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At home at Hope

People often joke about living at work, but broach the subject with biologist Harvey Blankespoor and you’ll learn he isn’t kidding.

Dr. Blankespoor and wife Marlene reside in Wyckoff (formerly Arcadian) and Cosmopolitan Hall, a men’s dormitory that’s a leisurely campus stroll from his office in the Peale Science Center. The Blankespoors are there simply to be a part of the students’ lives.

Please see page seven.
Dr. Carol Lynn Juth-Gavasso, assistant professor of political science, died on Saturday, Aug. 6, 1994. She was 47.

"The passing of Carol Juth-Gavasso is very sad. She was a valued member of the college community, not only as a librarian but as a teacher and as a person who was active in the senior seminar program," said Hope College President Dr. John H. Jacobson. "She will be greatly missed."

Dr. Juth-Gavasso joined the Hope faculty as a reference librarian in 1970 with the rank of instructor, and was promoted to assistant professor in 1973. Because of health reasons, her responsibilities with the library ended during the 1993-94 academic year and she began teaching with the department of political science on a part-time basis.

Courses she had taught at the college through the years included "Criminal Justice," offered through the department of political science; "Women and the Law," offered through political science and women's studies; and "Issues in White Collar Crime," a senior seminar.

She had been a volunteer at the Michigan Dunes Correctional Facility near Saugatuck for many years, helping develop and coordinate library services. For her volunteer work, she was honored by the Michigan Department of Corrections in 1979 and received a Presidential Commendation from the Michigan Library Association in 1987.

In 1991, Dr. Juth-Gavasso was one of only 70 persons nationwide invited to attend the conference "Litigation, Justice and the Public Good" in San Diego, Calif.

Prior to joining the Hope faculty, she had been an assistant librarian at Ferris State in Big Rapids. She was a member of several professional associations.

Dr. Juth-Gavasso graduated from Oakland University with a bachelor's degree in 1968, and held a master's of science in librarianship, master's of arts and doctorate from Western Michigan University.

Survivors include her husband, Richard Gavasso.
Classes begin August 30

The 133rd academic year at Hope will open on Sunday, Aug. 28, with a convocation address by Dr. James Herrick, who is an associate professor of communication and chairperson of the department.

The convocation will be held on Sunday at 2 p.m. in Dimnent Memorial Chapel. The public is invited. Admission is free.

Residence halls for new students will open on Friday, Aug. 26, at 10 a.m. Orientation events will begin that evening and will continue through Monday, Aug. 29.

Returning students are not to arrive on campus before Monday, according to college officials. Classes will begin on Tuesday, Aug. 30, at 8 a.m.

Approximately 705 first-time students, a record number, are anticipated according to Dr. James Beekering, 63, vice president for admissions and student life. Last year's total of 685 students in college for the first time was the third-largest in Hope's history. Hope's greatest number of first-time students, 687, entered the college in the fall of 1992. Total enrollment is expected to surpass 2,800 students for only the second time in Hope's history. Enrollment last year was 2,715.

Several additions and changes to campus have been made during the summer months.

The new six-court DeWitt Tennis Center has opened near Fairbanks Avenue and Holland Municipal Stadium. The building provides all-weather practice and playing space for the college's athletic teams, other members of the Hope community, and members of the Holland community who have purchased memberships.

The office building at 100 East Eighth Street, which shares an arcade-like lobby with the college-owned Knickerbocker Theatre, has been renovated to house the offices of the college's Conference Services and arts coordinator, the Hope Academy of Senior Professionals (HASP) and classroom space.

The offices of the dean of the chapel and the chaplain have moved into the former Koppel Guest House at 85 East 10th Street (Hope has a five-member chapel staff—please see the story on page eight). The Koppel house is no longer housing guests of the college—that service will resume when the new Haworth Conference Center opens during the 1996-97 academic year.

Kollen Hall dormitory, built in 1956, has been extensively remodeled, including through the addition of new furnishings for the rooms.

With six indoor tennis courts, the new DeWitt Tennis Center will provide all-weather space for practice and play.

New trustees appointed

There have been three appointments and four reappointments to the Hope College Board of Trustees.

Newly chosen to serve on the board are: Dr. David E. Cole of Ann Arbor, Mich.; Dr. Robin K. Klay of Holland, Mich.; and the Rev. Dr. Gregg A. Mast '74 of Guildersville, N.Y. Re-elected to the board were: Max Boersma '46 of Holland, Mich.; Peter Huizenga '60 of Oak Brook, Ill.; Larry Mulder '88 of Holland, Mich.; and the Rev. Peter Paulsen '64 of New Brunswick, N.J.

In addition, Philip D. Miller '65 of Holland, Mich., was elected to a second term as the board's vice-chairperson. Also, three members retired from the board: the Rev. Donald Baird '55 of Schenectady, N.Y.; Dr. Jane Dickie of Singanack, Mich.; and Dr. Roger Garvelink '58 of Downers Grove, Ill.

Dr. Cole is director of the Office for the Study of Automotive Transportation and professor of mechanical engineering at the University of Michigan, where he has been for more than 26 years. He has worked extensively on internal combustion engines, vehicle design and numerous automotive industry issues.

He is active as a consultant for industry, labor and government, and his professional involvements include the Society of Automotive Engineers. In 1993 he received the National Automobile Dealers Charitable Foundation's "International Freedom of Mobility Award."

He and his wife, Carol, served as co-chairs of the "National Parents and Friends" portion of the Hope in the Future campaign. They have two children: Scott '90 and Christopher '92.

Dr. Klay is an associate professor of economics and business administration at Hope, where she has been a member of the faculty since 1979. Prior to coming to Hope she had been an assistant professor at Northwestern College, and she had also taught at the University of Yaoundé, Cameroon, West Africa.

Courses she will be teaching at Hope this fall include "Principles of Macroeconomics," "International Economics" and "History of Economic Thought."

She is the author of several articles and books, and has been active on several committees at the college.

In 1991 she received a "Washington State Governor's Award for Outstanding Volunteer Service" in recognition of her work with food banks. She has a son, Nathan.

Dr. Mast is the senior pastor of The First Church in Albany (Reformed), N.Y. He was previously minister of social witness and worship for the Reformed Church in America, and had also been pastor of Second Reformed Church in Irvington, N.J., and an associate pastor with the Andrew Murray Congregation of the Dutch Reformed Church in Johannesburg, South Africa.

His professional involvements include the North American Academy of Liturgy, Consultation on Common Texts, and serving on denominational committees and commissions.

Dr. Mast was a volunteer caller during the college's Hope in the Future campaign. He and his wife, Vicki Kopf '74 Mast, have three children: Andrew, and twins Katherine and David.
Events

Academic Calendar

Fall Semester (1994)
Aug. 28, Monday—Residence halls open for new students.
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Aug. 28, Sunday—Convocation for new students and parents, 2 p.m.; Dimnent Memorial Chapel.
Aug. 29, Monday—Residence halls open for returning students.
Aug. 30, Tuesday—Classes begin, 8 A.M.
Sept. 5, Monday—Labor Day, classes in session.
Sept. 27-29, Tuesday-Wednesday—Critical Issues Symposium.
Oct. 7, Friday—Fall Recession begins, 6 p.m.
Oct. 12, Wednesday—Fall recess ends, 8 A.M.
Nov. 4-6, Friday—Sunday—Parents’ Weekend.

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.

