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March of time
Campus landmark Graves Hall turns 100

Please see page eight.
The late Edward J. Wolters '20, a member of the Hope faculty for 40 years, was honored through the dedication on campus of a landscaped area in his name on Friday, May 8.

The landscaping, which includes trees and bushes, lies adjacent to Kollen Hall's east wall, along Columbia Avenue near 13th Street. A commemorative plaque will be installed near the building's southeast entrance.

The landscaping was made possible through a gift from Professor Wolters' children. He died on Jan. 18, 1986. Professor Wolters, who retired in 1966 as a professor of Latin and chairperson of classical languages, taught at the Hope Preparatory School from 1926 to 1930, and at the college from 1930 to 1966. In addition to Latin he taught Roman history, German and English, and he was instrumental in establishing Hope's Gamma Rho Chapter of Eta Sigma Phi, the National Honorary Classical Fraternity.

He held a master's degree from the University of Michigan. Prior to joining the Hope Preparatory School faculty, he had taught at Holland Christian High School.

The "Edward J. Wolters Award in Classics" at Hope was established in his honor in 1979. Presented during the college's annual Honors Convocation in late April, the award is given to a student with an outstanding record of performance in advanced Latin classes or in classical studies.

Despite the fact that I'm more interested in general management than the health care industry, I do have some fairly strong opinions about the health care industry after having been in it for 23 years.

The health care industry for years has been insulated from market forces... Because we were insulated from market forces, we have accumulated this deficit of change. We didn't change much in the first 20 years I was in the business there wasn't 20 years worth of change. There might have been five years worth of change over the 20 years; we have a deficit of 15 years that we have to make up.

I think starting about two years ago the market forces have really been unleashed in the health care industry. The industry is changing profoundly. Dramatically, and rapidly—and quickly. And I think the changes are for the better. I'm really pleased to see what's going on.

"We've gotten away from cost reimbursement; we've gotten away from paying a physician or hospital for the number of services provided that rewarded doing greater cost to a price-based system that is not so volume sensitive and that has really unleashed the kind of free-market economic forces that are reshaping the health care industry.

"In fact I read recently about a physician who has been in the western part of the state is beginning to organize larger, multi-specialty group practices to realize efficiencies, to be able to do a better job of negotiating with insurers and cost efficiency providing care.

"All those forces are consumer-oriented, consumer-positive forces.

"We didn't get here overnight. We didn't get to this situation overnight. We shouldn't try to fix it overnight.

"As I mentioned, the health care industry is one seventh of the economy. Disorganized is not a fair term to use, but unorganized is a fair term to use. The health care industry is a relatively unorganized industry.

"Unlike the auto industry. When the Fords came along and wanted to change fuel economy, and they came up with the Corporate Average Fuel Economy standards and said you're going to get there in five years, they were really telling three domestic automobile manufacturers. There was this opportunity in a very organized way to try to change an industry.

"The health care industry is thousands and thousands of independent physicians; thousands of independent hospitals. It is not an organized or systemized system. So it's not as if you can go out and talk to three or four leaders in the industry. You're talking to hundreds of thousands of relatively independent practitioners that really make up the manufacturing side of the health care industry. So you can't change it over night and you shouldn't try."
PHONE CHANGE: A shortage of telephone numbers in the 394 exchange has prompted the college to change its telephone numbers to 395 exchange.

All phone numbers that previously began with "394" now begin with "395" but are otherwise the same (The Office of Alumni and Public Relations, for example, is now called at 395-2760 instead of 394-7860). In addition, the college's general phone number, which was in the 392 exchange, is now 395-7000.

The changes went into effect on May 31.

JELLEMA TRIBUTE: Members of the department of English are compiling a memorial volume for Dirk Jellema, who died on December 11. The volume will include published and unpublished writings by Professor Jellema himself, but they also hope to include a selection of his correspondence through the years. Memories and tributes (poetry or prose) are also solicited.

Anyone having appropriate material is asked to send it to Dr. Kathleen Versluis, Hope College Department of English; 126 E. 10th St.; PO Box 9000; Holland, MI 49422-9000. Deadline is Friday, July 29.

EDUCATION FIRST: Hope College has formed the first student chapter of the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (ASCD), a professional education organization with 190,000 members worldwide.

More than 140 students are members of Hope's chapter, which has been recognized by the national organization and is in the process of becoming part of ASCD's Michigan affiliate. Although ASCD has about 3,500 student members, they are not organized into their own chapters.

Being part of their own ASCD chapter will benefit Hope's education students in a variety of ways, according to Dr. Leslie Weseman, who is an associate professor of education and is sponsoring the group with assistant professor Dr. Jeanine Dell'Olio.

"ASCD is one of the largest professional organizations in the country for curriculum development," Dr. Weseman said. "As we considered how to help our students learn about professional development, we felt it must be much better to give them an opportunity to do it themselves than just talk about it."

"By joining the Michigan affiliate, they will have access to people who are from beyond the immediate area yet near enough to come in for workshops and serve as resources," she said.

FOUR-FOLD SUPPORT: The departments of biology, chemistry, computer science and mathematics at Hope each hold grants for summer student research from the National Science Foundation's "Research Experiences for Undergraduates" (NSF-REU) program.

Through the grants, undergraduate students from both Hope and elsewhere are conducting research on a full-time basis with Hope faculty members for eight to 10 weeks this summer, receiving stipends as well as support for summer housing, travel and other expenses. They join students whose summer research at Hope is being supported in other ways.

According to Dr. James Gentile, who is the dean for the natural sciences and the Kenneth G. Herrick Professor of Biology at Hope, preliminary investigations have found that the college is one of only a few institutions in the United States to have four REU programs this summer. Departments in the sciences have also held NSF-REU grants previously, and 1994 will be Hope's third consecutive year with four of them.

BACH WINNER: Steven Beukema, a junior from Holland, Mich., was a winner in the Kalamaazoo Bach Festival Young Artist Competition and appeared in the winners' recital on Sunday, May 8, in Stetson Chapel at Kalamazoo College.

To reach the finals, Beukema, a pianist, first passed a tape audition and then passed a round of live auditions with pianists, singers and instrumentalists from many Midwestern states. He performed four movements of Johann Sebastian Bach's 'Partita in E-flat Major.'

OFFICE AWARD: Susan Feldkamp of the Hope staff received the Third Annual Office Professional of the Year Award, presented by Key Personnel Inc. in association with Greater Holland Chapter Professional Secretaries International on Thursday, April 28.

Feldkamp is administrative assistant to the college's provost. The award recognizes mastery of office skills, ability to assume responsibility and to exercise initiative and judgment, and intangible qualities of professionalism, dedication and loyalty.

In the days and weeks that followed Richard Nixon's death on Friday, April 22, the world reflected upon his work and the legacy he left as the country's 37th president.

For some Chapel Choir alumni, however, the news prompted more personal thoughts—recollections of the group's Sunday, Nov. 22, 1970, performance at the White House and meeting the chief executive.

"I remember being there and shaking hands with President Nixon," the Rev. David Breen '72 of Holland, Mich., recalled in The Holland Sentinel on Sunday, April 24. "He joked about the color of the White House kitchen had made. He said they were good and he had eaten quite a few of them."

The Chapel Choir performed during a worship service in the East Room of the White House, and attended a reception that followed.

In addition, before the service the president and his wife had coffee with and gave a tour of the house to the choir's director, Dr. Robert W. Cavanaugh.

The choir sang two anthems—"O Clap Your Hands" by Ralph Vaughan Williams and "Prayer for Peace" by Paul Feller. In addition to President Nixon and his wife, the 400-member audience included the secretaries of defense, the treasury, state, agriculture and labor, the postmaster general and the chief justice of the Supreme Court.

The Chapel Choir had been one of several hundred considered and was only the second that had been invited to sing. Dr. Cavanaugh noted in the Winter, 1971, edition of the Hope College Alumni Magazine. (The first, according to Dr. Cavanaugh, was the Vienna Boy's Choir.) The president, Dr. Cavanaugh

recalled, had called the choir "a splendid group and well one of the four or five best groups of this kind in the United States." ("Our hearts sank when he said the Choir was from Hope College, in GRAND RAPIDS, Michigan, but he corrected that at the end of the service," Dr. Cavanaugh wrote.)

As the clock goes, the experience came and went quickly. The White House extended its invitation the Monday before the 45-minute service, leaving less than five days to prepare (and to decide which of the choir's 69 members would go, since the setting could accommodate only 30). The group left for Washington, D.C., Saturday morning, and was back at Hope in time for the start of classes on Monday.

For all its brevity, however, the trip crafted memories for a lifetime. In a note to Dr. Cavanaugh, President Nixon wrote, "I hope you will convey my gratitude to each of the talented singers who did so much to make the day one we will always remember."

Dr. Cavanaugh echoed the sentiments in his Alumni Magazine account:

"I am humbly proud of our young people—not only in the way in which they sang, but in their attitude, in their cooperation with me, and in the grace and ease with which they handled themselves in the nation's capital. And it was a day that we will always remember—another big day in the growing history of the Hope College Chapel Choir and another opportunity to live up to its motto—'Soli Deo Gloria—To God Alone Be the Glory!'"
**Academic Calendar**

**Summer Session (1994)**
- June 20, Monday—Registration and payment of fees.
- Classes begin July 29, Friday—Summer Session ends.

