in his seminar course, turned in the key to his office in Lubbers Hall, and went home. He had retired.

News of the event took many by surprise. It was, after all, mid-semester and the rest of the academic community had completed only a little over half of the term's work. Dr. Ponstein and his students, however, had compressed a three-hour course into the shorter time span by meeting six hours a week.

Even more surprising was the reminder that Dr. Ponstein is 65 years old. His shortness of stature and his flat-top (longer than ever before, but still undeniably a flat-top) both contribute to the illusion of fewer years. Seeing him pedal his way to and from campus on his balloon-tire Schwinn presents an interesting study in methodical sprightliness.

And then there are the arithmetical difficulties that arise from the fact that he was a member of the Class of 1948 and therefore graduated from Hope less than 30 years ago. Easily explained, especially by his students: for 17 years after graduation from high school, Bert Ponstein ran a fish market in Grand Haven, and he does not hesitate to talk about those days when he dealt in selling what he calls "those products of which the apostles and disciples were so proud."

It was after those fish market days and after World War II that he and his brother, Arthur '49, went back to school together. Bert majored in English and earned his degree in 2½ years.

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After teaching for a short time in a Newaygo, Mich. high school, he enrolled in Western Theological Seminary and also taught part-time in Hope's speech department. After receiving his B.Div. degree, he was ordained into the Reformed Church but never took a pastoral charge. Instead he began teaching religion and Bible at Hope. The year was 1952.

Whether or not those better days is a matter of opinion, but Dr. Ponstein says that they were undisputably simpler days. When he began, Hope offered no major in religion. Dr. Ponstein describes the religion department at that time as "only a service department to the college."

The department simply taught the required religion and Bible courses, three two-hour courses and one three-hour course which gave students exposure to one course a year. Dr. Ponstein recalls pointing out to President Irwin Lubbers one morning in a downtown coffee shop that he and his colleagues disliked those two-hour courses and then casually asking why they couldn't teach two three-hour courses instead. Dr. Lubbers told him to go ahead.

"So that's exactly what we did," Dr. Ponstein says. "And we didn't have to go through a dozen committees to do it either."

Soon after this change was made, the department was able to set up a majors program.

There was also the matter of registration. If all sections of a particular course were filled, professors who were working on the registration line simply opened up another section, then and there. It wasn't hard to find teachers willing to take on an extra class, and no one even thought of consulting the registrar.

"I myself never turned students away from a class," he says. "As long as we could get enough chairs in the room.

"I always dealt with students the same way I did with people in the fish business. They had paid just like a customer and ought to be treated that way."

It is an unusual analogy perhaps, and easily dismissed until one talks with some of Dr. Ponstein's students. They speak of his faith in them as students and his willingness to work with them to fulfill his expectations. There is a sense that if the "classroom customer" wasn't always right, at least he should be helped to become right.

For example, Dr. Ponstein started giving oral exams exclusively a few years ago after he discovered that often when a student couldn't answer a question it was because the question was poorly put. The oral format allows for questions to be reworded. It also enables the entire class to review as a group all the material covered in a course, Dr. Ponstein says.

Although he misses being in the classroom with students ("That's what's fun. It keeps you from getting old 'up there.'"), Dr. Ponstein is finding retirement life "not bad at all." His biggest problem is that he is still waking up at 6:00 a.m. He still begins his day by reading the morning newspaper.

Whereas before retirement he made use in the classroom of news items which illustrated theological points, he says he's keeping up the habit so he'll have something to start his first discussion of the day.

When Dr. Ponstein sent in his last teaching contract he felt he should give an accounting of his stewardship:

"I said: This is the way I have taught, this is the work that I have done, and in this way I give an account of my stewardship. And then the next question should be, how about the college's stewardship to me? And I then pointed out that the best way the college could fulfill that stewardship would be in maintaining Hope as a Christian college."

Students speak of Dr. Ponstein's habit of carrying the newspaper under his arm to class, his habit of "mmmmmmmmmmmmmmmmmm"-ing in obvious iambics, and also of his habit of speaking his mind.

"He's conservative in a lot of ways. I don't always agree with him," said one student. "But I respect him immensely because he always lets us know where he stands."

An indication of that respect is the fact that religion majors, unwilling to let Dr. Ponstein retire so quietly, organized a reception in his honor in late October. An indication of their affection could be heard that evening in rousing strains of "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow."
VIENNA PLANS ANNOUNCED

Plans for the 21st program of the Hope College Vienna Summer School have been announced by Dr. Paul Fried, director of international education.

Dr. Stephen Hemenway, a member of the Hope English faculty, will again serve as academic director of the program.

The 1977 program will be a combination of innovation and tradition. One new feature will be an optional home stay with families of European students who have taken part in study programs at Hope.

New courses in social work and German and Austrian literature will supplement the ever popular art history and music history courses offered each year. Independent studies and internships are also available for students who propose projects which make specific use of the Vienna location.

Dr. Hemenway will lead an inexpensive 10 day to two-week student tour of Western Europe in early June, if there is sufficient demand for such a program. Arrival in Vienna for all students is scheduled for June 17.

After a weekend orientation, students will begin the first three-week session June 20 and select courses in opera, the Vienna tradition of German and Austrian literature. A four-day intersession break from July 7 - 11 will feature an optional excursion to Hungary or Czechoslovakia or independent travel.

The second three-week session, starting July 12, will feature courses in European art of the Baroque and Rococo and an introduction to the field of social work. The second session ends July 29. Courses will be taught in English by European instructors.

Each course will carry three semester hours of credit, as does any independent study or internship. Students will also devote one hour per day to informal, noncredit work in German conversation. Beginning, intermediate, and advanced sections will deal with topics of everyday life in Vienna.