Visit Days offer specific programs for prospective students, including transfers and high school juniors and seniors. The programs show students and their parents a typical day in the life of a Hope student. This year’s dates are as follows:

Aug. 29, Monday—Admission Office; 8:30 A.M. to 3:30 P.M.
Aug. 30, Tuesday—Admission Office; 8:30 A.M. to 3:30 P.M.
Sept. 1, Tuesday—Admission Office; 8:30 A.M. to 3:30 P.M.
Sept. 8, Tuesday—Admission Office; 8:30 A.M. to 3:30 P.M.
Sept. 15, Tuesday—Admission Office; 8:30 A.M. to 3:30 P.M.
Sept. 22, Tuesday—Admission Office; 8:30 A.M. to 3:30 P.M.
Sept. 29, Tuesday—Admission Office; 8:30 A.M. to 3:30 P.M.
Oct. 6, Tuesday—Admission Office; 8:30 A.M. to 3:30 P.M.
Oct. 13, Tuesday—Admission Office; 8:30 A.M. to 3:30 P.M.
Oct. 20, Tuesday—Admission Office; 8:30 A.M. to 3:30 P.M.
Oct. 27, Tuesday—Admission Office; 8:30 A.M. to 3:30 P.M.
Nov. 3, Tuesday—Admission Office; 8:30 A.M. to 3:30 P.M.
Nov. 10, Tuesday—Admission Office; 8:30 A.M. to 3:30 P.M.
Nov. 17, Tuesday—Admission Office; 8:30 A.M. to 3:30 P.M.
Nov. 24, Tuesday—Admission Office; 8:30 A.M. to 3:30 P.M.
Dec. 1, Tuesday—Admission Office; 8:30 A.M. to 3:30 P.M.
Dec. 8, Tuesday—Admission Office; 8:30 A.M. to 3:30 P.M.

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Silver Season

The Great Performance Series has established a reputation for bringing outstanding professional productions into the Holland community. The 1994-95 season, the series’s 25th anniversary, will be no exception.

Omaha Magic Theatre: Friday and Saturday, Sept. 30-Oct. 1
Knickerbocker Theatre, 8 p.m.

Bebe Miller Company, Dance: Friday and Saturday, Nov. 4-5
DeWitt Center main theatre, 8 p.m.

Charles Carver, violinist: Saturday, Nov. 12
Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 8 p.m.

Amherst Saxophone Quartet: Saturday, Jan. 14
Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 8 p.m.

Freeburg Baroque Orchestra: Thursday, Feb. 9
Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 8 p.m.

Markham & Broadway, Duet, Pianists: Saturday, March 11
Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 8 p.m.

Maynard Ferguson & His Big Bop Nouveau Band: Friday, April 7
Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 8 p.m.

Alumni & Friends

Regional Events

Southwest Michigan Golf Outing—Saturday, Sept. 17
Alumni Parents’ Reception—Saturday, Aug. 27
Community Day ’94—Saturday, Sept. 24
Includes a picnic at Windmill Island.
Homecoming ’94—Friday-Sunday, Oct. 14-16
Please see the schedule on page five.

Winter Happening—Saturday, Feb. 17
Musical Showcase—Monday, March 6
Alumni Weekend—Friday-Sunday, May 7-9
Alumni Tour of Greece and the Greek Islands—June, 1995
Includes a visit to Athens, the Parthenon, and the Acropolis.

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

Women’s League for Hope College

Grand Rapids Chapter: Thursday, Oct. 29—Fall fashion show at Sayre’s in Grand Rapids.

Thursday, Nov. 17—Bus trip to Chicago, Ill., for shopping. Please call Nancy Matthews at (616) 538-6513 for additional information.

LIVE HOPE ATHLETICS BROADCASTS

No matter how far you live from Hope College, you can hear live play-by-play actions of Hope Dutchmen and men’s basketball games by calling TEAMLINE. You can also hear games broadcast by WHTC in Holland from any telephone in the United States, including home, office, car, hotel—even a pay phone. Hope College is pleased to join TEAMLINE, which provides live game broadcasts of more than 350 college and professional sports teams. For information about TEAMLINE, write the Office of Alumni and Public Relations; Hope College; PO Box 9000; Holland, MI 49422-9000.
Events

Homecoming '94

FRI., OCT. 14

Afternoon Dedication ceremony for the DeWitt Tennis Center
4 p.m. Department of Chemistry seminar—Dr. Theodore Orginschi, who is with the Department of Biochemistry at the University of Minnesota, Room 805, Peake Science Center.
6:30 p.m. Former players will celebrate Ray Smith's 25 seasons as head coach at the Holiday Inn. Contact Office of Public Relations for further information.
7 p.m. and 8:15 p.m. Knickerbocker Theatre will be showing the film "Sunday's Children." Admission $4.50 per adult.

SAT., OCT. 15

Class of 1979—14-Year Class Reunion Party, advanced registration required.
Class of 1984—10-Year Class Reunion Party, advanced registration required.
Class of 1989—5-Year Class Reunion Party, advanced registration required.

SATURDAY, OCT. 15

Morning 17th Annual Run-Bike-Swim-Walk. The event will include a physical enhancement program fair in the Dow Center gymnasium from 6:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.; a two-mile prediction walk and 5K run, both beginning at 9 a.m.; and a half-mile swim and 3-mile cycle, both beginning at 10 a.m. Please call the Dow Center at (616) 394-7690 for more information.
Morning Reunion registration
Morning: Alumni tennis invitational, DeWitt Tennis Center.
10 a.m.-noon: Reunion brunches and photographs for reunion classes, advanced registration required.
10 a.m.-7 p.m.: "Alumni Art Exhibition" 10:30 a.m.: Alumni Chapel Choir rehearsal, Dimnent Memorial Chapel.
11 a.m.: Dykstra Hall reunion, for all Dykstra Hall alumni, including a reception, refreshments and tour.
11 a.m.: H-Club registration, Maas Center.
130 p.m.: H-Club luncheon, honoring the 1984 Women's Tennis Team, the 1984 Women's Swim Team, the 1984 Football Team, the 1984 Men's Basketball Team, and the Hope for Humanity award recipient, Maas Center auditorium, advanced registration required.
Noon: Scenic lunch and fraternity open houses.
Noon: Men's soccer hosts Calvin, Buys Athletic Fields.
1 p.m.: Homecoming parade leaves campus for Holland Municipal Stadium.
3 p.m.: Pre-game show, Holland Municipal Stadium.
2 p.m.: Football hosts Alma, Holland Municipal Stadium.
Half-time activities include music by the South Haven High School Band (with an opportunity to sing the alma mater), the introduction of the Homecoming Court, and the crowning of the king and queen.

1994 Fall Sports Schedules

FOOTBALL
Saturday, Sept. 9...at Wheaton, Ill., 1:30 p.m. CDT
Saturday, Sept. 17...at DePauw, Ind., 1:30 p.m. CDT
Saturday, Sept. 24...WABASH, IND., 1:30 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 1...at Aurora, Ill., 3:30 p.m. CDT
Saturday, Oct. 8...at Alma, 1:30 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 15...*MIAA Game
Saturday, Oct. 22...*MIAA Game
Saturday, Nov. 5...HOLLAND, 1:30 p.m.

MEN'S SOCCER
Fri.-Sat., Sept. 2-3...at Wooster, Ohio Tournament
Fri.-Sat., Sept. 9-10...HOPE/CALVIN EXCHANGE TOURN.
Wed., Sept. 14...KALAMAZOO, 4:00 p.m.
Sat., Sept. 17...ALBION, 1:30 p.m.
Sat., Sept. 24...at Alma, 1:30 p.m.
Wed., Sept. 28...KALAMAZOO, 4:00 p.m.
Sat., Oct. 1...KALAMAZOO, noon
Sat., Oct. 8...at Alma, noon
Wed., Oct. 12...KALAMAZOO, noon
Sat., Oct. 15...CALVIN, noon
Sat., Oct. 22...at Carroll, 1:30 p.m.
Wed., Oct. 25...ADRIAN, 4:00 p.m.
Sat., Oct. 29...AQUINAS, 1:30 p.m.