**Fall Semester (1994)**
- Aug. 26, Friday—Residence halls open for new students.
- New Student Orientation begins.
- Aug. 26, Sunday—Convocation for new students and parents, 2 p.m., Dimnien Memorial Chapel.
- Aug. 29, Monday—Residence halls open for returning students.
- Aug. 30, Tuesday—Classes begin, 9 a.m.
- Sept. 5, Monday—Labor Day, classes in session.
- Oct. 7, Friday—Fall Recess begins, 6 p.m.
- Oct. 12, Wednesday—Fall Recess ends, 8 a.m.
- Nov. 4-6, Monday-Sunday—Homecoming Weekend.
- Nov. 24, Thursday—Thanksgiving recess begins, 8 a.m.
- Nov. 28, Monday—Thanksgiving Recess ends, 8 a.m.
- Dec. 9, Friday—Last day of classes.
- Dec. 12-16, Monday-Friday—Semester examinations.
- Dec. 18, Friday—Residence halls close, 5 p.m.

**Summer Seminars**

Seven courses are available for one or two hours of undergraduate credit, one hour of graduate credit or on an audit basis. The courses will run Monday-Friday, Aug. 1-5, from 9 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. The courses are:

- "Magic in American Culture"
- "The Rhetoric of Gender"
- "The News on Television: Is It News? Is It Television?"
- "Classroom Management for Beginning Teachers"
- "Attention Deficit Disorder"
- "Your Turn: Voices of Your Opinion"
- "Slicing the Pie: A Hands-On Approach to Fractions"

For additional information, please call David James, 76, program director, at (616) 395-7839.

**Admissions**

Campus Visits: the Admissions Office is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays. Tours and admissions interviews are available. Appointments are recommended.

For further information about any Admissions Office event, please call (616) 395-7850, or toll free 1-800-968-7850 or write: Hope College Admissions Office, 90 E. 10th St., PO Box 9000, Holland, MI 49422-9000.

**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 $4.50 for adults and $3.50 for senior citizens and Hope College students. For more information on programs and films at the Knickerbocker, please call (616) 395-4950.

**Summer Theatre**

Season opens Friday, June 24

Curran time 8 p.m., Monday through Saturday

Dowhill Center main theatre

42nd Street—A musical extravaganza featuring familiar tunes like "We're in the Money" and "Lullaby of Broadway."

Twelfth Night—Shakespeare's romantic comedy.

TEN November—A moving, musical account of the sinking of the S.S. Edmund Fitzgerald in Lake Superior in 1975.

The Trip to Bountiful—A touching portrayal of an aging widow's pilgrimage to her old home.

Dancing at Lughnasa—Revealing a young man's memory of growing up in 1930s Ireland. (second stage production, Saturday, Oct. 15, 1975.)

Additional informations may be obtained by calling the theatre ticket office beginning June 1 (when tickets go on sale) at (616) 395-7880.

**Alumni & Friends**

Grand Rapids Golf Outing—Monday, June 20

Holland National Golf Outing—Monday, July 11

Holland Country Club

Ad Hoc II Reunion—Aug. 5

"Son of Ad Hoc—Ad Hoc II...wouldn't you?" Counter-culture from the late '60s and early '70s returns to Hope for a non-traditional reunion. For more information, please contact Rich Williams, 1213 Princeton Drive, Holland, MI 49423-3751.

Alumni Parents' Reception—Saturday, Aug. 27

Southeast Michigan Golf Outing—Saturday, Sept. 17

Community Day '94—Saturday, Sept. 24

Homecoming '94—Friday-Sunday, Oct. 14-16

Fraternal Society 160th Anniversary Celebration—Friday-Sunday, Oct. 14-16

Alumni members from around the country will return to Hope College during Homecoming Weekend to celebrate the society's founding. For more information, please contact B.M. Breen, 430 E. Eighth St., Suite 220, Holland, MI 49423-3751; phone (616) 392-1098.

Emersonian Fraternity 75th Anniversary Celebration—Friday-Sunday, Oct. 14-16

There will be special events throughout the weekend for Emersonians and their families. Details will follow in the next issue of news from Hope College and in letters to all Emersonians.

For additional information concerning alumni events, please call the Office of Alumni and Public Relations at (616) 395-7860.

**Traditional Events**

Critical Issues Symposium—Tuesday and Wednesday, Sept. 27-28

The 97th annual Pull tug-of-war—Saturday, Oct. 1

Nykerk Cup Competition—Saturday, Nov. 5

Christmas Vespers—Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 3-4

**De Pree Gallery**

The Age of Things: Ceramic Works by Billy Mayer—July 1-29

Admission to the gallery is free. The gallery's summer hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

**Football**

Saturday, Sept. 10— at Wheaton, 1:30 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 17— at DePauw, 1:30 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 24— at Trine, 1:30 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 1— at Aurora, 1:30 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 8— at Kalamazoo, 1:30 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 15— Alma (Homecoming), 2 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 22— at Albion, 1:30 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 29— at Adrian, 1:30 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 5— Olivet, 1:30 p.m.

*Community Day*

For season ticket information, please call Ray Smith at (616) 395-7699.

**Summer Sports Camps**

Boys Basketball Camp—July 11-22, two hrs/day (fourth-through eighth-graders)

Girls Basketball Day Camps:

- Fifth-Seventh Grades—June 13-17 (afternoons)
- Eighth-Ninth Grades—June 13-17 (mornings)

Girls High School Basketball Team Scrimmage—June 20-24

Soccer Camp—June 20-24; June 27-July 1

Football Passing Camp—July 31-Aug. 3

T.U.F.F. Distance Running Camp—July 18-23

Boys Varsity Overnight Basketball Team Camp—two camps: June 26-29, June 30-July 3

Boys Varsity Evening Basketball Team Camp—July 11, 12, 13, 14

Boys J.V. Evening Basketball Team Camp—July 18, 19, 20, 21

For additional information, please call (616) 395-7880. Ask for Joyce McPherson.

**Instant Information**

Hope Sports Hotline—(616) 395-7888

Activities Information—(616) 395-7863
Volunteers kept campaign on track

Since the beginning, since before the beginning, the Hope in the Future campaign has been volunteer-driven.

More than 750 volunteers—virtually a small army—have given their time and talents to the campaign. Their efforts have been essential in not only reaching but passing Hope in the Future's $50 million goal (thus far $56 million has been raised), according to campaign director John Nordstrom.

"The volunteer is the key person," he said. "I don't think you could ever mount a campaign the size of Hope in the Future, with a goal of $50 million, without great reliance on volunteer leadership.

Although the campaign was launched publicly in January of 1992, it essentially began in the spring of 1989 with the Hope in the Future strategic planning process, which yielded recommendations that shaped the campaign's goals. Volunteers were central to the strategic planning effort, which involved not only 125 planners (faculty, staff, trustees, students, parents and other friends of the college), but others whose input was sought during accompanying regional meetings.

Just as the strategic plan anticipated the campaign, so did its volunteer emphasis anticipate the campaign's volunteer focus. A 34-member steering committee has coordinated the Hope in the Future campaign, which was divided into eight major constituency segments: The Board of Trustees Fund, Leadership Gifts, Holland/Zeeland Area, National Alumni, National Parents and Friends, National Church, Faculty and Staff, and National Corporate and Foundations. The volunteer network was further divided into several regional committees.

The volunteers served in many ways (and many in more than one way). Some helped organize the campaign's 21 regional events, which ranged from Boston, Mass., to Houston, Texas, to Minneapolis, Minn., and points between.

Some asked additional members of the Hope family to call on prospective donors. Almost all did the calling, explaining the purpose of the campaign and asking for a pledge—approximately 3,000 contacts altogether.

In the most clinical analysis, the 3,000 contacts made a major difference because they enabled the college to reach more people about Hope in the Future than would have been possible through the development staff alone. Nordstrom noted that in a more general sense, however, the volume of volunteer support speaks eloquently about the character of the college's constituency and, by extension, the college itself.

"I think Hope College is really blessed by the quality of its people," he said. "There's a real sense of caring. And when they take off to do something, they do it right, which is certainly the Hope College way."

Nordstrom cited the faculty and staff portion of the campaign as an example. The goal was to raise $500,000 from the college's faculty and staff. In the end, they contributed $845,000. Moreover, 120 members of the faculty and staff served as callers, and the financial and volunteer support came from every area of the college.

"It goes without saying that people have such strong devotion to Hope College that it's hardly even a question as to whether or not they'll support it—and support it generously," said Phyllis Kleder '71 Hooyman, who is director of financial aid at Hope and co-chaired the faculty and staff campaign with Dr. William Reynolds of the English faculty. Concerning the process she noted, "Everyone seemed very, very willing to help. I don't think the people that I worked with had much trouble at all getting people to say 'yes' to volunteering, and that can be a very tough job—approaching people and colleagues and asking them to donate funds. That can sometimes be sensitive, and yet everyone was basically willing to do it and did an excellent job.

"The faculty and staff were only one portion of Hope in the Future. Their willingness to help, however, was universal. "I think it's just one of those things, where the school remains with you," said Al Bursma '56 of Sudbury, Mass., who with his wife Phyllis Bink '58 Bursma co-chaired the Boston-area portion of the campaign.

The Bursmas organized a committee of callers, wrote letters and made calls, and put together an event in town that drew in people from neighboring states as well as Massachusetts. "We had every age group represented," he said.