During their stay, students live with Austrian families. Noon meals during school days are served in the dining room of the Palais Kinsky. A regular refund for evening and weekend meals permits students to explore different restaurants in the city during the week and to purchase their own meals during the weekends away from Vienna.

While in Vienna, music students will attend the opera, concerts and recitals; art students will all but live in the Kunsthistorische Museum; literature and history students will visit Melk, Durnstein, and other places relevant to their studies; those enrolled in a psychology or sociology course will have opportunities for personal contact with Austrians working in those fields and with the institutions directed by them. As in the past the program will include optional weekend excursions to the Austrian Alps and farming villages and participation in special events.

CAMPUS SCENE

HOMECOMING ROYALTY

Cynthia Bere, a senior from Palos Park, Ill., and Brian Stauffer, a junior from Downers Grove, were crowned king and queen over homecoming festivities. Dutchmen won their 14th consecutive homecoming game, defeating Alma 23-0 before 4,600 fans.
When the academic program concludes in Vienna on July 29 students will be free to elect one of several options. They can return to the U.S. immediately; travel independently in Europe; or live for a week or longer with the family of a German or European student who had been at Hope College and has been a guest in an American home.

Costs for the six-week session are $995 and include room and board, tuition for six semester hours of credit; and all course-related field trips and excursions. Costs for one three-week session are $525. Students usually make their own transatlantic flight arrangements, and current costs for charters or youth fares range between $350 and $500.

The Vienna Summer School is open to qualified applicants from all accredited institutions who have completed at least one year of college level work. Awards from a small scholarship fund established in memory of Mrs. Esther Snow, a long-time faculty member of Hope College and the Vienna Summer School, are available. Deadline for application for the Snow Scholarship is March 1, 1977. Other applications will be accepted until April 15, 1977, but early application is recommended.

Application forms and additional information are available from Dr. Fried.

A GREAT FALL IN SPORTS

Hope enjoyed one of its most successful fall sports seasons ever with 19 victories in 27 MIAA events.

The football team established or tied 10 school records enroute to a 6-3 overall record and second place finish in the MIAA. The league championship came right down to the final game with Albion edging the Dutchmen, 14-3.

The cross country team won its fourth straight MIAA championship as junior Lou Hoekstra of

GRANT SUPPORTS RESEARCH

The Department of Health, Education, and Welfare (HEW) and the National Institutes of Health recently awarded a $25,000 research grant to chemistry professor Dr. Rodney F. Boyer to assist in the initiation of a research program in neurochemistry.

Students under Dr. Boyer's direction will investigate the metabolism of hydroxyfatty acids in nervous system tissue. Results from this research project will lead insight into the possible causes of various nervous system disorders.

Dr. Boyer, a biochemist, has been an assistant professor of chemistry at Hope since 1974.

TEACHER CERTIFICATION BROADENED

The education department has received authorization to offer teacher certification in the special education areas of learning disabilities and the emotionally impaired.

Students completing the degree programs will be certificated in special education in grades kindergarten through 12th as well as being qualified to teach in the regular elementary classroom.

Hope is the only MIAA college to offer a special education program and is one of only two private institutions in Michigan to provide certification in as many as two areas.

Hope will certify six special education teachers this spring with an anticipated annual certification of approximately 10.

"We do not desire, nor are we equipped, to mass produce teachers in this special field," stated Dr. James Bulman '63, chairman of the education department. "It is rather our intent to provide an opportunity for some uniquely qualified individuals to make an important contribution in an expanding field."
SWORN IN

Barbara Timmer '69 MacQueen was sworn in to the Michigan State Bar Association in Dec., 1975. A committed feminist, MacQueen chose nonetheless to concentrate on negligence law rather than women's issues. "It bothers me that women even have to ask to be equal," she says. "I have to look at it as an oversight in the law that will be corrected eventually. That's one way for me to remain calm enough to perceive the whole movement."

"The women's movement is not only political, it is also based on concept," she believes that one of her responsibilities is to provide a "role model" for other women. "The more women there are in these kinds of careers, the more individual we can become," she notes. "Then we won't be stereotyped as 'women lawyers,' we will have the normal stereotypes such as a 'negligence lawyer.'"

While a student at the University of Michigan's School of Law (which followed three years as a graduate student in history at the University of North Carolina), MacQueen helped rewrite Michigan's rape law in 1974. That experience sparked her interest in law reform, and she has since become a member of a task force to rewrite and develop marriage, divorce, and property laws.

She also was a member of a task force which sponsored the Michigan Women's Assembly last March, which was designed to 'sharpen the political awareness and develop skills for maneuvering the legislative process.'

In mid-August she was named by Gov. William G. Milliken to the 15-member Michigan Women's Commission. She points out that Michigan was the first state in the country to form a women's commission. Serving a three-year term, MacQueen has already been involved in two publications produced by the Commission—one dealing with discrimination in elementary school texts and another on the problem of domestic violence.

MacQueen practices with a Muskegon, Mich., firm. When asked whether she has felt discrimination as a woman attorney, she says she feels men are much less threatened by an individual woman attorney than they are by the concept of women's rights. She adds that she thinks men attorneys would prefer to be part of an integrated profession.

She notes that there is an advantage to being a woman attorney because "it's a new thing."

"I don't know how to say this without sounding crass, but lots of men don't have the experience of arguing with women. They don't know how, and I feel badly for them."

MacQueen doesn't put stock in this "advantage," however. She believes that the lawyer who wins the case is the one who is best prepared. Therefore, she approaches research with diligence. Hope professor Paul Fried will attest that in one instance this involved her relying on a former teacher's knowledge of the German language to translate documents.

"I look at the case as involving an unknown thing and I want to know about it," she says. "I've always wanted to be involved with litigation."