MEN'S GOLF
Thursday, Sept. 15...*at Adrian, 1:00 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 17...at Alma, 11 a.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 21...*at Olivet, 1:00 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 26...*at Kalamazoo, 1:00 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 30...at Aquinas, 9 a.m.
Monday, Oct. 3...*at Calvin, 1:00 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 6...*HOPE, 1:00 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 10...*at Adrian, 12:30 p.m.

*MIAA Tournament
Home tournament played at Winding Creek Golf Course

WOMEN'S GOLF
Tuesday, Sept. 6...*at Adrian, 11 a.m.
Saturday, Sept. 10...at Olivet, 1:00 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 14...*at Ferris State, 8 a.m.
Friday, Sept. 16...*at Calvin, 12 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 17...at Grand Valley, 2 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 29...*at Ferris State, 8 a.m.
Monday, Sept. 29...*at Kalamazoo, 1:00 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 3...*at Kalamazoo, 1:00 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 6...GRAND VALLEY, 2 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 8...*HOPE, noon

*MIAA Tournament
Home tournaments played at Winding Creek Golf Course

MEN'S SOCCER
Wednesday, Sept. 7...at Illinois Wesleyan, 4:00 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 9...DEPAWU, Ind., 2 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 10...GOSHEN, IND., noon
Monday, Sept. 14...*at Kalamazoo, 4:00 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 17...*at Adrian, 1:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 20...CALVIN, 4:00 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 3...ALBION, 1:30 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 6...ST. MARY'S, IND., 4:00 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 10...*AT KALAMAZOO, 4:00 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 12...*at Olivet, 4:00 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 24...*at Kalamazoo, noon
Saturday, Oct. 29...*at Calvin, 1:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 27...*at Alma, 1:30 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 30...*at St. Mary's, Ind., 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 31...AQUINAS, noon

*MIAA Game
Home games played at Buys Athletic Field

WOMEN'S SOCCER
Thursday, Sept. 1...WHEATON, Ill., 4:00 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 7...at Illinois Wesleyan, 4:00 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 9...DEPAUW, Ind., 2 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 10...GOSHEN, IND., noon
Monday, Sept. 14...*at Kalamazoo, 4:00 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 17...*at Adrian, 1:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 20...CALVIN, 4:00 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 3...ALBION, 1:30 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 6...ST. MARY'S, IND., 4:00 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 10...*at Kalamazoo, 4:00 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 12...*at Olivet, 4:00 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 24...*at Kalamazoo, noon
Saturday, Oct. 29...*at Calvin, 1:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 27...*at Alma, 1:30 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 30...*at St. Mary's, Ind., 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 31...AQUINAS, noon

*MIAA Game
Home games played at Buys Athletic Field

VOLLEYBALL
Saturday, Sept. 3...at Calvin Tournament
Thursday, Sept. 8...*at Calvin, 6 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 11...*at Adrian, 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 12...at Olivet College, 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 15...*at Kalamazoo, 6:30 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 18...*at Calvin, 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 19...at Ferris State, 7:00 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 25...*at Olivet College, 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 26...at Hope, 7:00 p.m.

*MIAA Match
Home matches played at Dow Center

CROSS COUNTRY
Tuesday, Sept. 6...HOPE INVITATIONAL, 4:00 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 17...GCLA at Earlham, Ind., 10 a.m.
Saturday, Sept. 24...HOST MIAA JAMBOREE, 11 a.m.
Saturday, Oct. 1...at Anderson, Ind., Inv., 2 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 8...at Univ of Wisc-Oshkosh, Inv., noon
Friday, Oct. 14...at Grand Valley, Inv., 4 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 22...MIAA, 11 a.m.
Saturday, Nov. 5...MIAA Finals at Kalamazoo, 11 a.m.
Saturday, Nov. 12...NCAA Regionals at Anderson, Ind., 11 a.m.
Saturday, Nov. 19...Bethlehem, Pa., noon

Home meets run at Beechwood by the Bay Reformed Church

NFHC August 1994
Society celebrates books

Writing can be lonely work—the words come from within, and it's not usually a team sport.

Ironically, the solitude of the process contrasts dramatically with the extrastigmatic nature of the product. Published pieces are, after all, meant to be read—usually, by more than the better.

Read, yes, but celebrated with a $35 per plate musical soiree that generated newspaper coverage, a radio segment, an 80-page commemorative booklet, a commemorative porcelain postcard and a presentation to the mayor! Dr. Anne R. Larsen '70 of the Hope French faculty had all of that happen in response to her critical edition of Les Oeuvres (The Works), the first volume of the works of Madeleine and Catherine des Roches. More than 50 people attended a celebrated literary salon in Poitiers, France, during the 16th century.

"It was the first time that these works have been published in an annotated edition 400 years," Dr. Larsen said. "It means a great deal to the city of Poitiers, its region and to all those interested in French literature and culture."

The Danses des Roches wrote poetry, dialogue and drama, and translated Latin treatises into French. Their first two volumes appeared in 1578 and 1583. Their third volume, which was the first collection of poems by women in France, was published in 1868, a year before their death of the plague.

The 424-page Les Oeuvres, published in French in June of 1993 by the Librarie Droz of Geneva, Switzerland, constitutes the first phase of Dr. Larsen's effort to publish the authors' complete works. According to Dr. Larsen, who is a professor of French, the material was previously accessible only to specialized readers working in research archives.

Dr. Larsen's volume was well received in the Poitiers region. To celebrate its publication, the Foundation HIMEROS, a musical and literary society, held a reading on Saturday, April 9, in La Rochelle. The event, conducted in the manner of a salon reading of the Danses des Roches' day, included poems and a dialogue by the Danses des Roches, Renaissance music and a dance.

The society even presented La Rochelle's mayor with a commemorative booklet produced in conjunction with the event. And the April 7 issue of the La Rochelle publication L'Association Himeros hailed Dr. Larsen's book as an "important event for all of 16th-century literary researchers, notably for the dozens of women writers, and even more for the cultural prestige of our region."

Dr. Larsen's edition was funded by two Hope Collaborative Student/Faculty Research Grants, a National Endowment for the Humanities Travel Grant, and a sabbatical leave. She is currently working on the second volume by the Danses des Roches.

Dr. Larsen has also recently had another book published: Renaissance Women Writers: French Texts/ American Contexts, which was co-edited with Colette H. Winn of Washington University in St. Louis, Mo., and was published in March of this year by Wayne State University Press.

The 242-page, English-language Renaissance Women Writers is the first book dedicated entirely to the study of French women writers of the early modern period, according to the publisher. Its 12 essays, written by American and French scholars, analyze from different theoretical approaches the formation of women's literary identity in the works of eight of the most frequently read women writers of the Renaissance. In addition to co-editing the volume, Dr. Larsen wrote one of the essays: "Chastity and the Mother-Daughter Bond: Odet de Turberville's Response to Catherine des Roches."

Mathematics Magnificence

A team of three students from Hope earned first place in the lower Michigan Mathematics Competition, held at Kalamazoo College on Saturday, April 6, 1994.

A total of 25 teams, including three from Hope, participated in the competition. The teams, each comprised of three students, were presented with 10 mathematics problems to solve during the morning of the event, with the scoring based upon their success.