Susan Bosman '69 Fornuma of Holland, Mich., volunteered as a caller. During a training session she learned about the campaign and some pertinent facts about the college, and she subsequently called upon four prospective donors—none of whom she knew.

While the admits she first found the prospect of calling on strangers a bit frightening, the experience in the end was positive. "I had some neat people," she said. "I had fun getting to know them.

Rose Mack '71 of Valparaiso, Ind., another volunteer caller, also had a good experience with his calls. One was the brother of a classmate; another was a neighbor from the down the street who, it turned out, had roomed at Hope with one of Mack's childhood neighbors.

"They're so sensitive to time restraints and make it so easy to cooperate and be an extension of Hope College that I think they're a big part of it. Obviously they have a purpose—everybody knows what Hope in the Future is about—but they make it such a pleasant experience that you can't help but enjoy it and enjoy their friendship."

So they're doing two things. They have a purpose, they're getting it across professionally, but you also feel like you're developing a friendship with them that will last much longer than the campaign, I'd say that's the real plus."

Images from Hope in the Future, 1989-94. At left is a strategic planning regional meeting with David Hager '52, Dr. Kendrick Gibson of the Hope faculty, Gaye van den Hombergh '61 and President John H. Jacobson (July, 1989). At center is a volunteer leadership training meeting with Nancie Carpenter '84 Lubbers and regional advancement director Glenn Lowe '71 (October, 1991). At right, national campaign co-chairs Max Boersma '46 and Philip Miller '65 lead events during the campaign's over-goal celebration (October, 1993).
Faculty Kudos

Origins and pathways


Religion of Mainline Protestant Baby Boomers pulls from one denomination's contemporary experience a message for others.

The survey also showed that the theological differences between mainline Protestant denominations were of little importance to the unchurched "lay liberals." They were more interested in having their needs met than in the denomination in which it happened— one reason that Drs. Luidens, Hoge and Johnson titled their book Vanishing Boundaries. Given the reasons for the post-1950s membership decline and the priorities of the unchurched, Dr. Luidens believes that denominations are unlikely to see a return to the high memberships of the past. In addition, he feels that while some lost members can be regained, it will be the churches' response to parishioners' desires for services that does it.

For the modern reader, "Bell said, "the Roman Empire is a foreign country. When we write history, we're going to have to understand the customs of the place. When reading the New Testament, we need the same kind of help. Without a guidebook, modern readers are likely to misunderstand much of what they see and hear."

While formulating the idea for writing the book, Dr. Bell checked other books on the subject already on the market. Most, he discovered, were intended for college/seminary students or were too limited in scope to be helpful to the general reader.

"I wanted to write something that the average person in the pew, high school-age or older, could learn from," Dr. Bell said. "The New Testament shouldn't be the private preserve of a small number of scholars. What the scholars have learned about it can be disseminated to the public and can help them understand the basis of the Christian faith."

So, who was the guest of honor at the Last Supper?

"First you have to understand that people reclined at meals in those days. That's what the Greek verbs in the New Testament mean; 'recline, not sit,' " Dr. Bell said. "Then you can see, from documents of that time, the honor accorded to certain positions at the table."

"Once you understand the language and the customs, you realize that Jesus had taken the place of the host, not the guest of honor," he said. "He had John reclining on one side of him and the end of the couch on the other side."

"If he handed Judas a piece of bread after dipping it in a sauce, as John's gospel says he did, then Judas was reclining in the position of the teacher." Dr. Bell said. "I think the arrangement may have been ironic."

As far as the time Jesus spent in the tomb is concerned, the Jews and Romans of the time counted the days on which something occurred as the first day—and a portion of a day was counted as a whole day; hence Friday through Sunday runs three days.

Dr. Bell notes that Paul's statement about understanding "all mysteries" in 1 Corinthians 13 may be a deliberate reference to the various gnostic-Gnostic "mystery cults" of the day. The mystery cults promised secret knowledge that could lead to a happy afterlife. In such a context, Paul's statement would emphasize that even knowing all the cults' secrets was meaningless without love. Dr. Bell's book, published by Herald Press, contains chapters on the Judaic background of the New Testament, the organization of the Roman government, Greek-Roman religions and philosophical schools, social classes, morality, family life and travel. A member of the Hope faculty since 1978, Dr. Bell has published articles and reviews in a number of scholarly journals, as well as stories and articles in popular magazines and newspapers. He is the author of a Christian historical novel, Daughters of Leviathan (Abbe Press), set in ancient Rome, and co-author of a reference work, Resources in Ancient Philosophy (Scarecrow Press).
Summer diversions

Ask a college's faculty and staff to recommend some good summer reading, and the responses flow in—fiction and non-fiction; inspirational and satirical; authors from A to W. The Hope College community's tastes are varied as the individuals doing the suggesting. We hope you find something you'd like.

Arias, Ron, The Road to Tamasunchale
Called a "chacina masterpiece" by some, Arias's book is a beautifully written, imaginatively conceived celebration of the human spirit focused on the character of Don Fausto, a retired encyclopedia salesman living in the barrio of "L.A." (Dr. Jeffrey Nichols, visiting assistant professor of English)

Arzonio, Elliott, Social Animal
"This is a book about social psychology, and how human interaction influences our perceptions of both ourselves and society." (Dr. Jeffrey Nichols, visiting assistant professor of psychology)

"It's jam-packed with fascinating insights into the cultural forms of the day—and how they had an impact on the early church..." (Dr. Donald Jansen, director of libraries)

Bennett, William J., The Book of Virtues
"A collection of hundreds of stories in an instructive and inspiring anthology that will help children understand and develop character—and help adults teach the lessons. From the Bible, from American history, poems, fables, philosophy, fiction and fairy tales. Smash hit!" (Ann Parley, administrative assistant to the dean for the arts and humanities)

Boorstin, Daniel, The Discoverors
"It's a leisurely, fascinating discussion of how some basic things have come to be: for instance, time and clocks." (Joyce Nielsen, library associate)

Boyle, T.G., The Road to Wildville
"A spoof on turn-of-the-century Battle Creek cereal and health spa business." (Barbara Skidmore 70 Meenise, adjunct associate professor of psychology)

Burns, Oliver A., Learning Cold Sassy: The Unfinished Sequel
"A fascinating collection of fairy tales." (Dr. Jennifer Carothers, visiting assistant professor of psychology)

Bynum, Christine, Wild Swans
"A uniquely beautiful and unforgettable memoir— and a fascinating discussion of the relationship between the lives of Ellis and her own family's history, with others who have been engaged with traditional and feminist historical interpretations of women's experiences.” (Dr. Jennifer Carothers, visiting assistant professor of psychology)

Campbell, John, The Hero with a Thousand Faces
"The hero is a timeless figure who is found in many of the world's great mythologies. This book was published in 1949 and has been widely influential since then. It is a classic work of literature and psychology." (Dr. Jennifer Carothers, visiting assistant professor of psychology)

Carraher, Lisa, The Curious Case of Benjamin Button
"This book is a timeless classic that explores themes of identity, time, and the human experience. It is a must-read for anyone interested in literature and philosophy." (Dr. Jennifer Carothers, visiting assistant professor of psychology)

Chen, Jung, Where the Heart Is
"A heartwarming story of a young girl who finds her way back to her roots. This book is a charming and inspiring read for anyone interested in family, culture, and identity." (Dr. Jennifer Carothers, visiting assistant professor of psychology)

Chen, Sin, The Beach
"A gritty and powerful novel that explores themes of love, loss, and redemption. It is a must-read for anyone interested in literature and philosophy." (Dr. Jennifer Carothers, visiting assistant professor of psychology)

Cook, hip hop, The Dressmaker
"This novel explores the rich history and culture of the Australian outback. It is a beautifully written and compelling read for anyone interested in literature and philosophy." (Dr. Jennifer Carothers, visiting assistant professor of psychology)

Daly, John, My Life in the Sierra Nevada
"This book is a moving and inspiring story of a man who dedicated his life to conserving natural resources. It is a must-read for anyone interested in literature and philosophy." (Dr. Jennifer Carothers, visiting assistant professor of psychology)

Daly, John, The Universe Next Door
"This book is a fascinating exploration of the history and culture of the ancient world. It is a beautifully written and compelling read for anyone interested in literature and philosophy." (Dr. Jennifer Carothers, visiting assistant professor of psychology)

Davidson, Tim, The Man Who Knew Too Much
"This book is a gripping and thought-provoking novel that explores themes of intelligence and identity. It is a must-read for anyone interested in literature and philosophy." (Dr. Jennifer Carothers, visiting assistant professor of psychology)

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Campus Profile: Graves Hall

By Larry J. Wagenaar ’87

Centenary of a campus mainstay

Graves Hall is one of Hope’s fixtures, a stately old building that adds to the architectural diversity of our campus. This building, like most every structure, has its own unique history; its own story to tell.

By 1890 a number of buildings had been constructed to supplement Van Vleck Hall. However, no major brick or stone structure, which would last for a much longer period of time, was built. This was due to the severe financial conditions—the college barely survived a bankruptcy scare in the early 1870s and struggled throughout the rest of the century. The funding of Graves Hall from sources with the Reformed Church back east demonstrated how much the college depended on such support.

Named for donor Nathan Graves of New York, Graves Hall was the first substantial building added to the campus since the original construction of Van Vleck Hall in 1856.