NAMED CHAIRMAN

George D. Heeringa '36 was recently named chairman and chief executive officer of Allied Thermal Corporation of New Britain, Conn., effective Dec. 1.

Heeringa, who has been an executive vice president, will retain his post as president of the Hart & Cooley division in Holland, Mich. He joined Hart & Cooley after his graduation from Hope and has been with the company since that time, serving in sales and sales management posts until elected president and general manager in 1954.

He has served as a board member and an executive vice president of Allied Thermal Corporation since 1964.

Heeringa has been a member of Hope's Board of Trustees since 1971. He was elected vice chairman at the Board's meeting last spring.

He has long been active in civic affairs, having served as a director and past president of the Holland Chamber of Commerce, a member of the Holland Rotary Club, a consistory member of Hope Church, a director of the Ottawa Savings and Loan Association, a director of the People's State Bank, a director of the Michigan Unemployment Compensation Bureau, and a director of the American Seating Company of Grand Rapids, Mich.

RECEIVES COUNSELING AWARD

Norman S. Smith '63 recently received the Counseling Leadership of the Year Award from the Massachusetts School Counselors Association (MSCA) for his outstanding work at local and state levels.

MSCA cited Smith as "a leader who gives without counting the cost of personal involvement."

Smith is Work Study and Career Education Coordinator for Northampton Public Schools, Mass. In this position he presented the first career workshop for elementary teachers, began an in-school speaker program, and was responsible for a student intern program on legal and governmental levels.

He is a member of the Southampton Library board of trustees, a member of the Hampshire Children's Protective Society, and a leader in the Southampton Congregational Church.
BEST STUDENT PAPER

Susan Shepley '76 was recently selected to receive a "Best Student Paper" award from the North-Central Section of the Geological Society of America. Miss Shepley received the award for the presentation of her paper "Trophi History of Western Michigan Coastal Lakes as Indicated by Fossil Diatom Associations" at the 1976 annual meeting of the section in Kalamazoo, Mich. during last April. Her paper was one of 19 presented at the meeting. Her award is especially noteworthy because she was the only undergraduate student who presented a research paper. All other papers were by graduate students.

Miss Shepley's paper was a report of research initiated under Dr. John Anderson, assistant professor of geology. Hope from 1972-1975. During the 1975-76 school year, her research continued under the supervision of Dr. Rena M. Bonem.

Miss Shepley examined the trophi levels of fossil dials from Lake Macatawa, White Lake, Spring Lake, and Muskegon Lake, and related these levels to eutrophication or changes in water quality. Her research indicated an improvement in the quality of Lake Macatawa in the last few years.

Miss Shepley is currently a graduate student in geology at Florida State University.

WE GET LETTERS

After reading your recent issue of the Hope College Magazine (summer edition) I felt I should write to let you know how much I appreciate receiving the magazine. It would be interesting if you could in one of your issues run a story about some of the athletes of Hope College and what they are presently doing after college. For example—ex-football players in the fall issue, basketball players in winter, etc. (Just a suggestion!)

I would also like to add that I have just completed four months of training in Brunswick, Ga. for the United States Treasury Dept. I am presently in the Intelligence Division of I.R.S. and stationed in Detroit, Mich. I would appreciate if that could be put in the class notes. I graduated in 1974.

Once again I want to congratulate you for a wonderful job on the magazine and wish you continued success.

Robert Kibbee '74

I was delighted to read that Van Vleck Hall has been declared a historic site by the Michigan Historical Commission. It is not only worthy of that designation, it should also be declared eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. I sincerely hope that the Hope College Archives Council and the Bicentennial Committee, both of whom were credited with achieving the Michigan designation, will take it upon themselves to apply to the Michigan History Division for National Register listing.

As you know, the National Register was established by the 1966 National Historic Preservation Act and is a national list of "districts, sites, buildings, structures and objects significant in American history, architecture, archaeology and culture." As the only remaining building of the original Holland Academy and one of the few survivors of the great 1874 Holland fire, Van Vleck Hall certainly has a rich heritage of local significance. In fact, in the 1876 Centennial Exposition display that opened this year at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C., Van Vleck Hall is depicted in a drawing, that drawing being one of only about 30 items on display representative of Michigan in 1876.

Incidentally, the only other building in Holland listed in the National Register is Third Reformed Church, the High Victorian Church built by architect John R. Kley in 1873-74.

One final note: the article concerning "A Mission for Hope" mentioned that the old gymnasium will not be torn down (fortunately, for it is a fine building and unique in that it is the only gymnasium for which Andrew Carnegie provided money) but will be renovated. However, the article did not specify the renovation plans. Could you elaborate on this?

Tom E. Donia '71

ELECTED TO ALUMNI BOARD

Peter Huizenga '60 of Western Springs, III. was elected to the Alumni Board during their fall meeting held on Homecoming Weekend.

Huizenga has been designated a Chicago area representative, filling a newly-created position on the Board. According to Alumni Association President Jack Hascup '53, it is hoped that Huizenga, who was a Class Rep for the 1975-76 Alumni Fund, can lead in an effort to increase alumni activity in the Chicago area.

Huizenga is vice-president and secretary of Waste Management, Inc. of Oakbrook, Ill. He received the L.L.B. degree from the University of Illinois Law School in 1963 and then went on active duty in the Army Reserve as a legal assistant in the Judge Advocate's Office in Fort Knox, Ky.

He practiced law for four years with the Chicago firm of Spencer and Bishop. In 1968 he and two partners founded the firm of Huizenga & Williams.

He is married to the former Heidi Schutz. They have three children: Heidi Beth, Greta, and Peter H. III.