The members of the winning Hope team were Rykard Brown, '94 of Bayview, Mich.; John Kruger, a junior from Hamilton, Mich., and Joshua Levy, a senior from Grandville, Mich. Hope will hold the competition's traveling trophy for a year.

Faculty Kudos:

Jack E. Holmes, professor of political science and chairperson of the department, has been named co-recipient of the Central States Communications Association's (CSCA) 1994 Federation Prize for "Writing." The award was announced on Friday, April 8, during the CSCA's annual convention in Oklahoma City, Okla.

The Federation Prize in given to a member or group of members of the CSCA who propose a superior research project, pilot project for CSCA members, or educational program that will reach students or the public within the central states region.

Dr. MacDonnells received the prize with Roger Smithe, who is co-chairperson of the department of speech communication and theatre at North Central College in Naperville, III. The $3,000 award is supporting a peer mentoring program that they are coordinating, for faculty-at-undergraduate colleges.


campus notes

March Supported: The Youth Advisory Council of the Muskegon County Community Foundation has awarded a grant to Hope for the "March to Hope" program.

March to Hope, now in its 20th year, pairs Hope students and area volunteers one-on-one with at-risk children from the Muskegon community during a seven-day hiking and camping trip in August. By presenting the challenges the children will overcome, the program is designed to build their self esteem and confidence in their ability to succeed.

The "March" takes place on Beaver Island, Mich., in August. Participants hike about five to eight miles a day, with backpacks. In addition to hiking, the participants, working together—are also responsible for cooking and breaking camp each day, meals and other duties.

The Youth Advisory Council is a special project of the Muskegon County Community Foundation. The Council, made up of adult advisors and student representatives from 14 Muskegon area schools, involves young people in solving problems affecting their peers. Major funding for the Council has been provided by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation to help the Youth Advisory Council address youth issues in the areas of Art, Education, and Health and Human Services.

The Muskegon County Community Foundation is a permanent community endowment built by gifts from thousands of community citizens and organizations who are committed to the future of Muskegon County.

HASP Honored: For its work on behalf of developing new Institutes for Learning in Retirement (ILRs), the Hope Academy of Senior Professionals (HASP) has been recognized as a North American Association of ILRs, the Elderhostel Institute Network. HASP is one of 19 ILRs to be so recognized this year.

The Elderhostel Institute Network functions as an advocate for the creation of new ILRs. Dr. John Hollenbach, professor emeritus of English, represented HASP, Hope and the Elderhostel Institute Network as a volunteer, resource person and consultant to Kellogg Community College and Ball State University, sharing both expertise and enthusiasm.

Founded in 1988, the first HASP chapter, headquarters in Hope, now has more than 24 chapters.

Annual Fund Update: Hope College not only successfully concluded the Hope in the Future campaign on June 30 (see page nine), but also raised its highest Annual Fund total ever during 1993-94: $12,126,266.

The Annual Fund, with more than 8,034 alumni, 1,919 parents of students and friends of the college, 519 businesses and foundations, and 30 churches.

International Conference: Four representatives from Hope papers during "Women and Higher Education," a conference held at the University of Aberdeen in Scotland on Thursday through Sunday, June 23-26.

Participating from Hope were Elizabeth J. Clark, a senior from Davidson, Mich.; Annabelle L. Jordan, '94 of St. Louis, Mo.; Professor Debra Harvey '83 Swanson, a part-time lecturer in sociology, and Tracy E. Weasner, a senior from Ann Arbor, Mich. They presented research conducted at Hope.

Clark, Professor Swanson and Weasner presented "Women and the Brightest Women? Education Majors at Hope College, 1940 to 1992." Cox presented "The History of Jewish Females in America from the Turn of the Century to 1950 As Reflected in Fashion."

Campus Notes Notes
Hope is where the hearth is

**Faculty Profile** By Greg Olgers ’87

People often joke about living at work, but broach the subject with biologist Harvey Blankespoor and you’ll learn he isn’t kidding.

Dr. Blankespoor and wife Marlene reside in Wyckoff (formerly Arcadian) and Cosmopolitan Hall, a men’s dormitory that’s a leisurely campus stroll from his office in the Peale Science Center. While the other non-students living in the college’s dorms are resident directors, the Blankespoors are there simply to live and be a part of the students’ lives.

They made the move in October of 1993, leaving their spacious five-bedroom house for a compact two-bedroom apartment in a dormitory that is home to more than 100 Hope undergraduates. While some wonder how they could give up their space and privacy, the Blankespoors wouldn’t have it any other way. “It’s interesting to hear the responses that people give,” Harvey said. “A lot of them say that they think we’re crazy.”

“But we both love students and had students over to our house a lot,” Marlene said. “We felt that this would be a good opportunity for us to interact with them more and have an impact on their lives.”

Interact and have an impact indeed.

They conduct “bread raffles”: individual rooms sign up, and the winners receive a fresh, warm loaf of homemade bread. (The contest is especially popular. “Mrs. Blankespoor is the most fabulous cook I ever met,” notes Jamie Oonk ’93, the building’s resident director.)

They’ve also been known to bring fresh bread or other treats into the building’s lounge for whoever happens to be around. “It’s whoever drops by later,” Harvey said. “The bread smells through the whole dorm,” Harvey said. “It gets busy when the bread comes out.”

Harvey plays ping pong with the students. They’ve chauffeured the auto-less to Meijers (a local store that carries just about everything), and took a group to St. Louis, Mo. They attend campus evening activities regularly, including events sponsored by SAC, the student Social Activities Committee.

In addition, Harvey finds himself in demand by biology students who have questions about their course work—and sometimes students stop by to discuss other concerns, occasionally well into the night. They also still have students over simply to socialize.

“Cereal is still the simple. ‘I’m almost a mom to a lot of guys here,’” Marlene said. “‘I’ve had to sew buttons on shirts and sew hacky sack balls.”

It also includes the sublime. During the spring semester they organized a weekly dormitory bible study group that grew from six in the spring of 1992 and spawned a similar program in nearby Lichte Hall, a women’s dorm. The students lead the group, discussing a variety of issues from a Christian perspective.

Although some admit that there was a bit of hesitancy initially (exactly what would have a senior member of the faculty and his wife living with them mean, and just how quiet would they want it to be?), in the end the students enjoyed their new neighbors.

“It was a great experience for the students,” said senior Jason Nichols of Clarkston, Mich. “It was a lot of fun.”

Chung Yum, a sophomore from Holland, Mich., agreed. “He was a really nice guy and got along with everybody pretty much,” he said. “They hit it off really well with us.”

The Blankespoors began thinking about living on campus a few years ago. Son Curt ’88 and daughter Amber were finished with college and out of the house, leaving them with more space than they needed and time they felt could be put to good use on behalf of Hope students.

They looked into becoming resident directors, but in the end that option didn’t work out—which was probably fortuitous.

Harvey, who is the Frederick Garrett and Helen Floor Dekker Professor of Biology and has been a member of the Hope faculty since 1978, had an extremely busy 1991-92 following being named the “1991 Professor of the Year” by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) and the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. He also became department chair, in addition to continuing teaching and his research program. Marlene was and is busy herself, as food service director for the Holland Christian Schools.

The resident director duties—which include supervising the dorm’s student resident assistants, checking students in and out of their rooms at the beginning and end of the academic year, and enforcing college residence policies—would have been quite a bit to add.

The vacant apartment in Wyckoff/Cosmopolitan, however, offered the best of everything. The Blankespoors could have the student interaction they sought without overwhelming themselves with additional responsibilities. Dr. Richard Frost, dean of students at Hope, feels that the arrangement is working well.