Holland itself was just on the verge of major industrial growth in the early 1890s. Before that time the town had been a very small community with limited industry centered around the Cappon and Bertsch Tannery and a few other local industries. As the resorts near the channel drew thousands to places like Macatawa Park and the Ottawa Beach Hotel, new investors were building furniture, piano, and shoe factories in the city of Holland.

The cornerstone for Graves Hall was set in place at 2 p.m. on Oct. 12, 1892, with a great deal of fanfare. Hope President Charles Scott and his successor, President Gerrit Kollen, formally unveiled the stone and the solemn service commemorating the first major new academic Hope building since Van Vleck came to a close. The cornerstone, made of New York marble, was inscribed with the College’s motto, Spina Deo.

There was also an urgency in the air that fall day to proceed with construction as quickly as possible. It is a little known fact that the building of Graves Hall was rushed through to prevent the opening of 11th Street through the campus, which would have intersected the Pine Grove and had a major impact on the grounds today, forever changing the “campus” feel of our college.

Just think what Hope would be like with both 11th and 12th streets running through the campus.

The building was formally dedicated on June 26, 1894. President-elect Gerrit J. Kollen provided opening remarks. Nathan Graves and the Rev. Peter Moerdyke gave the major addresses. Each one in obtaining success builds upon the success of others” commented Moerdyke. “Hope College has been built upon the prayers, the faith and the hope of our predecessors and is a distinctly Christian institution and its success as such depends upon our prayers and faith.”

The Rev. Henry Dukker provided a historical sketch of the college at the dedication—then less than 30 years old!

Graves Hall is one of a handful of area buildings made of local Waverly stone, which was quarried a mile away from the campus.

Under the architectural drawing in the program, it is indicated that “the Library, having a stack room for 40,000 books, is on the north end. The Chapel, 60x60 feet, is in the South end. On the second floor of the central part are four lecture rooms. The Museum occupies the upper part of the stack room.”

(An aside: The college’s library needs have grown considerably in the intervening years. The Van Wylen Library of today—the college’s second library since Graves so functioned—holds some 300,000 books and serials. And many of the college’s surviving museum objects are now preserved at the Joint Archives of Holland.)

Graves Hall was a major addition to the college’s physical plant. With the limited purpose. According to a 1953 Anchor article, for a time the building “was also used for rehearsals by the choir, glee clubs, and other musical groups...”

Following the construction of the Memorial Chapel (founded for Edward Diment, the college’s fifth president), the library eventually expanded to fill the space in Winants. That, too, changed. With the addition of the Van Zeeren Library (Van Wylen Library’s predecessor), Graves Hall was renovated in 1962 to accommodate more classroom space and room for student offices such as student council, the Milestone, and The Anchor.

The student offices have since moved to the DeWitt Center, built in 1971. Other tenants have also come and gone—the department of sociology and social work, for example, was in the building until 1989, when it moved to Van Zeeren Hall (itself renovated following the completion of Van Wylen).

Graves Hall still serves in several ways. It has long housed the department of modern and classical languages (the 1950 Anchor retrospective indicates that “the language departments held classes upstairs as they do now, with a course in the Dutch language also included on the curriculum”), providing office and classroom space.

Graves also houses the offices of the Children’s After School Achievement (CASA) and Upward Bound programs. The “Presidents’ Room,” which incorporates the tower area on the main floor and features portraits of the college’s presidents, provides space for small meetings.

The building also contains a chapel. On the ground floor is the Henry E. Schoon Meditation Chapel, named for the Rev. Henry E. Schoon, dean of the chapel and professor of Greek and German at Hope from 1946 to 1954.

And while today’s Winants Auditorium is no longer a center of worship, it is still an important gathering place on campus. Renovated in 1980, the 200-seat auditorium fills a vital need as a location for special lectures, student films and large-classroom instruction.

Graves Hall has played many roles in its first century. No doubt it will play many more in its second.

Whatever its uses, however, the cornerstone placed more than 100 years ago reminds us today of the ongoing commitment we have as a liberal arts college in the Christian tradition. Spina Deo!
Nathan Graves: building benefactor

Nathan Graves was born in Oneida, N.Y., in 1813 to a family that had been active in the Revolutionary War. His grandfather, Elijah, had been an aide to George Washington.

Nathan was a sharp student and after a brief career in teaching he was admitted to the bar in 1840. Between 1844 and 1849 he built his practice in New York City. In 1852 he became president of the Burnett Bank, which later merged with the New York State Banking Company. He served in that capacity for 20 years.

In 1872 Graves began a world tour and visited as many missionary stations in Asia as he could and reported on their success back in the United States. Upon his return he was elected mayor of Syracuse, N.Y.

To support Hope's ambitious construction project, Graves donated books from a large private library and $10,000 for construction. Although we do not have exact figures for the cost of building Graves Hall, Voorhees Hall, which is a much larger structure and built 10 years later, cost $40,000.

Nathan Graves's ties to Hope College came through his involvement in the Reformed Church, whose members provided critical support to Hope College in its formative years. Without the support of eastern RCA churches and their members it is doubtful that Hope College would have survived.

He served as an elder in his local church and as superintendent of New Brunswick Theological Seminary.

Graves died on July 21, 1896, only two years after the completion of the building on Hope's campus. He was a philanthropist even in death, establishing a home for the aged with his estate, which was valued at $550,000—quite a sum at the end of the 19th century.

You may wonder what they placed in that cornerstone so many years ago. Some of the pieces include:

- Copies of De Holland, De Grendort, De Hope, De Wachter, The Holland City News, The Anchor, the Ottawa County Times, the Christian Intelligencer and Mission Field
- Sermon by the Rev. A.C. Van Raalte, founder of Holland, Mich., and Hope
- Hope catalogs from 1865 and 1892
- The 1892 Commencement address by the Rev. Giles Mandeville
- Inaugural address of the Rev. Philip Phelps Jr., first president of Hope College
- Memoirs of the Rev. C. Van der Meulen, founder of Zeeland, Mich
- Constitution of the college
- Architect's drawings of the building by W.K. Johnston
- First application to Congress for aid for the improvement of Holland Harbor, signed by Rev. Van Raalte, B. Grootenhuis and others

Although examples of most items on the list (which we luckily have in the Joint Archives) are already preserved, there are a few things—like the architect's drawings of the building or a document signed by A.C. Van Raalte—that are one-of-a-kind!
H.O.P.E. award presented

Dr. Hersilia Alvarez-Ruf was presented the 30th annual “Hope Outstanding Professor Educator” (H.O.P.E.) award by the 1994 Hope College graduating class.

Dr. Alvarez-Ruf, an associate professor of Spanish, was honored during the college’s annual Convocation, held in Dimnent Memorial Chapel on Thursday, April 28. The award, first given in 1965, is presented by the graduating class to the professor who they feel epitomizes the best qualities of the Hope College educator.

Dr. Alvarez-Ruf said she was honored, as she is the second member of the Spanish faculty to receive the award.

“Professor Alvarez-Ruf is a very popular and highly admired professor of Spanish,” said Hope College President Dr. John H. Ikenberry.

“She has done an excellent job in the education of students in the Spanish language, in which there is so much current interest, and brings a rich scholarly and experiential background to her teaching,” he said. “She has also been very active in the college’s committee on multicultural affairs, and has made positive contributions to the college community through her work in that committee.”

“Her selection as recipient of the H.O.P.E. award is a clear indication of the very high esteem in which she is held by Hope College students,” Dr. Jacobson said.

Dr. Alvarez-Ruf’s primary teaching fields are Spanish language and Spanish civilization. A member of the Hope faculty since 1984, she teaches linguistics, beginning and intermediate Spanish language courses, and “The Development of Spanish Civilization,” “The Development of Spanish American Civilization,” and “Advanced Grammar and Composition,” among others.

She has served on a variety of the college’s committees, and has made presentations on campus topics including “Modern Chile,” “The Role of Music in Chile,” and “The History of Hispanics in the United States: A Struggle for the Past and Present.”

Prior to joining the Hope faculty, Dr. Alvarez-Ruf had been a graduate teaching assistant in the Department of Romance Languages and Literatures at the University of Michigan. She had previously been with the Universidad de Concepcion, Chile, where her positions included serving as an associate professor of English phonetics.

“Professor Alvarez-Ruf was presented with the H.O.P.E. award, an honor reserved for the highest quality educators in the college, and the faculty and students are proud to have her as a colleague,” said H.O.P.E. Co-chairman Rick Greer, a senior in Spanish.

Dr. Alvarez-Ruf holds her bachelor’s degree from the Universidad de Concepcion, Chile; her master’s from the University of Leeds, England; and her doctorate from the University of Michigan.

NEH awards grants

The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) has awarded prestigious Younger Scholars grants to two Hope College students: junior David Charnin of Grand Rapids, Mich., and senior David Evenhuis of Novi, Mich.

The NEH awarded only 152 of the grants this year—97 to college students, and 50 to high school students. There were 920 applications.

The $2,900 grants are supporting original research projects that Charnin and Evenhuis are conducting this summer. They are advised by members of the Hope faculty.

Charnin, a history and political science double major, is investigating “The Language of Freedom, 1776-1989.” The proposal’s central question is whether or not there is a universal language of freedom, linked by common concepts and ideals, which transcends cultural and temporal boundaries,” he said. “What I plan about it is that incorporates both of my interests—history and political science.”

Charnin is analyzing the concept of freedom in the writing and speeches of those attempting to foster political change in Europe, Asia and America during the last two centuries. He is focusing on documents from the American Revolution of 1776, the French Revolution of 1789, the central European revolutions of 1848 and the failed revolution of 1867, and the revolutions of 1968 and 1989.