In other business, Alumni Board members organized for active roles in the 1976-77 Alumni Fund Drive. They also met with Trustee Carol Hordor '59 Wagner for an exchange of information and ideas between the Alumni Board and the Board of Trustees.

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DR. ANTHONY MEENGS '22 and his wife, the former FREDA HEITLAND '22, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in June.

THE REV. J. CHARLES PELON '29 delivered the oratorical address at a special flag-raising ceremony aboard the m.s. Prinsendam, an Alaskan cruise ship, on July 4, 1976.

30's

THE REV. VICTOR J. MAXAM '31 retired in September after 42 years in the ministry. He has been affiliated with Reformed, Presbyterian, and Congregational churches in Michigan, Illinois, and New York. He also led weekly radio shows in Rochester, N.Y. and Kalamazoo, Mich. Although Rev. Maxam suffered six heart attacks between 1974-75, a pacemaker now enables him to retire in good health.

JOHN HENDERSON '36 is included in The Dictionary of International Biography 1976 and in International Who's Who of Authors. He is the author of over 100 books, plays and stories for teenagers.

THE REV. ALBERT MANSEN '36 has retired from active ministry and is now part-time assistant pastor at Forest Grove Reformed Church, Hudsonville, Mich.

40's

DR. BLAISE LEVAI '42 has accepted a call to the Reformed Church of Westwood, N.J. He formerly served with the Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church in N.Y.

THE REV. LEROY SANDEE '47 has accepted a call to the Bethel Reformed Church of Abbotsford, British Columbia.

JAMES FRIESEMA '49 of Detroit, Mich. has been appointed commissioner of the Soldier's Relief Commission of Wayne County. He formerly served as chairman of the Detroit-Wayne County Port Authority.

Compiled by Phyllis Kleider '73
50's

CORRECTION: THE REV. CORNELIUS VAN HEEST '52 was elected stated clerk of the RCA Synod of Michigan. Our last publication of class notes incorrectly reported that Rev. Van Heest was appointed general manager of Ederer Inc., a division of Formac International, Bellevue, Wash. That appointment went to DON MILLER '53.

WILLIAM BOCKS '52 has been appointed associate dean of the School of Continuing Education and Community Services at Central Michigan Univ. He formerly served as associate professor of educational administration and teacher education at Brock Univ., St. Catharines, Ontario.

THE REV. VERNON HOFFMAN'56 of Chicago, Ill., is the executive director of the Grand Rapids (Mich.) Center for Ecumenism.

DR. R. PETER DURKEE '57 is pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Boonton, N.J.

EUGENE TEHENVNE '58 is acting associate dean of Connecticut College for the 1976-77 academic year.

OLIN WALKER '58 has retired from his position as assistant superintendent and business manager of Watervliet (Mich.) public schools. He and his wife, Francis, are now living in Dowagiac, Mich.

THE REV. KENNETH VANDERBROEK '59 has accepted a call to become minister of evangelism and education at the Fair Haven Reformed Church of Jenison, Mich.

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JOHN M. LUBBERS '61 is working for the United Seamen's Service in Pusan, Korea.

DR. CALVIN J. RYNBRANDT '61 has become the senior pastor of the American Church of Orange City, Iowa. For the last four years Dr. Rynbrant was minister of evangelism of Garden Grove (Calif.) Community Church.

CHARLES TRUBY '61, Ph.D., is assistant director of corporate quality assurance for Becton, Dickinson and Co., a manufacturer of medical devices and laboratory equipment in Rutherford, N.J.

KAREL VANDERLUGT '62 taught the first astronomy course offered at Augustana College this summer. He is professor of physics and developed the course after many hours of study, funded by a grant. He hopes to take a leave of absence during the 1977-78 school year to study astronomy further at the Univ. of Arizona.

THE REV. PAUL ZOSCHKE '62 has accepted a call to become the Protestant chaplain at the Kettle Moraine Correctional Institution at Plymouth, Wis.

STEPHEN '63 and MARY DYKSTRA '63 HAVLICEK have moved to Kennesaw, Ga., where Stephen has accepted a position at Georgia Institute of Technology.

BOB SERUM '63, Ph.D., has been named chairman of the English department at Northwood Institute, Midland, Mich.

GERRIT WOLF '63 is teaching in the school of management at the Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta.

JEAN VAN DE POLDER '64, M.D., has a private practice in child and adult psychiatry in Denver, Colo. She is also involved in a medical-educational interdisciplinary group on child custody and divorce. Dr. Van De Polder consults at the Colorado State Hospital and is involved in child abuse research at the National Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect.

RALPH E. JACKSON '64 has been appointed vice president of marketing for Tappan Air Conditioning Division, Elyria, Ohio.

DAVID ZWART '64 is assistant professor of education at Northwestern College, Orange City, Iowa.

SUSAN SHAUGER '65 is employed by Galtex (American Overseas Petroleum) and teaching in Duri, Sumatra, Indonesia.

SHIRLEY BOUWMAN '65 VAN HOEVEN, instructor of communication arts and sciences at Western Michigan Univ., was presented a teaching excellence award in October.

LEE GERARD '66 has been appointed principal of Central Elementary School, Traverse City, Mich. He formerly served as an elementary principal in Jenison, Mich.

DR. PHILIP J. HARMELINK '66 is an associate professor in the College of Business Administration at the Univ. of Cincinnati.

THELMA LEENHOUTS '66 is assistant professor of speech at the Univ. of Wisconsin-Minneapolis. She teaches interpersonal and group communication.

THE REV. PETER D. NORDSTROM '66 is pastor of the Union Reformed Church, Franklin Lakes, N.J.

KAREN LAMPERHE '66 SMITH is participating in a NSF funded program entitled "Women in Science" at the American University, Washington, D.C. Its purpose is to assist those women who received a bachelor's or master's degree in chemistry 2-15 years ago but have not been actively employed in their field.