“From my perspective, the opportunity to have a couple like Dr. and Mrs. Blankespoor live in a residence hall comes along very rarely,” he said. “I think that their skills and gifts and ability to be themselves within the setting is pretty miraculous.”

“The students there have indicated that they don’t see them as just adult figures, but as people who are genuinely interested in them and their welfare and future,” Dr. Frost said. “I’ve had a strong sense that this is a model that we’d like to look at if we have other opportunities like this.”

Oonk, who sees the Blankespoors in action daily, agrees. “I think they’re a significant contribution not only to my hall but to the campus,” he said.

“Students see their professors more hours a week than almost any other staff member,” he said. “With Harvey moving into the residence hall they get to see a different part of faculty life—and what they see of the Blankespoors is very positive, since they are healthy adult Christian role models.”

The modeling isn’t always deliberate.

Harvey recalls accidentally backing his van into a car parked outside the building. He and the other driver resolved the problem amicably, and he might have thought no more of it. But then he received a book as a gift. Titled 10,000 Blessings, it included a note from someone who had observed Harvey and the other driver talking.

“They’d been close enough to know what I had said and had seen that I didn’t get upset, and wrote me an anonymous letter in the book saying that I had taught him or her some lessons that they could never get out of biology class,” Harvey said. “It was a really nice letter.”

“We know somebody’s watching or listening all the time,” he said, adding with a chuckle, “That’s mostly good.”

The Blankespoors noted, though, that they aren’t the only ones doing the modeling. The thoughtfulness of the letter is part of what they appreciate about Hope students. They’re also found that their college-age neighbors are concerned about being too noisy, and that they are considering in guiding non-Hope visitors who are looking for the Blankespoors but having trouble finding their apartment.

“The guys are always willing to help,” Harvey said. All of which, they feel, makes their move into Wyckoff/Cosmopolitan a natural, and makes them look forward to the fall, when the students return.

“The guys here have been a real blessing for us—they’ve enriched our lives,” Harvey said. “There’s not been one day that we’ve regretted it.”

Ping pong, here with senior Jason Nichols of Clarkston, Mich., is one of many ways that Dr. Harvey and Marlene Blankespoor have found to interact with Hope students since moving into Wyckoff Hall in the fall of 1993. Bible study groups and bread baking are among the others.
Campus Notes

Hope still right choice

When Janet Lawrence '80, the Alumni Association's new president, was a prospective student, one visit to campus was all it took to convince her that Hope was the right choice.

"There was no comparison," said Lawrence, who is from Schenectady, N.Y., and learned of the college through her church. She was impressed with the type of people she met at Hope, and is still excited about attending there—she said, "Oh you've got to come. You'd love it." "It was completely sold by the time I went home," Lawrence said.

She's still sold on Hope, which is why she's stayed involved with the college in the years since.

"Hope is a winner at things that it is worthwhile to do," Lawrence said. "It's doing good things for people's characters and their education."

"It also always strikes you that everything that Hope College does is done the right way. They don't skimp; they don't cut corners; they don't cheat," she said. "You always get a good feeling when you're involved with the college." Lawrence has been a member of the 30-member Alumni Association Board of Directors since 1990, and was most recently the board's vice president. The board elected her to a two-year term as president in May.

Her other activities on the college's behalf have included being a volunteer caller with the Campaign for Hope, participating in the Hope in the Future strategic planning process, and being a regional coordinator for the Hope in the Future campaign.

As a Hope student she was a member of the Delta Phi sorority, and participated in junior varsity volleyball, the Nykerk Cup competition, Sunday morning choir and intramural sports.

Lawrence is vice president of product development for United Community Insurance Company. She is a member of the board and a past president of the Mewhawk Pathways Girl Scout Council, and on the board and fleet captain of the Northern Lake George Yacht Club. Her activities also include skiing and recreational volleyball.

In her role as a member of the Alumni Board, she helped organize a Hope event centered around an Albany River Rats hockey game. The experience helped underscore why she feels the board's work is important.

The nearly 50 alumni and friends who attended live far from campus; in some cases, it had been many years since the participants had been Hope students. Despite the distance and time, however, the common bond was evident, giving those attending something to enjoy in the evening beyond the game itself (Albany won, in overtime). "What class somebody graduated in didn't seem to make any difference," she said.

Lawrence's hope for her tenure as president: "While the board can continue to provide a chance for the people of Hope, scattered as they may be, to get together—a chance for them to share their connectedness to the college with others who understand."

New chaplaincy staff appointed

There have been four new appointments to the college's chaplaincy staff.

The appointments include Dwight Beal '87, director of worship and music; the Rev. Paul Boersma '82, chaplain; Dolores Nasallah, chaplain; and Danielle Hadley, administrative assistant to the dean of the chapel. All started at the college this summer, joining the Rev. Ben Patterson, the Hinga-Boersma Dean of the Chapel, who came to Hope in the fall of 1993.

The chaplaincy staff is located in the former Keppel Guest House, 85 East 10th Street, across from the President's Home and Voorhees Hall.

Beal will be working with Hope students in a team approach to developing the youth ministry portion of the college's weekday and Sunday chapel services. Boersma and Nasallah will help students form and continue prayer, study and service groups, and maintain an active program of religious life and witness.

New Alumni Association President Janet Lawrence '80 liked what she saw the first time she visited Hope, and has stayed involved ever since.

HSRT support includes anniversary gift

When Barb Timmer '69 of Washington, D.C., was looking for a way to honor her parents on their 50th wedding anniversary, a gift to Hope Summer Repertory Theatre seemed the perfect idea.

She and her parents (Norman Timmer '38 and Barbara Dee Folenbee '43 Timmer of Holland, Mich.) have enjoyed HSRT's high-quality productions for more than 20 years, and in 1972 Barbara '43 was the accompanist for HSRT's first production, 45 Minutes from Broadway. Better yet, the 1994 season's opening date, June 24, was incredibly well-timed.

"The wonderful coincidence of having the opening show this season the very date of my parents' 50th wedding anniversary topped it off," Timmer said.

The gift became an event, with friends and family gathered for the opening production, 42nd Street. Mary Schakel '66, HSRT's producing director, announced the anniversary in remarks before the play, and the program also included a note about it.

Schakel underwrote the 1994 Children's Performance Troupe, which presents plays in August for younger audiences, as a "corporate partner." She's the first individual to be a corporate partner, but Holland-area businesses have been so serving since 1990, when The Title Office Inc. underwrote The Music Man.

This year's corporate partners include Brooks Beverage Management Inc., FMB First Michigan Bank, Fuel Systems Testron, Hovinga Business Systems Inc. and Manpower Temp Services. The businesses' reasons for supporting HSRT are perhaps less personal than Timmer's, but no less motivated by HSRT's quality and value.

"Brooks Beverage Management Inc. supports the arts at Hope College because they stimulate imagination and creativity which are important to every business, including ours," said James W.F. Brooks, chairman of the board and chief executive officer, and also chair of the Hope College Patrons for the Arts. "Theatre combines all of the arts (literature, music, dance and design) into one moving medium of expression."

While each corporate partner underwrote a specific production, HSRT also receives more general support through the Patrons for the Arts at Hope College, a group with more than 200 members who provide financial support to the fine and performing arts programs.

"Contributions make the difference between continuing a tradition of high-quality theatre and ceasing to exist," Schakel said. "We need our partners and patrons, and deeply appreciate the important part they play."
Campaign will have enduring impact

The story begins in the primeval forests of western Michigan, where in 1847 a band of Dutch immigrants seeking religious liberty and a chance to make a better life began carving out a new settlement near the shores of Lake Michigan.