Evenhuis, a philosophy major and music minor, is investigating “The Role of Music in the Nietzschean Aesthetic.” Like Charnin, he is blending his two primary academic interests in his research, which concerns the 19th century German philosopher Friedrich Nietzsche.

“The project is examining Nietzsche’s attitude toward music and its connection to the subjective side of our human character,” Evenhuis said. “I plan to study both early and late texts, in order to determine whether he views music as revelatory of hidden truth, or if he sees it as a mask for banal reality.”

Scholars, Evenhuis noted, have long debated Nietzsche’s attitude on the topic, finding evidence supporting both positions.

Evenhuis is working with Dr. Anthony Perovich Jr., associate professor of philosophy and chairperson of the department.

Charnin’s project is under the direction of Dr. Robert Evenhuis ’90 of Grand Rapids.

This year’s graduating class chose Dr. Hersilia Alvarez-Ruf (center), associate professor of Spanish, as the Hope Outstanding Professor Educator (H.O.P.E.) award winner. Also pictured are the co-presidents of Mortar Board, (from left) Katrina Flammang of Paw Paw, Mich., and Alison Clay ’94 of Holland, Mich., who presented the award during the college’s Honors Convocation on Thursday, April 28.

Professor plays with Moody Blues

Although more accustomed to classical music, cellist Dr. Robert Ritsema ’57 of the Hope music faculty had a chance to try his hand at classic rock when he performed with the Moody Blues in March.

And don’t read too much into the fact that he wore earplugs.

Dr. Ritsema was part of a 60-piece orchestra that accompanied the Moody Blues during the group’s appearance in Wings Stadium in Kalamazoo, Mich., on Saturday, March 5. “We did all their old hits,” said Dr. Ritsema, who is a professor of music and chairperson of the department, as well as director of the college’s Orchestra and Symphonette.

The orchestra’s musicians were given earplugs to protect them from the quality of the band’s music, but the intensity.

The band was so loud, Dr. Ritsema noted, that even with the shielding he and the others could hear without any trouble.

And why not? Dr. Ritsema was sitting only about six feet behind the band’s drummer.

The orchestra consisted of professional musicians from the area who were hired individually. According to Dr. Ritsema the group was fairly standard as orchestras go—although, perhaps, a bit heavier with percussion than is usual. The musicians first saw the music the day of the concert, rehearsed for only 2.5 hours before the event began.

Although the crowd of seven thousand wasn’t the largest audience for which he has ever performed, Dr. Ritsema noted that it was the most boisterous.

“It’s a very different atmosphere than I’m used to,” he said.

“The concert is usually in an arena format. The audience waits until a selection is done and applauds at the end,” he said. “It isn’t cheering while it’s going on or getting up and moving around.”

Although not yet ready to go on tour with a rock band (the Symphonette, however, does tour each spring), Dr. Ritsema enjoyed the experience, and found the Moody Blues musicians appreciative. “I talked with each of them a little bit,” he said. “They were very complimentary. They thought the orchestra was great.”
Alumni News

During its May meeting, the Alumni Association Board of Directors chose its three officers for 1994–95 and appointed four new members.

Four receive service awards

The board also made three re-appointments.

Janet Lawrence ’80 of Albany, N.Y., was appointed the board’s president, replacing John Abe ’79 of Naperville, Ill. Jennifer Liggett ’85 of Kalamazoo, Mich., was elected vice president, which was Lawrence’s previous office. Cal Brunini ’61 of Paradise Valley, Ariz., was re-appointed secretary.

The board’s new members are Vicky TenHaken ’81 Hawken of Baldwinville, N.Y. (New York Region); Doris Kellom ’80 of Arlington, Mass. (Northeast Region); Valerie Pacheco ’96 of Holland, Mich. (Junior Class); and Martha Corbin ’72 Whitman of Indianapolis, Ind. (Central Region).

Re-appointed to the board were John Brobst ’79 of Livonia, Mich. (Michigan Region); Ken Dukow ’64 of Oxon, N.J. (New Jersey Region); and Kay Moores ’76 Walker of Traverse City, Mich. (Northern Michigan Region). In addition, Michael Yantis ’95 of Portage, Mich., formerly Junior Class Representative, was appointed Senior Class Representative.

Hawken is a homemaker. A registered diagnostic medical sonographer, she was a sonographer for Kline Radiology PC from 1984 to 1992 and is a member of the Society of Diagnostic Medical Sonographers. Hawken is a member of First United Methodist Church of Baldwinville, serving on the education committee and as assistant Sunday school facilitator. She and her husband, Jim Hawken ’80, have two children: Andrew and R Scott.

Kellom is a systems consultant at the Boston Company (TBC)/Mellon Bank, working on the bank’s Custody Management System specializing in the system’s interfaces with the Depository Trust Company (DTC). She is currently an elder of Newton Presbyterian Church, where she was previously a deacon. She was a volunteer with the Hope in the Future campaign in the Boston area, and has been active as a volunteer in her community.

Pacheco is a political science major who also intends to obtain a composite religion and sociology major. Her activities at the college have included Student Congress, the Shellyn Sorority, college committees including the Judicial Board, the Union of Catholic Students and the Hope Republicans. She is the daughter of Linda Pacheco of Holland, and is a 1992 graduate of Holland High School.

Whitman is a homemaker. From 1974 to 1993 she was employed with insurance companies, most recently with Aetna Health Plans of Indianapolis as an assistant office manager. Her local activities include the PTU, being a team parent with Little League Baseball and a classroom parent volunteer program. She and her husband, Merlin Whitman ’73, have two children: Geoffrey and Bradley.

Members of the board whose terms are ending are Garrett E. DeGraff ’71 of Avon, N.Y.; Marianne Hageman ’58 of DePere, Wis.; Chris Turkstra ’93 of Chicago, Ill., and Anne Walvoord ’73 Vanderbyl of Williamson, N.Y.

All the appointments and term endings are effective July 1.

Hawken was head of the college’s Admissions office from 1966 until retiring in 1985. She was vice president of the faculty wives organization, and participated in several of Hope’s Village Square planning committees— including as chairperson in 1968.

Dr. Henry “Cy” Voogd joined the Hope faculty in 1947 and retired in 1983, and spent 25 years as acting or formal chair of the department of religion. He was instrumental in inaugurating the Danforth program of guest lecturerships in the early 1950s, and administered the college’s chapel program before there was a chapel chaplain. He is a member of the Alumni H-Club, which is comprised of former student athletes. He established the department of religion’s Van Ess Scholarship Fund in 1970.

The Voogds have four children, all of whom attended Hope: Janice ’66, Judy Jane ’75, and James. The Helen ’45 and Henry ’41 Voogd Scholarship has been established in their honor to assist deserving students who are majoring in religion.

Hope presented four Distinguished Alumni Awards during Alumni Weekend on Saturday, May 7. From left to right are John Abe ’79, Alumni Association president; Helen Howard ’54 Hanson of Harrisburg, Va.; Ron Schipper ’52 of Pella, Iowa; Dr. Paul DeWeese ’77 of East Lansing, Mich.; and the Rev. Warren Burgess ’51 of Traverse City, Mich.
Grads encouraged to accept challenges as opportunities

Don’t be afraid to face challenges, speaker Louise Shumaker ’87 told the Class of 1994 during Hope College’s Commencement exercises on Sunday, May 8.

“If you take anything that I say away from here with you today, take this. When life throws a barrier in front of you, resist the temptation to see it as a problem,” said Shumaker, who is the college’s director of disabled student services and has been vision impaired since birth. “See it as a challenge, one that you can turn into an opportunity.”

“But remember: opportunities sometimes come sort of disguised, and without a positive outlook you will miss out on some of the best experiences of your life,” she said.

More than 4,000 attended the college’s 128th Commencement, held in Holland Municipal Stadium. Parents from throughout the United States and as far away as Spain, Russia, Bahrain, Japan and Indonesia were present.

In addition to recognizing the approximately 500 graduates, the college also presented a Distinguished Service Award to the Rev. Gerard Van Heest ’49, Hope’s chaplain, who is retiring this year.

Titled “Facing the Plunge,” Shumaker’s address likened life’s challenges to the powerful waves of the ocean, and noted that, like waves, the challenges could either be battled or worked around.

“My first encounter with the ocean was a terrifying one,” she said. “The waves were huge and deafening, and who knew what kind of creatures lurked below.”

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"As I waded deeper into the waves, I figured out very quickly that if I didn’t prepare myself for them, they were going to knock me right off my feet," Shumaker said. "Soon I knew that I could stand up to the waves, but if I was to enjoy myself, I would need to make the waves work for me."

"With the help of an expert friend I soon learned the art of throwing my body onto the curl of the wave and riding it out. Now relationships is the opportunity to be supported, to care and to be cared for—to love and to be loved," she said.

"So, say a little prayer, put your fears aside, walk on in, prepare yourself for the big wave and throw yourself into a life full of exciting, fulfilling and exhilarating experiences," Shumaker said.

The Rev. Peter Semeen ’73’s Baccalaureate sermon, titled “Don't Leave Hope Behind” and delivered earlier in the day in Dimnent Memorial Chapel, offered a similar message, encouraging the graduates to meet life’s challenges, and recommending Jesus Christ to them as a source of strength while they do so.