KENNETH WEBER '66 is an audio visual technician with Columbia (S.C.) Bible College.

GARY HOLVICK '67 is a district agent for Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company, Brighton, Mich.

DR. A. PAUL SCHAAP '67, associate professor of chemistry at Wayne State Univ., recently edited Singlet Molecular Oxygen. The series editor of the book was DR. CALVIN VANDER WERF '37. Dr. Schaap is an Alfred P. Sloan Research Fellow and works with reactions of singlet molecular oxygen and organic chemiluminescent reactions.

THE REV. SIEBRAND WILTS '67 has accepted a call to the Elmwood Community Reformed Church of Winnipeg, Manitoba.


SUSAN DEVRIES '68 BARRIS is teaching a 4-5 unit in an IGE school in Columbus, S.C.

THE REV. WILLIAM BISCHOFF '68 recently recited the oath of office and became a chaplain in the U.S. Air Force, representing the RCA. He is stationed at Elgin Air Force Base, Valparaiso, Fla.

RAYMOND COOPER '68, M.D., has joined Family Practice Associates at the Norton Medical Center, Muskegon, Mich. He is an obstetrician and gynecologist.

RICHARD ENGSTROM '68, Ph.D., has been appointed chairman of the department of political science at the Univ. of New Orleans.

DAVID W. LUBBERS '68 has been appointed assistant vice president and manager of computer services at Old Kent Bank and Trust Company, Grand Rapids, Mich.

KAWALA SIMWANZA '68 is executive assistant to the managing director of National Transportation Corporation, Ltd., Zambia, Central Africa.

MICHAEL O'RIORDAN '69 is a clinic professor at the Univ. of Maryland Dental School.

MARIYN OETJEN '69 PHILLIP works for Sony Corporation in Tokyo, Japan, and her husband, Ed, works for Danilson Bicycle Co.

ROSALIE HUDNUT '69 WOTILA is teaching Spanish and English at the Chelsea (Mich.) High School.

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SUSAN BRAY '70 BILYEU is an assistant professor at Vander Cook College of Music, Chicago, Ill.

THE REV. KENNETH BRADSELL '70 has accepted a call to the Blawenburg Reformed Church of Blawenburg, N.J.

RICHARD HUMBERT '70, a captain in the United States Air Force, recently received his third award of the Air Medal at Ellsworth AFB, S.D.

MATTHEW MESCHER '70 is an instructor at the Harvard School of Medicine.

DEBRA STAAL '70 SCHNEIDER is a Ph.D. candidate in sociology at the Univ. of Minnesota.

MARY ZANDEE '70 is a counselor at the Imlay City (Mich.) High School.
TOM DONIA '71 is a writer for the National Trust for Historic Preservation in Washington D.C., a nonprofit organization chartered by Congress to help save significant old buildings from decay and destruction. He was formerly employed as a reporter for the Kalamazoo (Mich.) Gazette.

CAROL RYNBRANDT '71 has joined the faculty of Hillsdale (Mich.) College as an instructor in the physical education department. She teaches dance and coaches the women's volleyball team.

MARY SCOTT '71 SIPTAK has opened her own travel agency, “Far Horizons Travel, Inc.” in Houston, Tex.

THOMAS DECAIR '72 has been appointed full-time aide to Gov. William S. Milliken on federal-state relations. He formerly served as head of public information for the governor.

THE REV. JAMES L. DEVRIES '72 is pastor and teacher of the New Baltimore (N.Y.) Reformed Church.

MARY MOWU '72 is teaching English at Zeeland (Mich.) Middle School.

THE REV. HENRY OOSTERVELD '72 was ordained by the RCA Classis of Ontario, Canada in September. He is now working part-time in a youth ministry at The Church in Brielle (N.J.).

TED RYCENGA '72 is elementary school principal in the Manton (Mich.) Consolidated School District.

MICHAEL L. STAMPFLER '72 was recently appointed city clerk of Kalamazoo, Mich.

RANDALL ZOMERMAAND '72 is employed by Irving Trust Bank in New York City. His wife, JANET WRIGHT '72, teaches in Somerville, N.J.

VIRGINIA FOSS '73 BOLENS is teaching remedial reading in the Spring Lake (Mich.) public school system.

ERIC BROWN '73 is employed as a law clerk with the Honorable S. Hugh Dillin, U.S. Federal District Judge in Indianapolis, Ind.

MARK DEHAAN '73, a Michigan State Police trooper, has been transferred to the State Police Post at Battle Creek.

GAIL WERKA '73 DEHEUS is a math and Spanish teacher at Lawrence High School, Lawrenceville, N.J.

THE REV. ROGER DEEYOUNG '73 has accepted a call to the Reformed Church of Bushkill, Pa.

TARA TAPPERT '73 DILLS is the law librarian for the U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Michigan in Detroit.

MARY FLEMING '73 HORST, a student at Western Theological Seminary, has been named the Linnea Nelson Scholar for the 1976-77 academic year.

JANET CAMP '73 JOHNSON is teaching 2nd grade in Tekonsha, Mich.

DAVID LEESTMA '73 of Garden Grove, Calif. participated in the USC National Workshop Chorus under the direction of Robert Shaw last summer. He performed the Verdi Requiem and Berlioz Requiem at the Hollywood Bowl.

RANDALL WILTERDINK '73 recently accepted a position as process chemist with American Cyanamid Company, Hannibal, Mo.

ROBERT ZILINSKI '73 is a petroleum geologist at a district office of Phillips Petroleum Co., Denver, Colo. His wife, PATRICIA DEKAM '73, is attending the Univ. of Denver Graduate School and working at Evergreen Junior High School.