Although the harsh realities of frontier existence made attending to physical needs a matter of survival, the pioneers were no less concerned with sustaining the soul and mind. A church was among the first structures built in the new colony. A school soon followed.

And it wasn't too many years later that they built a college as well—a Christian college, a place that could nourish the soul and mind alike while preparing young people for the future.

The settlers' experiments took. Holland now has more than 30,000 residents, many more live outside the city limits. "A church on every corner," while not literally true, is a popular way of describing the community's activism. For this community, active life is the active life. The area has well-regarded public and private school systems.

And Hope College, soon to enter its 133rd academic year, continues its work, although the scope of what it does has broadened. Founder Max de Raadt described the college as "a center of hope for this people in the future." Hope now educates students from throughout the United States and around the world, offering courses in 37 major fields.

Hope has served well, a fact demonstrated through numerous surveys and reviews, in the accomplishments of its faculty and staff, in the extent of its support—and, most importantly, in the quality of its graduates' lives. Following the successful conclusion of the Hope in the Future capital campaign, however, Hope will be playing its role even more effectively. Launched publicly in January of 1992 with a $50 million goal, Hope in the Future concluded on June 30, 1994, having raised $88.1 million. The campaign had four primary components: enhancing the academic program, strengthening Christian life and witness, strengthening student financial aid, and selectively improving campus facilities.

Because of its breadth, Hope in the Future has had an impact on nearly every aspect of life at the college. Because it was endowment-based, raising money that will be used to generate resources on an ongoing basis, Hope in the Future will continue to have an impact in years to come.

"Of course, we're very, very pleased," said Max de Raadt '46 of Holland, Mich., who was national co-chair of the campaign with Philip Miller '65 also of Holland. "I think the campaign accomplished its general purpose of increasing the endowment—an increase that comes at a very key time in the life of the college."

"It's very pleasing to come to the end of the campaign and to see that the goal has not only been met but exceeded," said Dr. John H. Jacobson, president of Hope College. "The campaign greatly enhances the program of the college in many ways."

The campaign, for example, yielded three new endowed faculty chairs: the "Robert W. Haack Chair of Economics" (filled in 1992), the "Elmer Hartgart Endowed Professorship in Chemistry" and a chair in biology created through a bequest from the late Dr. T. Elliott Wetter '26 of Davis, Calif. A grant from the Harry A. and Margaret D. Towsley Foundation of Ann Arbor, Mich., is supporting faculty development, helping new faculty blend their research interests and teaching. New funds are supporting student-faculty research.

Grants (and matching funds) from the National Endowment for the Humanities and The Kresge Foundation of Troy, Mich., created endowments for the Van Wylen Library and the maintenance and replacement of scientific equipment. An award from the Sherman Fairchild Foundation is helping Hope acquire equipment for biology, chemistry, geology, the molecular sciences (biology and chemistry) and physics.

The new "A.C. Van Raadte Institute for Historical Studies," supported through a major endowment gift from Peter Huizenga '61 of Oak Brook, Ill., and his mother, Elizabeth Huizenga of Westmont, Ill., is supporting research and writing on the history and heritage of Holland.

An endowment established by Max '46 and Connie '49 Hinga Boersma enabled Hope to appoint the Rev. Ben Patterson the new "Hinga-Boersma Dean of the Chapel," while support from Larry and Marjorie Maas of Grandville, Mich., endowed a chaplaincy. Additional support has also been given to the chaplain's program.

The campaign created 88 new endowed scholarships, nearly a 50 percent increase. Some of them target specific groups, such as non-traditional students, multi-cultural students, certain majors or students from the Reformed Church in America; some are merit-based, too important for Hope in the Future to have failed.

"An institution of higher learning has a great impact on society," he said. "And Hope College is perhaps one of the most effective tools that we have to influence society and to make it a better place."

"Hope really stands out as an island of what is right in the world today," Miller said. "This campaign assures that this island called Hope College will be a stronger place to endure whatever storms may come and to stand as a rock for the future."

The future was what Holland's early pioneers had in mind when creating a new community in the West Michigan wilderness. It was certainly in their thoughts when they founded a distinctively Christian college to educate their young people.

And it was at the heart of Hope in the Future, which has helped enable Hope College to do what it does even better—a effort which will continue, even though the campaign has concluded.
Spread the word

The five armed men who broke into two homes in Amatenango, Mexico, on Saturday, June 25, had not come to talk to the Mayan Christians living there.

They intended to set an example, and conversation was not necessary. Each pointed his weapon and pulled the trigger.

To Sam '55 and Helen Taylor '59 Hofman, who for 35 years have served the Reformed Church in America (RCA) as missionaries in Chiapas (Mexico's southernmost state), word of the assault was nothing new.

"The persecution has been with us for 25-30 years in both the Tzeltal and Tzotzil Mayan tribes, and also the Altamirano/Tzeltal area," Sam Hofman said. "It comes from tribal leaders who are chasing out/intimidating anybody who wants to make religious change."

Dr. Vern '64 and Carla Veddell '65 Sterk, who have been working in Chiapas for 25 years, have noted the same sorts of experiences among the Mayans with whom they work. "They estimate that 25,000 Christians have been persecuted and put out of their homes for religious reasons."

The difficulty, both couples explain, is that the Mayans' native faith vests much power in the tribal leaders.

When members of the tribe convert to Christianity, the leader loses power—which the leaders fight. Generally, the only option available to the converts is to flee their homes and lands.

"When you become a Christian, or even if you go to one worship service or even if you would come to our home for medicines and prayers instead of using witchcraft, that could get you put out of your home and village," Carla Sterk said. 

"So they need to think carefully about what they want before they make a decision and then really stick with it."

The price has not prevented many Mayans from making the choice. The Sterks estimate that the number of Christians among the Tzeltal tribe has risen from about 200 when they arrived in the late 1960s to approximately 30,000 now.

The June 25 attack in Amatenango might have been yet one more example of the traditional culture's backlash against Christianity, except for the fact that it failed—and failed in a way that delivered a message the attackers never intended.

"They had flipped the electrical switch in the yard before entering the [first] house. When they located Mariano, who was in bed, with his flashlights, they aimed their guns at him to kill him. But the guns did not fire," the Hofmans wrote. "One of them pointed his pistol at the ceiling and tried again. The gun fired a bullet through the tile roof."

By this time, Mariano was defending himself and the attackers contented themselves with beating him and knifing him in the head. They then went to the home of Emilio, another Christian.

"They broke into the house and aimed their guns at him," the Hofmans wrote. "Again the guns would not go off."

Emilio, too, had an opportunity to defend himself, and in the end was knocked unconscious rather than shot.

"The story, however, does not end there."

"The men left the house and in the yard were heard saying, 'What's wrong with our guns?,'" the Hofmans wrote. "One of them tried his gun, it went off, and shot one of the other men in the foot."

Later, one of the area's Christian leaders dreamed a man who had stolen from the Christians was in a hospital. In speaking with the nurses, he learned that a man with a gunshot wound in the foot had been admitted in the early hours of the morning after the late-night attack.

The story is having an effect on the Mayans in the area.

"The Lord is using it now in that whole community, because the people are saying, 'Their God must really be powerful,'" Helen said.

The Hofmans learned about the opportunity to do mission work in Mexico while Sam was attending Western Theological Seminary. His wife Carla was finishing her degree at Hope. What began as an assignment with young people in music evolved into work with the Mayans, including helping create the Tzeltal Bible School to help train Mayans as ministers. Of late they have been preparing religious materials in Mayan dialects.