Rev. Semeen based his sermon on Joshua 1:1-9, in which Joshua becomes leader of the Israelites following Moses’s death and hears God’s assertion that the Israelites will conquer the lands before them. He also used Eph. 6:10-17, in which Jesus reassures that He has come and that His power is greater than that of the troubles in the world.

Like the graduates, Rev. Semeen said, Joshua’s challenges were many, the first being conquering the city of Jericho—an obstacle that Rev. Semeen said was a metaphor for the graduates’ own post-Commencement challenges to come.

"When you walk across that platform at Municipal Stadium this afternoon, you’ll be handed a diploma. And when you exit on the other side down those stairs, you’ll enter into a world of walled fortresses like Jericho," he said.

The challenges, Rev. Semeen said, would come from both the world in general—he used random violence as one example—and the graduates’ lives in particular—including graduate work, new jobs and living in new places.

Rather than despair, however, the graduates could take heart in Jesus’s message, Rev. Semeen said, and he provided examples of faith’s power to overcome. A teacher of the handicapped and learning disabled, described in Richard Foster’s book Celebration of Discipline, made a difference by caring for the students and praying for them.

Geoffrey B. Stewart ’76, one of Rev. Semeen’s Hope peers, overcome acute leukemia and a disabling stroke to return to teaching and coaching in Big Rapids.

“It’s a little bit like shouting down the walls, it is not,” Rev. Semeen said.

“Class of ’94, Jericho awaits,” he said. “It’s the expected and the anticipated, but Jericho comes one moment after another. But when you face Jericho, keep those words in mind. Be strong and courageous, for I am with you always. I have come to bring you peace. In the world there will be great trouble. But do not be afraid, for I have overcome the world."

“Never, ever, ever give up hope behind,” Rev. Semeen said.
At left, five friends find time to capture the moment in the midst of the day's bustle.

Family and friends filled the visitors' seats, and a substantial part of the field, during the Commencement exercises at Holland Municipal Stadium.

The department of physics's graduating majors included seven Phi Beta Kappa inductees. From left to right are Doug Bazuin, Matthew Thompson, Sarah MacIntyre, Nathan Shaw, Richard Bouwens, Dave Parker and Greg Gemmen.

Family members came from throughout the United States and abroad to wish their graduates well. Betsy Peter, center, stands with her parents (left), John and Rosalind Peter of Bahrain, and faculty members Dr. Donald Luidens '69 and Dr. Neal Sobania '68.

Closure

So often, time passes anonymously—"time flies," often with no accounting of whence it went. Certain moments, however, are easily remembered. Often they are turning points, pivots upon which prologue and future hinge. Graduation day is such a time, marking the formal closing of one chapter and opening of another.
Memories

The beauty of memories is that there's always room for more.

Alumni Weekend, this year held Friday through Sunday, May 6-8, provides grist for the mill, an opportunity not only to celebrate recollections of the past but to generate the remembrances of the future.

And the best times are usually shared with others who also appreciate the experience. That may be why more than 500 alumni return for Alumni Weekend year after year—not only for class reunions (10 this year), but for the Alumni Festival and Alumni Dinner (for all alumni), and the 50-Year Circle ceremony (for those who graduated 50 or more years ago, including this year the 87 members of the Class of '44).

The Alumni Association's new Alumni Festival Saturday afternoon provided not only the reunion classes but all alumni who returned to campus an opportunity to mingle and remember.
1929/1934 Reunions

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Thanks to many of you, we've had a great year in the alumni office!

The commitment demonstrated by alumni and friends for this institution has been incredible. You have offered us support through your generous gifts, sharing your talents, by providing us with ideas, and by giving us your time.

During the past year, hundreds of individuals have talked with us, and many volunteer efforts have benefited all areas of the campus.

We've relied on volunteers to help us plan class reunions and regional events. You have provided leadership for our Anchor Clubs, for our Quarterly and Hools Clubs, and for our Five-Year Circle. And, you also have agreed to serve on the Alumni Association Board of Directors, the Women's League Board, the Board of Trustees, the H-Talk Board of Directors, and the Economic/Business Advisory Council.

On more than one occasion you have assisted us with our fund raising efforts.

Volunteer callers were instrumental in the success of the Hope in the Future campaign. Class representatives were crucial to success of the annual fund. You showed up for your fellow students and encouraged them to enroll at Hope. You have suggested to students you know that they should consider looking at Hope College and some have even brought prospective students to campus.

Alumni and friends have assisted our students in their career struggles. You have provided our students with internships. You have offered students professional insights through informational interviews and counseling. You have also provided our students with job leads and opportunities.

You have been more than willing to return to campus, to give speeches, lectures, seminars, sharing your expertise in both your vocations and avocations. You have also been willing to return to campus to be speakers in your homes on different occasions.

There are countless other ways that your efforts have helped the college. Some of these roles have required a great time commitment; some have required special expertise, knowledge, or skills. Regardless of the responsibilities, all volunteer efforts have been provided with a caring heart, an enthusiastic spirit, and a love for Hope College. And, it has made a difference!

Time and time you have responded to our requests for help and we are grateful.

Thank you all for the many ways in which you help Hope College.
Reunion '94

Hope College and its students depend on gifts to the Alumni Fund from members of classes celebrating reunions. To date, 43% of reunion alumni literature contributed. Most have not yet given! If so, please join your classmates in helping to keep your Class Reunion strong.

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Jeffrey Scott Roseau, an education student from Shores, Mich., since Holly Rabbai of Wood, Wash., on Lancelot Bourne mine Fla., has been given clearance Eckert '87 and Lein '87 is in full-time law school English teacher in the U.S. Navy, will complete his last clearwater, Michigan. veggie books, ‘87 is in finishing his last year of a Single News Dave, of Michigan lost their lives. He returned to the Center for Ground Water Management for an estuarial hydrogeology course at Wright State University. Tanja Call '93 of Kalamazoo, Mich., studies, and oversees adolescents and assists social workers with Children and Family Services. Jason Everett '93 of Grand Rapids, Mich., is a research fellow for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. In August he will begin doctoral studies in animal biology. Nathaniel Todd Helms '93 of Royal Oak, Mich., is performing sleep research at the Henry Ford Hospital for Disorders and Research Center in Detroit, Mich. Robert Henderson II '93 of Fairborn, Ohio, is a graduate student, at Wright State University, studying hydrogeohydrology. Kevin Mackey '93 of East Lansing, Mich., is a graduate student, at the University of Michigan, doing research on dynamics of European plate and North American plate in East Siberia. Jenny Taylor '93 of Calif., is the managing director, Sky Advertising in New York City.

Class of '94

Chad Ackermann '94 will work for Andersen Consulting in Detroit, Mich. Conservative Steven Ackermann plans to complete his education at Eastern Michigan University. Holly Anderson '94 will study marine biogeography in Queensland (Australia) and Antarctica. Daniel Baus '93 will do graduate work at the Columbus (Ohio) College of Art and Design. Brian Buehler '93 of Michigan is designing houses this summer, buy a truck and drive to Tierra del Fuego, Argentina, and plan to enjoy bird watching, fishing and hunting with a guide. They also have internships teaching English as a second language with the Shining Path Foundation in Peru.

Martin Briel '94 will return to Germany to pursue a master’s degree in psychology at the
Berkeley
Shelley Blue '94 will be a Peace Corps volunteer.
Donna Bolenz '94 has accepted a position with
Andersen Consulting.
Tenny Bush '94 will be in the osteopathic medi-
cine program at Michigan State University.
Ted Busman '94 will pursue a master's of
applied statistics at Western Michigan University.

Peggy Christ '94 will work for Prince Corp.
Allison Clay '94 this summer has a fellowship at
the National Institute of Health-Institute of
Neurologic Disorders and Stroke in Bethesda, Md.
This fall she will pursue an M.D./Ph.D. at

NDHCF University of Chicago Pritzker School of
Medicine in Illinois.
Shannon Colburn '94 will be starting at Andersen
Consulting in Detroit, Mich., in July.
Phil Conley '94 will attend the U.S. Air Force at
Western Reserve University.
Amna Liza Cox '94 and June is reading a paper
at an international conference in Aberdeen,
Scotland.
Laura Dogan '94 will do graduate work in
screenwriting at Loyola Marymount University
in Los Angeles, Calif.
Tim Dawson '94 will pursue a master's of a
social work at the University of Michigan.

Steven DiWitt '94 will work in sales and mar-
teting with Donnelly Corp., in Holland, Mich.
Anna Dizee Oprieznel '94 will be a branch
manager trainee with Old Kent Bank of Holland,
Mich.

Derek Drift '94 will attend dental school at
the University of Kentucky.
Lisa Dreesse '94 is working as an RN on the
medical-surgical floor at Bronson Methodist
Hospital.
Michael Edensky '94 will attend graduate
school at Michigan State University.
Matt Erickson '94 will be in the doctoral of
chiropractic program at Palmer College of
Chiropractic in Davenport, Iowa.

Ann Felkner '94 has accepted a full-time posi-
tion at the Arrow Grand Plaza Hotel in Grand
Rapids, Mich., in their convention and banquet
departments.
Sarah Gaither '94 will conduct missionary
work on the Amazon in Brazil.

Gregory Gemmen '94 will be pursuing a doctorate
in physics at the State University of New
York at Stony Brook.
Brad Hueson '94 will be working for Andersen
Consulting in Detroit, Mich.
Jennifer Gilmore '94 will pursue an M.A. in
Oregon State in Corvallis.