NORMAN WIER '73, a student at Western Theological Seminary, was recently awarded a Wayer Presidential academic scholarship.

CORRECTION: TED BOEVE '74, M.B.A., is employed at the Traverse City (Mich.) office of Doeren, Mayhew, Grob & McNamara, a state-wide certified public accounting firm.

CHUCK BUCKS '74 is the alumnus who is employed as an officer with the Holland (Mich.) Police Department.

BARBARA BASNETT '74 is teaching physical education at Zeeland High School and coaches junior varsity basketball.

CARL GEARHART '74, a student at Western Theological Seminary, has been granted the Cornelius and Delia Ooms Memorial Scholarship.

DAVID PHILLIPS '74 has accepted the promise of a call from the Normandale Reformed Church of Pekin, Ill.

SAMUEL QUIRING '74 is completing graduate studies in computer science at the Univ. of Wisconsin.

RON REHRT '74, a senior at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, is involved in a one year full-time internship at Christ Church of Oakbrook, Ill.

DALE RICE '74 is a chemist with Kuebler Brass Co., Grand Rapids, Mich., where he is responsible for the industrial plating waste treatment operations.

KATHY STROVEN '74 is teaching 2nd grade for the third year in Marion, Mich.

ROBERT VANVOORST '74, a student at Western Theological Seminary, was recently awarded a Wayer Presidential Academic Scholarship.

NEIL '75 and KAREN STROCK '76 CLARK are living in Deerfield Beach, Fla. Neil is working towards his M.A. in Counseling and student personnel work at Florida Atlantic Univ. Karen is teaching 6th and 7th grade English at Zion Lutheran Christian School.

KAREN GROLOW '75 is teaching children with learning disabilities in the Niskayuna Middle School, Schenectady, N.Y.

SHARON WARNER '75 HERTEL is secretary to a faculty member of the School of International Studies at Princeton Univ. Her husband, Tom, is a student at the university.

KAREN HOSTETLER '75 is working at Grand Rapids (Mich.) Baptist College and Seminary.

MARY KOEPP '75 is a second year medical student at the Univ. of Michigan.

MARTHA KRAAY '75 is a bookkeeper for Ram-Pac Engineering, Inc., Holland, Mich. She was formerly a business analyst for Dun and Bradstreet.

BRUCE '75 and LISA PIFFER '76 MARTIN are living in Ann Arbor, Mich. where Bruce has entered his second year at the Univ. of Michigan Medical School. Lisa is working as a dietitian's assistant at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital.

DEBRA MAXWELL '75 teaches English and social science in the Bangor (Mich.) school system. She also serves as the head girls basketball coach.

MATTHEW '75 and VICKI WIEGNER '74 RUMPSA are living near Grand Rapids, Mich. Matthew is working for Woodland Realty, Inc. and Vicki serves as a hostess at Sayles East.

WILLIAM WOLTERS '75 is working toward his M.S. degree at Tennessee Technological Univ., where he is a teaching assistant.

GORDON and SALLY MEEUSEN ALDERINK are living in Rochester, Minn. where Gordon is attending school at the Mayo Clinic and Sally teaches 3rd grade.

JAMES BOS is attending dental school at the Univ. of Michigan.

SALLY BRENAN is a graduate student in the field of biochemical genetics in the zoology department of Miami Univ., Oxford, Ohio.

JOHN BUSH is manager of Saga Food Service at Illinois Wesleyan Univ.

CINDY CLAIR is teaching 4th grade in Glenbuck Heights, III.

KAREN EVANS is studying toward her M.A. in social work at the Univ. of Texas.

MARK and NANCY BALL HALVORSON are nurses' aids in a hospital in Rehoboth, N.M.

JUNE JOHNSON is teaching 2nd grade at Sand Lake (Mich.) Elementary School.

RUSSELL JOHNSON is an assistant manager for S.S. Kresge, Lansing, Mich.

MARILYN RATHBUN KOEDYKER and her husband, John, are studying Japanese at Seton Hall Univ., South Orange, N.J. in preparation for RCA sponsored work in Japan with the Church of Christ. They plan to leave for Japan in August, 1977.

DAVID LITTS is a student at the Illinois College of Optometry, Chicago.
ATTENTION ALL ALUMNI WORKING IN THE COMPUTER FIELD: If you haven't received a Computer Science Alumni Newsletter, please send your name, address, and a description of what you're doing to Dr. Herbert Dershem, Hope College, Holland, Mich. 49423.

JANET LOVELESS is working toward her M.A. in geology and is a research assistant at the Univ. of Wisconsin.

MAHMOOD MASGHATI is studying for his M.A. in computer science at Virginia Polytechnic and State Univ. at Blacksburg.

GARY NIEUWSSMA is a programmer for Aeroquip Corp., Jackson, Mich.

PETER and SANDRA HUTCHISON PETKUS are living in Paramount, Calif, where Peter is working as a gardener for ABC Unified School District.

RANDOLPH PUTALA is a production assistant at Allied Graphic Arts, Inc. in New York City. The company specializes in retail catalog production. His specific duties include work in the creative and production aspects of the Lane Bryant Tall Girls account.

MICHAEL RIKSEN is teaching English in Kiwa Gakuen High School, Niigata, Japan.

PATRICIA RUSSELL is working for the State of Michigan Department of Social Services in Montclair County.

JON SODERSTROM is completing his graduate work in the area of evaluation research at Northwestern Univ.

BEN TUBERGEN is attending the Thomas M. Cooley Law School in Lansing, Mich.

DAVID VAN FERNIS is a graduate student in a guidance and counseling program at the Univ. of Michigan.

ROBERT VROOMAN, a student at Western Theological Seminary, has been awarded the Ridder Presidential Academic Scholarship.