The Sterks first came to Chiapas through a Western Theological Seminary internship, and enjoyed the experience so much that they stayed. For 10 years they lived in an un-evangelized village, sharing Christ's message while providing the Mayans with medical care. Vern Sterk even put his two years on Hope's basketball team to good use, teaching the game to the locals. More recently they have been preparing Mayan-language materials, and are half-finished with a 10-year effort to translate the Old Testament.

The Hofmans and Sterks are not the only RCA missionaries in Chiapas. Nor are they the only Hope alumni—for the past two years, Brenda Schout '91 and husband Don have provided lay support by running the RCA's mission house in San Cristobal de las Casas.

Becoming long-term missionaries may not have been the Hofmans' and Sterks' intention at the beginning, but both couples are happy that it worked out that way.

"I would basically say that what happens is that you fall in love with the people and the work, and you see that this is the place that God wants you to be," Vern Sterk said.

During their years of service, the Hofmans and Sterks have become familiar with violent persecution, forced expulsion and other sorts of difficulties faced by Mayans who convert to Christianity. The Zapatista National Liberation Army (EZLN) revolution, however, has created new problems.

The revolution began on New Year's Eve, and EZLN forces quickly captured San Cristobal de Las Casas, Las Margaritas and other communities in Chiapas (the Hofmans and Schouts were at the mission house in San Cristobal at the time, but had no trouble personally). The rebels retreated from the cities when government troops responded, but are strong in outlying areas.

Much like the tribal leaders, the EZLN forces are giving the people in the areas they control two options: join or leave.

The result has been that 20,000 Mayans and Mestizos, including many Christians committed to non-violence, have been displaced—8,000 of whom came to the town of Las Margaritas looking for food and shelter.

In addition to confiscating the exiled peasants' property, the revolutionaries have disrupted travel, preventing the more remote villages from getting their goods to market or obtaining supplies. Armed groups have also seized the Tzeltal Bible School, ending its work.

Although matters have stabilized somewhat since the revolution began, the conflict has not been resolved. In fact, with Chiapas's presidential election approaching and the Zapatistas having recently rejected the government's proposed peace agreement, tensions are high and rumors fly.

"We can see there is a military build-up, we can feel the tension is mounting, and we hear the rumors that abound as the August 21 presidential election draws closer," Brenda Schout said.

Sam Hofman is concerned for the Mayans who are living in EZLN territory. "Many of them would like to get out, especially if war breaks out between the army and the Zapatistas," he said. "We're really concerned about all the believers down there."

Also discouraging, according to the Sterks, is that the Zapatistas' violent methods and the attention they are receiving are making an impression on some of the persecuted Christians whose years-long peaceful efforts for justice (such as lobbying to have their property restored to them) have yielded little.

"There are fairly large groups of expelled Christians who are beginning to feel more affinity with the Zapatista movement because they are not getting any response from the government," Vern Sterk said. "The only people that are getting good responses from the government are people who are using violence."

"That's a disturbing factor for us because that's moving in a direction that we do not feel has any good outcome," he said. "We've seen too much of what's happened in Central America, where Christians eventually moved in that direction, and it just promotes a long period of violent struggle which in the long run has not proven to bring solutions. It just gets a lot of people killed and innocent people suffer."

For the Mayans of Mexico, converting to Christianity means not only rejecting their old faith, but also often their homes and place within their communities. The difficulties have not kept large numbers from doing so. Here a standing-room-only crowd is at the church building at the village of Santa Elena, Mexico.
May peace prevail

On Friday morning, May 13, we were the first bus in line to cross the Allenby Bridge over the Jordan River, linking Jordan with the West Bank and Israel.

Editor’s Note: May Term and semester-long programs in the Middle East have been a hope staple for many years and have earned a reputation for being powerful experiences. The participants in this year’s May Term, however, were treated to something more: history in the making. They were at the Allenby Bridge, three weeks before the West Bank and Israel, on the day that limited Palestinian self-rule began.

Dr. Barry Bandstra, associate professor of religion and one of the program’s two faculty leaders, shared his thoughts.

It was about 8 a.m. I always try to get my group to the bridge as early as possible to beat the rush. Fifty feet from the iron gate barring entrance to the Israeli side we sat and waited. Because right in front of us, in full view through the panoramic front windows of our bus, one of the most significant events in recent Middle Eastern history was taking place.

The folk song “Michael, Row the Boat Ashore” has it that Jordan’s River is deep and wide. Actually, the Jordan is little more than a creek today, most of its headwaters already taken over by irrigation and Jerusalem’s drinking water. But since the Arab-Israeli war of 1948 it has been a chasm. Today that’s changing. Palestinian soldiers in blue JETT buses will cross over the 30-foot long bridge into the West Bank to take up security duty in Jericho. Carrying their own automatic weapons, this would be the first time in modern memory that Palestinians would be in control of their own territory, or at least a portion of it.

We were a week-long travelling seminar from Hope College. Professor Boyd Wilson and I both from the department of religious studies, were directing a course titled “Three Faces of Faith.” Traveling through the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, Israel, the West Bank and Egypt, we studied Judaism, Christianity and Islam in their holiest settings. We landed in Amman, the capital of Jordan, and for the duration of the seminar moved by bus, boat, horse, camel, and foot visiting those places that are the roots of these faiths.

We thoroughly prepared for the seminar before we left Holland, Mich. We met an hour a week the entire spring semester to lay a historical, theological and geographical foundation. Each student prepared a research paper before we left, and delivered it on site. For example, one student investigated the Dead Sea Scrolls and described them at Qumran, where they were discovered. Another researched the pyramids of Giza, and after we went into one described their significance and how they were made.

Boyd and I had been planning this trip for more than a year, but we could not have arranged what happened the day of our crossing. It was entirely serendipitous that we should be at the border the same morning the Palestinian militia were crossing. For the older ones among them, it meant returning to the land they had been forced to leave after the war of 1967. Most had been born and raised elsewhere and were arriving in their homeland for the first time.

The Cairo agreement of September 1993 between Israel and Palestine granted limited self-rule to the Palestinians in Jericho and Gaza. This transfer of hundreds of Palestinian peace keepers was the first step in what all reasonable parties hope will be a more comprehensive settlement leading to Palestinian autonomy.

Sitting at the Allenby Bridge waiting to cross we witnessed an informal ceremony. Officers from all three sides, Palestinian, Jordanian, and Israeli, along with shekels and what appeared to be diplomats, greeted each other with embraces and kisses in typical Middle Eastern style. If we didn’t know better we would have thought a generation of hostility had all been forgiven.

When the formalities were over, a Jordanian policeman checked our passports for departure and in short order we were on our way across the bridge. As we approached the Israeli entry point there was an Israeli soldier poised with his M16 next to a sign in Hebrew, Arabic, and English that read, “May peace prevail on earth.”

Once we got into Jericho signs of Palestinian nationalism abounded. Palestinian flags were flying from every building and vehicle. Before September 1993 it was a crime to display the red, white and black Palestinian colors. Now they were everywhere. The euphoria in the air was incredible, and we were there to witness it. It was personally and professionally satisfying to share such a historical moment with our students from Hope College.

During our three weeks in the Middle East we read of confrontations in Jericho between Palestinian policemen and militant Israeli settlers, but we also witnessed the whole story. Palestinian students in the West Bank, who refused to accept an official Palestinian presence of any kind. In one incident, an Israeli policeman, through Jericho refused to stop his car for an inspection. A Palestinian policeman shot out his tires. An ironic twist had Rabbi Yitzhak Rabin, Israel’s prime minister, defending the armed Palestinian policeman’s reaction to the Israeli settler’s provocation.