Nathan Graybill '94 on Friday, April 15, partici-
pated in a conference on health care reform
which was sponsored by Hope College's depart-
ment of economics and business administration.
He presented "The Best Health Care System
in the World: the Most Expensive." He has
started a two-year internship in Exxon's Corpora-
 tnial Planning Department in Dallas, Texas.

Ryan Hankenson '94 will be an in-house super-
visor with Sheldon Pines School in the Ottawa
Area Intermediate School District.

Gary Harmer '94 will teach biology at Grand
Raven (Mich.) High School.

Chad Haverslauk '94 is working at Toronto
Savings Bank in Holland, Mich.
Katherine Hoog '94 will pursue a master's of
social work degree at the University of Illinois
at Chicago.

Lara Hubelink '94 will be pursuing a master's degree
in physical therapy at Central Michigan University.

Amy Hilestra '94 has accepted a teaching posi-
tion, half-time in the resource room and
half-time in regular education, at East Christian
School in Kalamazoo, Mich.

Barbara Howe '94 will attend Western Michigan
University in the masters of science in occupa-
tional therapy program.

Matthew Johnson '94 will pursue a doctorate at
the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Steven Johnson '94 will attend law school at

Erin Jungslager '94 will pursue a master's degree
in psychology at Western Michigan University.

Kimberly Kim '94 has taken a position with
Enbridge Industries as an administrative assistant.
Michael Kim '94 will be a Peace Corps volunteer.

Lori Koster '94 will be with a mission school in
Kenya.

Kathleen Kraft '94 will be a receptionist with
TNT Holland Motor Express.

Tina Links '94 will be with the Jewish Volunteer
Corps: Midwest for a year.

Wade Lamphere '94 will pursue a graduate
degree in engineering at Western Michigan University.

Cara Luchies '94 will teach English at the
Pedagogical University in Opole, Poland.

Dana McCay '94 has an internship working with
a church youth group in Silver Spring, Md.

Shawn McFarland '94 will be an officer in the
U.S. Air Force Nurse Corps. The four-year com-
mitment includes a six-month internship in
Illinois, Miss., and three years at Sumter, S.C.

Jamie McKee '94 will work at the University of
Kalamazoo, Mich.

Elizabeth Merrill '94 will pursue a graduate
degree in occupational therapy at Western
Michigan University in Kalamazoo.

Jennifer Mor '94 will be attending a police
academy.

Jeffrey Naumann '94 will be a consultant with
Deloitte & Touche in Parsippany, N.J.

Christine Neumann '94 will pursue a master's degree in
education at Grand Valley State University.

Debra Nord '94 will pursue a graduate degree in
social work at Western Michigan University.

Paul Nord '94 will pursue a master's of
divinity degree at Western Theological Seminary.
He will be a bicycle mechanic with Compassion
Cycle.

David Parker '94 will pursue a graduate degree in
electrical engineering at the University of
Minnesota.

Gary Fepe '94 is employed by Del Colene, migrant
day care, Holland, Mich., Community Education.

Suzanne Porter '94 will attend dental school at
the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

Omar Postigo '94 and Brett Baer '94 will paint
houses this summer, buy a truck and drive to
Diego, Argentina, and plan to enjoy
biking, surfing, rock climbing and cliff diving on
the way.

They also have internships teaching English as a
second language with the Shining Path in Peru.

Amy Paut '94 will be directing a play at the
Baldwin Repertory Theatre in Chicago, Ill., start-
ing in September.

Erinn Raymond '94 will teach English as a
second language in Japan.

Michael Reck '94 will attend the Kalamazoo
Valley Community College Police Academy.

David Rink '94 will attend Northwestern
University at Evanston, Ill.

Nathan Roth '94 will be working for Amway
Institute in Hollywood, Calif.

Paulina Rychenkon '94 will be in the graduate
program in mathematics and theoretical physics at
Cambridge University in England.

Derek Sanders '94 will be in dental school at
the University of Detroit Mercy.

Nathan Shaw '94 will pursue a doctorate in
physics at the State University of New York at
Stony Brook.

William Sikkell '94 will attend the Indiana
University School of Law in Bloomington.

Michael Slaton '94 will work for World
Companies Insurance in Ohio.

Gina Smith '94 will attend the University of
Michigan Medical School.

Beth Snyder '94 will attend graduate school in
higher education at Ohio State University.

Tiffany Steffen '94 will teach German at Central
Lake (IlI.) Central High School.

Lisa Stover '94 will work as a staff accountant
with Plante & Moran in Battle Creek, Mich.

Elana Ten Huisen '94 will pursue a master's of
science in child development at Purdue
University.

Charles Thiers '94 will attend the University of
Calgary, Australia, for a semester before gradu-
ating school.

Matthew Thompson '94 will pursue a doctorate in
mechanical engineering at Georgia Tech in
Atlanta.

Deborah Treet-Fisher '94 will work in sales with
Fed Specialities in Appleton, Wis.

Maria Me Turner '94 will be a staff auditor with
Arthur Andersen in Grand Rapids, Mich.

Erin Van Houzen '94 will pursue a master's of
fine arts at the University of Iowa.

Ann Verhony '94 will pursue a master's of divinty
at McCormick Theological Seminay in
Chicago, Ill.

Leticia Vargas '94 will attend graduate school at
Waseda University in Tokyo, Japan.

Andrea Welie '94 will be an auditor for Deloitte &
Touche in Grand Rapids, Mich.

Dai Wessman '94 has received a University
Fellowship from The Ohio State University, where
he will be working on his dissertation in psychology
at Ohio State University.

Wesley White '94 will pursue a doctorate in
chemistry at Cornell State University.

Matthew Yakes '94 will be a chemist with
Pentemere Plating in Grand Rapids, Mich.

Heidi Zwart '94 will be a Peace Corps volunteer.

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In addition to his wife, survivors include a son, Ted (Sally) Bolema '82 of Rockville, Md.; a daughter, Sally (Bill) Bolema; and two grandchildren.

Robert Bolema was born in Muskegon on June 6, 1931, and graduated from Muskegon High School. He married Bruce Langer in 1955, who survives him, on Feb. 6, 1994.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army. He taught in the Muskegon County schools for 37 years, and recently taught in the Muskegon Community Education program. He served on the General Program Council of the Reflector Church, and was an active member of the Muskegon school board.

He had also been a volunteer with the college's Hope in the Fellows program.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Betty Nelson.

Lucille Buter '38 DeDe of Grand Rapids, Mich., died suddenly from a cerebral hemorrhage at her winter home in Venice, Fla., on Tuesday, March 8, 1994. She was 82.

She was born in Holland, Mich., on June 29, 1911, to Albert and Elizabeth (Marion) Kossen.

A member of the Delta Phi sorority, she was a member of the Holland Geneology Society and the Outoyer Club.

She taught school for 46 years, and was a member of the Ottawa County Retired Teachers Association.

Surviving are a nephew, Wade Mitchell of Nashville, Tenn.; two nieces, Kathy Bland; and two nephews, Eric and Tim Mitchell of Nashville, Tenn.

Sidney Havenga '37 of Vicksburg, Mich., died on Monday, Feb. 14, 1994. He was 82.

He was born on Nov. 27, 1911, in Holland, Mich., the son of Jacob and Elizabeth Havenga.

He was employed at the McAlpin Hardware Store in Vicksburg, Mich., and taught in one-room country schools. She taught in the school system of Holland, Muskegon; and several years in the Netherlands.

He was her husband and Clifford Dyer on Mar., 10, 1956.

He died on his 80th birthday, March 9, 1994.

Surviving are two children, Allen and Joan, and two grandchildren.

Joshua Hogenhoven '38 of Ossian, Fla., died on Tuesday, April 19, 1994. He was 93.

He was born on June 5, 1900, in Champaign, Ill., to George and Mary Hogenhoven.

He taught at the Lakeview, Okemos, and East Lansing High Schools.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Clara, and seven siblings.

Lee DeFeo '27 of Holland, Mich., died on Thursday, March 8, 1994, at an Allendale, Mich., nursing home. She was 87.

He had been in the Cosmopolitan Fraternity at Hope.

Born in Holland, he was employed as a chemist at Dow Chemical in Michigan, Mich., for 16 years. He later owned and operated Lee DeFeo Piano and Organ Co.

He was a member of First Reformed Church, and served as a deacon for several years. His wife, Chryslene, preceded him in death.

Survivors include a daughter, Charlotte Burgers of Muskegon, Mich.; two sons, Lynda DeFeo of Osakis, Minn.; two grandchildren; a niece, Audrey Berge of Zeeland, Mich.; and a nephew.

Nancy J. Havro of Portland, Ore., died on Wednesday, March 2, 1994. She was 87.

She was born on Nov. 25, 1906, to Fred and Ada Berglund.

She died of cancer.

Lea DeFeo '27 of Holland, Mich., died on Thursday, March 8, 1994, at an Allendale, Mich., nursing home. She was 87.

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Vicen Kronefelter '37 of Port Charlotte, Fla., died on Wednesday, March 23, 1994. He was 78.

He was born on July 30, 1915, in Holland, Mich., the son of William and Elva (Kronenberg) Kronefelter.

He was an executive director with the Kellogg Co., Battle Creek, Mich., from 1944 to 1976.

He was married to the former Dorothy C. Delano of Battle Creek, Mich., in 1946.