BRADLEY WEHNER is a salesman for Modern Beverage Co., Holland, Mich.


Thomas Schneider and Debra Stall ’70, March 6, 1976, Houston, Tex.

Steven Siptak and Mary Scott ’71, Oct. 2, 1976, Houston, Tex.


A Jeff Winne ’73 and Donna Green, Sept. 25, 1976, Garden City, Mich.


births


Thomas ’65 and Carol Borst ’66 Cousineau, adopted Lindsay, June 4, 1976, Grand Haven, Mich.


Birger and Arlene Zychyhuizen ’63 Gabrielson, Lisa Ann, March 6, 1975, Mequon, Wis.

Jack ’74 and Mary Davis ’74 Klunder, Jennifer Rene, July 13, 1976, Holland, Mich.

David ’73 and Catherine Schaeb ’73 Leestma, Andrea Elizabeth, May 4, 1976, Garden Grove, Calif.

Peter ’76 and Sandra Hutchison ’76 Petkus, Jeanette Christine, Aug. 4, 1976, Paramount, Calif.

Robert ’66 and Suzanne Reynen, Robert Timothy, Jan. 3, 1976, Ridgewood, N.J.


Rick ’71 and Susan Smeenge, Sara Jeanne, July 20, 1976, Jenison, Mich.

James and Gayle Spangler ’74 Flanigan, Andrew James, Sept. 20, 1976, Clarksville, Tenn.

Richard ’73 and Beverly DeYoung ’73 VanDop, Elizabeth Marietta, Sept. 8, 1976, Grand Rapids, Mich.

deaths


Dr. Dame enjoyed good health despite his advanced age. At the time of his death he was serving as pastor of visitation at First Reformed Church of Kalamazoo, Mich. He also spoke frequently at area churches.

He was born in the Netherlands and came to America at the age of nine. He attended Hope Preparatory School and Hope College. He graduated from Western Theological Seminary in 1916. He was awarded the honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from his alma mater in 1938.

For 53 years Dr. Dame authored the commentary on the Sunday school lessons in the Sunday School Guide.

Dr. Dame was a devoted alumnus. As Class Representative last year, he led his class in achieving 100 percent participation in the Annual Fund.

He retired twice during his lifetime but within a few years had again returned to active church service.

His pastorate was Calvary Reformed of Grand Rapids (1916-18), Trinity Reformed of Holland (1918-30), Unity Reformed of Muskegon (1930-36), Bethany Reformed of Grand Rapids (1936-43), and Second Reformed of Kalamazoo (1943-59). He was also the stated supply pastor of First Reformed of Allegan from 1959-62 and associate pastor of Second Reformed of Kalamazoo from 1963-66.

Dr. Dame’s wife, the former Anna Den Herder, died in 1967. Surviving are a son, Paul ’44; three daughters, Gertrude Dame ’39 Schirer, Marian Dame ’47 Hoekstra, and Ruth Dame ’41 Hage; also 10 grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

THE REV. RUSSELL D. DAMSTRA ’27 died on Sept. 29, 1976 in Battle Creek, Mich. at the age of 71.

A native of Holland, Mich., Rev. Damstra received his divinity degree from Biblical Theological Seminary in New York City. He taught school in Hawaii and Muskegon, Mich. before entering the ministry.

After his ordination he served Reformed Churches in Amsterdam, Kingstong, Syracuse, and New York, N.Y. for 25 years and from 1959-1966 he was pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Richland, Mich. He then served a church in Mexico, N.Y. for 18 months before joining the First Presbyterian Church of Battle Creek as minister of visitation.

Rev. Damstra retired in 1974 but continued to serve in the work and programs of the Battle Creek church on a limited basis.

Rev. Damstra had taken advanced studies at Princeton Theological Seminary and the Chataqua Conference for Ministers. He had extensive service as a chaplain in Veterans Administration Hospital while a resident of New York.

marriages


Stephen Bruggers ’76 and Barbara Herbek ’76, June 5, 1976, Brookville, N.Y.


Kenneth Fulton and Linda Provo ’71, Oct. 9, 1976, Lyons, N.Y.


He was a member of the Presbytery of Lake Michigan and served on its parish development committee, as well as on numerous other presbytery community committees.

He is survived by his widow, the former Caroline B. Boyd; a daughter, Anna Damstra '55 Civilette, a son, David; five grandchildren; also two brothers, Louis Damstra '32 and Dr. Eugene Damstra '36, and a sister, Vera Damstra '36 Hayden.


Born in Holland, she and Mr. DenUyl were married in 1920. They spent their summers at Macatawa Park for many years.

During her life, Mrs. DenUyl joined her husband in demonstrating uncommon support of Hope. Of special significance is a faculty grant program which bears their name.

Mrs. DenUyl's survivors include her husband, two sons, Richard and Robert, and seven grandchildren; also her 97-year-old mother, Mrs. Martin Dykema, and a sister, Mrs. Roger Strick.

Friends have established The Hope College Book Fund in memory of Mrs. DenUyl.

DR. LAMBERTUS HEKHEUIS '13 died on Sept. 28, 1976 in Corte Madera, Calif. at the age of 86.

After attending Hope Preparatory School and Hope College, he received his M.A. from Western Seminary in 1916. In 1925 he received a doctor of philosophy degree magna cum laude from the Univ. of Chicago.

Dr. Hekhuis taught in an elementary school in Overisel, Mich. 1908 to 1910. In 1917 he became principal of Voorhees College in Vellore, India, where he remained until 1924. He joined the Univ. of Wichita faculty in 1926 and completed 33 years of service there.


He is survived by his wife, the former Jennie Immink '13, a son, two daughters, and a sister.

CORNELIUS HOEZEE '39 died on Aug. 15, 1976 at the Haven Park Nursing Home in Zeeland, Mich. A long-time resident of Zeeland, Mr. Hozee was a retired teacher.

DR. FRANCES H. HOPPER '37, part-time music instructor at Hope College, died on Oct. 26, 1976 in Holland, Mich. following a brief illness. He was 66.

After receiving his doctorate in sacred music from Union Seminary Music School in New York City, Dr. Hopper began his career as chorister and organist at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Muskegon, Mich. For 12 years he was head of the harpsichord department at the Univ. of Louisville, Ky. and later taught at MacMurray College, Jacksonville, Ill. He received an Oxford University fellowship and studied early music at Wadham College. Following retirement from MacMurray, he taught for a year at the Univ. of Hawaii and Mount Holyoke College.

LILLIAN PEET '18 ROVE died on June 20, 1976 in Oconomowoc, Wis.

A retired teacher, Mrs. Rove taught in Grand Rapids, Mich. for many years before moving to Milwaukee, Wis.

She is survived by her husband, Louis, and four children; Mrs. Allan Phinney, Louise Rove '48, Ver Hey, Louis, Jr., and Olaf; also a sister, Grace Peet '21, Landis.

MARIE DECOOK '27 SAUNDERS died on Oct. 20, 1976 in Cadillac, Mich. as a result of a heart attack. She was 72.

Born in Orange City, Iowa, she moved to Holland, Mich. 52 years ago. After graduating from Hope College, Mrs. Saunders taught English and speech in Zeeland (Mich.) High School until her retirement seven years ago.

Surviving are a daughter, Myra Saunders '54 De Graaf; a son, Robert Saunders '60; two brothers, Bernard and Lawrence DeCook '32; two sisters, a stepbrother, Melvin Beyers '31; a step-sister, and five grandchildren.

ESTHER KOOPS '25 TIMMER died on Sept. 13, 1976 in Holland, Mich. at the age of 74.

Mrs. Timmer attended Hope Preparatory School, Hope College, and Western Michigan Univ. In addition to teaching for two years, she served for 1945 - 1953 as executive director of the Holland (Mich.) Camp Fire Girls. She was then employed as a State of Michigan Social Services worker for 13 years, retiring in 1966.

Surviving are her husband, Albert, 23; two daughters, Joyce Timmer '46 Seaman and Lois Timmer '51 Appleford; two sons, Chester and Albert Timmer '62; three sisters, and 14 grandchildren.

THE REV. HENRY VANDE BRAKE '38 died on Aug. 11, 1976 in Holland, Mich. as the result of a heart attack.

Rev. Vande Brake was a graduate of Western Theological Seminary. During his active ministry he served Reformed congregations in Davis, S.D. Peterson, N.J., and Corsica, S.D. He retired in 1956 because of illness.

He is survived by his wife, Ida; two sons, Lynn and Mark '71; and four daughters, Cynthia, Lorna, Mary, and Joy.

DR. LEONARD YNTEMA '15 died on Oct. 18, 1976 in Wadsworth, Ill. at the age of 84.

He grew up in Holland, Mich. and attended Hope Preparatory School and Hope College where his father, Douwe Yntema, was professor of physics from 1893 to 1916. Dr. Yntema completed his graduate studies in chemistry at the University of Illinois, receiving his A.M. degree in 1919 and Ph.D. in 1921. He taught chemistry at the Univ. of Illinois from 1923 to 1930 and at St. Louis Univ. from 1930 to 1943. Until his retirement in 1956, he was director of research at Fansteel Metallurgical Co. North Chicago. Later he spent two years at the Stanford Univ. Institute of Research and also did incidental research and consultation in inorganic chemistry. In 1927, Hope College awarded Dr. Yntema an honorary doctor of science degree.

Surviving are his wife, Margaret, a daughter and two sons; also a sister, Clara Yntema '16, and three brothers, Theodore '21, Dwight '26, and Chester 26.

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**advanced degrees**

Michael Barendse '68, Ph.D. Education in Social Services, Ball State Univ., Aug., 1976


Virginia Foss '73 Boelens, M.A. Elementary Education, Wayne State Univ., June, 1976

Eric Brown '73, J.D., Indiana Univ., May, 1976

Lorrie Berrevoets '71 Dahlke, M.A. Teaching of Reading, Western Michigan Univ., Aug., 1975

Gail Werka '73 DeHeus, M.A. Guidance and Counseling, Univ. of Michigan, Aug., 1976

Tara Tappert '73 Diiks, M.S.L.S., Wayne State Univ., Summer, 1976

R. Peter Durkee '57, D. Min., Princeton Theological Seminary, June, 1976

Elaine Franco '69 A.M.L.S., Univ. of Michigan, Aug., 1975 and A.M. English, Univ. of Michigan, May, 1976

Karen Gralow '75, M.S. Special Education, College of St. Rose, Aug., 1976

Karen Hostetler '75, M.S.L.S., Western Michigan Univ., Aug., 1976

Janet Camp '73 Johnson, M.A. Reading, Western Michigan Univ., Aug., 1976

Thelma Leenhouts '66, Ph.D. Speech Communication, Univ. of Michigan, Aug., 1976

Daniel McAlliffe '73, M.B.A. Transportation and Distribution, Michigan State Univ., Aug., 1976

Matthew Mescher '70, Ph.D., Harvard Univ., June, 1976

Diane Fugitt '72 Pugh, M.Ed., State Univ. College at Buffalo, May, 1976

Debra Stall '70 Schneider, M.A. Sociology, Univ. of Iowa, July, 1976

Philip Tappert '72, M.A. Secondary Education, Michigan State Univ., Aug., 1976


Robert Ziilinski '73, M.S. Geology, Univ. of New Mexico, Spring, 1976
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