Survivors include his wife; Dorothy; and two sons, David and Peter Kronefelter.
Stuart of Battle Creek and James of Cape May, N.J., and six grandchildren.

William Maat '27 of Sioux Falls, S.D., died on Sunday, May 1, 1994. He was 89.

The son of Gerrit and Jane (Swart) Maat, he was born on June 29, 1903, in Chicago, Ill. He graduated from Holland (Mich.) High School in 1923, and from Western Theological Seminary in 1928.


He was a minister in the Reformed Church in America for 39 years. He served churches in upstate New York at Nassau, Bemus, West Seneca, Schenectady, Dongen and Higgenbotham.

In addition to his wife, he was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Arthur Maat, and two sisters, Alice Kickert (Jeannette) Townsend of Battle Creek, Mich., and Callie Kickert of Bemus, N.Y.; two sons, Alice Kickert and Martha Newendyk; and one grandson, Keith Maat.

Survivors include two sons, David William Maat of Jemez, Alaska, and Howard James Maat of Saranac Lake, N.Y.; two daughters, Phyllis Ruth Klapp of Sioux Falls, S.D., and Lois Ann Schier of Kingston, Tenn., two sisters, Mrs. John (Babka) Brink of Wayton, Mich., and Mrs. Nick (Jeanette) Van Meeteren of Sheldon, Iowa; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Ma Townsend '29 Martin died at Hughes Home in Fredericksburg, Va., on Friday, April 22, 1994. She was 90.

She was born in Berlin, N.J., on Sept. 21, 1903. She was the widow of James Dean Martin, who was a Reformed Church in America pastor.

She was the last surviving member of a family of 12 children, and the only one to attend college. She worked to pay her way, attending Drew Theological Seminary and graduating from Hope.

While in college, she was an English major and president of her sorority. She met her husband at Hope, and they were married the year she graduated. After graduating, she taught at the Shedd Sunday School in girls' clubs in New York City, while her husband attended seminary.

She was a devoted mother and minister's wife, assisting her husband in the four Reformed churches in which he served: High Bridge, N.J.; New Jersey; Second Reformed, Tarrytown, N.Y.; Second Reformed, Schenectady, N.Y.; and First Reformed, Nyack, N.Y. She also loved to read and was an excellent seamstress and creator of dolls and toys.

In 1970, she and her husband retired to the Penney Retirement Community in Pensacola, Fla. She was there until May of 1992, when she came to Fredericksburg to be near her daughter and son.

Survivors include her two children, Joyce Martin Munson of Fredericksburg and Keith Dean Martin of Washington, D.C.; and four grandchildren.

Geoffrey A. Miller '49 of Holland, Mich., died on Saturday, March 26, 1994, following a short illness. He was 67.

Born in Oldsmar, Fla., he moved to the Holland area as a child. He graduated from Holland High School.

He served in the U.S. Air Force during World War II, and worked for Bombol Aluminum as a tool-and-die maker until his retirement in 1985.

He was a member of the American Legion Post No. 25, the VFW and the West Shore Golf Club.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Lilian, in 1983.

Survivors include his wife, Alva (Mulner), his children, Mitch and Beth Miller, Britt and Sue Miller, Rich and Audrey Miller, and Peter Miller; all of Holland, and Sandy and Larry Huzier of Montclair, N.J., and five grandchildren.

John H. Mulder '55 of St. Petersburg, Fla., died on Friday, March 4, 1994, at Bayfront Medical Center. He was 60.

Born in Waterklo, N.V., he came to St. Petersburg in 1969 from Louisville, Ky. He was a third generation Hope graduate, the son of John Mulder and the grandson of Janus, who attended Hope in 1889.

He was an administrative vice president for Capital, Formation Counselors Inc. in Belleair, Fla., for the past 21 years. He was formerly on the board of directors for Habitat for Humanity, was a volunteer for the Ronald McDonald House and was an ordained elder and deacon of First Presbyterian Church.

Survivors include his wife of 37 years, Mary Anne Meyers '55 Mulder; two daughters, Anne Mulder of Winter Park, Fla., and Laura Mulder of Logan, Utah; two sons, Bruce Mulder '84 of Raleigh, N.C., and John C. Mulder of Miami, Fla.; three brothers, Ronald, John and James; and four grandchildren.

Nicole H. Mulder '66 of Nurnberg, Germany, and Jeffrey H. Mulder '69 of Holland, Mich., and a grand-daughter.

Susanne Dragt '27 Vander Bogh of Holland, Mich., died on Thursday, April 7, 1994, in an area nursing home. She was 90.

She was born in Sheldon, Iowa. She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles, in 1988, and by a son-in-law, Maurice Ver Helst Jr.

She was a member of Third Reformed Church in Hope, where she taught Sunday school class, and women's groups. She was post pastor of the Hope College Women's League. She was a member of the Holland and the Woman's Literary Club.

Survivors include her two children, Maurice (Jance) Ver Helst of Holland, two grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; a sister, Anna Peg Photograph of St. Petersburg, Fla. of Hope, a D.D., in 1968.

In 1946, she married Bernhard Ver Helst of Holland. He died on Friday, March 25, 1994, at the age of 70.

She was a member of Hope Class of 1946.

Survivors include her daughter, Phyllis (Ver Helst) Murtz, and her husbands; her son, Bernard Murtz, and his wife; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Sandra (Singel) Deere of Jenison, Mich., died on Thursday, March 24, 1994, at the age of 39 years.

She was born on June 30, 1955, in Muskegon, Mich., and she graduated from Hope in 1977.

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A trophy-class year

Athletic competition during a school year is a kaleidoscopic blend of contests spread over 18 sports for men and women. There are victories and defeats, school records are broken and national-caliber performances noted.

The outcome of each of these contests goes toward determining a team’s place in the conference standings. From these standings the winner of the coveted Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association (MIAA) All-Sports award becomes known.

The race for this year’s All-Sports award went down to the final weekend of the school year, with Hope needing to finish ahead of Calvin in baseball to gain enough all-sports points. It seemed like a big order, especially since a year ago the Flying Dutchmen were dead last.

Not only did the Flying Dutchmen sweep a season-ending three-game series over Alma to finish ahead of Calvin, but they won the MIAA baseball championship—and it put Hope ahead of Calvin by just five points in the final all-sports standings.

So another orange-and-blue MIAA All-Sports banner will hang in the Dow Center. It is the second time in three years that Hope has won the award and the 11th time since 1980.

A good spring season capped Hope’s all-sports year. In addition to outstanding conference play, athletes representing five teams were able to compete on a national level.

• Lisa Stover ’94 of Portage, Mich., became the first Hope and MIAA athlete to earn All-America honors in golf by finishing fifth at the national women’s collegiate championships.

• Freshman Audrey Coates of Holland, Mich., earned NCAA All-America honors by advancing to the quarterfinals of the NCAA Division III men’s tennis championships.

• Three Hope athletes qualified for the NCAA Division III track and field championships. Sophomore Erik Carpenter of Stamford, Conn., finished 10th in the nation in the 1,500-meter run. Other qualifiers were Alicia Elmone ’94 of Port Huron, Mich., in women’s 1,500-meter run and sophomore Michelle Neel of Kalamazoo, Mich., in the 5,000.

• Junior Frank Gauntt of Hudsonville, Mich., was one of only five golfers outside team entries invited to play in the NCAA Division III men’s golf championships.

• Junior outfielder Mark Kuiper of Lansing, Mich., had a performance (11 for the NCAA baseball record book as he hit safely in 31 consecutive games over the 1993 and 1994 seasons. A 380 career batter, Kuiper was named a GTE academic honoree on a district level for a second consecutive year.

• Sophomore Laurie Byington of Portage, Mich., earned softball All-America honors for a second year. This spring she became the first player in MIAA softball history to win consecutive outright batting titles.

• Junior pitcher Nicki Manners of Wyoming, Mich., added to her all-conference basketball honors with similar accolades in softball.

Accomplishments weren’t always measured through an individual’s performance. As teamwork also keyd a lot of Hope’s successes this spring. For example, there was the rare softball triple play executed by Heather Ozenga of Palos Heights, Ill., Amy Meeckel of St. Joseph, Mich., and Lisa Walters of New Hudson, Mich.

The rags-to-riches odyssey of the baseball team, under first-year coach Stu Fritz, was simply amazing. The Flying Dutchmen won just once in their first seven games, but then went on to post a 13-3 mark against conference foes. Joining Kuiper on the all-MIAA was outfielder Chris Backus ’94 of Holland, Mich.

In women’s tennis, Coates was joined by freshman teammate Becky Lucas of Kalamazoo, Mich., on the All-MIAA team. Coates was voted the Midwest region rookie-of-the-year, and Marie Van Tubbergen ’94 of Holland was presented the MIAA’s Sue Little Sportsmanship award.

This spring was also a time for anticipation. Workmen put the finishing touches on the new DeWitt Tennis Center, which when it opens in August will feature six indoor courts. A new wooden basketball floor was installed in the Dow Center and improvements were underway to the football practice fields at the Edkal J. Buys Athletic complex.

Clockwise, beginning in upper left: Alicia Elmore was most valuable runner in MIAA women’s track; outfielder Mark Kuiper and coach Stu Fritz celebrate the MIAA baseball championship; sophomore Erik Carpenter was NCAA track All-American (qualified for NCAA track championships); freshman Audrey Coates was NCAA tennis All-American; and sophomore Laurie Byington became two-time softball All-American.