In Israeli our group was surprised by the blatant display of weaponry. Seeing tanks on maneuvers in the Golan Heights and daily bearing them at target practice was a bit unnerving at first. In Jerusalem it seems half the Jewish population is armed. Seeing uniformed men in their olive green jeeps on patrol in Palestinian East Jerusalem was understandable, perhaps, though unfortunate. But 18-year-old female soldiers (presumably) in civvies and sunglasses eating Ben and Jerry’s ice cream cones on Ben Yehudah, street—with Uzi submachine guns casually strapped over their shoulders—was another matter. In some ways Israel seems like our old Wild West.

On another day, when we were hiking down the Arbel cliffs heading down to Magdala in the Galilee, we ran into a typically loud Israeli elementary school class climbing down ahead of us. They were on a field trip. We wanted to get around them because we, being experienced climbers (having scaled Mt. Sinai), and descended the Masada snake path), could move much faster than they could. The strangest part of overtaking them was inching by their gray-haired teacher-escorts, each of whom had an M16 automatic rifle dangling from his shoulder, clinging against the rocks as he climbed down. Throughout the trip we were reminded of the constant vigilance with which both Israeli and Palestinian lived.

Everyone came back alive. That’s one of Hope’s standing policies for these May terms. For three weeks we had one of the most exciting classroom experiences imaginable. We observed religious communities worshiping and working right where their traditions took shape and still thrive. We studied biblical history right where it happened. We were virtually a part of modern history in the making at the Allenby Bridge.

We all returned with a heightened appreciation of the complexities of international politics and the depth of religious commitment that is Middle Eastern reality today. We all traveled beyond simplistic analysis and gained a deeper perspective on the Three Faces of Faith.

The following excerpt is from the daily journal (a requirement of each student in the seminar) of Ryan Wilkins, a graduating senior biology major.

May 29, 1994 (the final day of the seminar)

"I believe the ‘violent Middle East’ is a creation of the press. Sure, violence occurs—sometimes quite regularly. But, have you visited L.A. or New York City lately? I don’t pretend to have the answers, but one thing I know. True peace will be achieved when the Palestinian and the Jew—no matter where they live—are able to perceive each other as different people with many things in common—such as a hope for peace in Jerusalem. Perhaps one day the three faces of faith will see each other as neighbors and the ‘guy next door.’ Not as another statistic or image on a TV screen."
When I joined the Hope staff, the Vienna Summer School program was ending its first decade under the leadership of Dr. Paul G. Fried '46.

Throughout the years many alumni have recounted their memorable experiences as students in Vienna. This June my wife Carole and I will be joining these alumni for the 20th year of the program. This year we have re-entered our undergraduate studies after a 25-year pause permitted by my career as a professor. We hope to share our experience with you, the students and alumni of the Vienna Summer School. This year Carole and I will be spending much of our time telling about our studies in Vienna. We’ll be talking about the activities of the students and alumni and the history of the program.

We’re planning a program that will be interesting for all those who are interested in learning more about the history and culture of Vienna. Our program will include lectures, seminars, and guided tours of the city. We’ll be working closely with the faculty at the university to ensure that the program is both educational and enjoyable. We hope that you’ll be able to join us for part or all of this year’s program. We look forward to meeting you all again in 2023.
A spiritual service in front of Van Vleck Hall on Sunday, Aug. 7, during Ad hoc II, promoted a chance to remember friends who had passed away. More than 100 alumni, and also many of their spouses and children, gathered from throughout the United States for the weekend-long Ad hoc II, a non-traditional reunion for alumni from the late '60s and early '70s. In addition to the service, highlights included a coffee house, an Ad hoc II Anchor, and good fellowship aplenty. news from Hope College will publish an Ad hoc II reunion photo in October.

Mary DeWitt '61, a teacher at West Elementary School in Wisconsin, Mich., retired at the end of the 1993-94 academic year after a 35-year career in education.

Jack Millard '61, pastor of the Johnstown (N.Y.) Reformed Church and active in the community, received the Liberty Bell Award during the Fulton County American Revolution Bicentennial. The award recognizes a citizen, someone who is not a lawyer or involved in the legal system, who shows the qualities of a good citizen as part of the community. Roger Mulder '63 has been named manager of the quality control laboratory at Warner-Lambert Co.'s Parke-Davis facility in Holland, Mich.

David Whiteson '62 retired in June after 32 years of teaching choral music, most of them in the Muskegon (Mich.) Public Schools.

Edward Marsile '64 has been elected to a three-year term on the board of the Holland (Mich.) Community Foundation Inc. He is president and owner of The Title Office Inc.

Jan Nyboer '64 has been promoted to the rank of rear admiral in the U.S. Navy. He is currently assigned at Naval Reserve Center, Anchorage, Alaska, as chief of naval reserve operations.

Jan Norton '65 is the new executive minister of the RCA's Synod of New York.

Edna Shaw '66 Derrick of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, has been appointed consumer banking officer, Student Loan Services, National City Bank.

Doris Gerdes '66 has been named vice president and chief financial officer of VIVUS Inc. of Merlo Park, Calif., and is directing the company's financial, accounting, and administrative functions.

Wesley Granberg-Michaelson '67 was installed as the fourth general secretary of the Reformed Church in America (RCA), the denomination's top position, during General Synod in June. He succeeds the Rev. Edwin Mulder, who is retiring on August 31 after serving 11 years as general secretary.

Ruth Ziemann '67 Sweeten has been voted president-elect of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) in Illinois. She is associate director of Illinois Institute of Technology's Daniel F. and Ada L. Rice campus in Whiting, Ind.

David Vanderwell '67 is the new director of Camp Geneva near Holland, Mich.

Floyd Brady '68 was recently named senior vice president of human resources of the CNA Insurance Companies.

Bill Nylus '68 of Allegan, Mich., became a member of the board of the Kalamazoo River Protection Association in the fall of 1993. The nonprofit organization is concerned with all areas of environmental cleanup and pollution prevention on the river. He also serves as a member of the Kalamazoo River Arts Council Public Advisory Council. The A.D.C. included a large Superfund site. The Council is involved in gathering from and providing information to the public and writing the plan to remove the river from the Area of Concern.

Linda Kozel '69 Hegstrand has been elected a Fellow of the College of American Pathologists (CAP), a national medical specialty society of physicians certified by the American Board of Pathology. She is a staff pathologist at Budge Memorial Medical Center in Grand Rapids, Mich.

1970s
Robert Faulman '70 has become the pastor of the oldest part of the First Presbyterian Church of Coyne City (Mich.) and the Bay Shore Presbyterian Church.

Barbara Delo '70 Liggert has been reassigned from her duties as associate vice president for human resources to the position of associate vice president and executive advisor for quality at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo.

Dale Ding '71 is living in Nogging, Jamaica, West Indies and working as a massage therapist at the "Portman Beach Hotel." "Swept Away" and the 1974 film "Jocks on the Feet." Michael DeWeerd '72 was elected mayor of Wayland, Mich., in April. He is also a dentist in Wayland.

Penney Anne Morse '72 is teaching "social ed." and "regular ed." teachers in the Cleveland, Ohio, schools. She steps into this role because the school system is trying to teach literacy in a science context. She was trained in the field in 1971 at an educational "think tank" in Cambridge, Mass., and has implemented it in her special-education classroom at Horace Mann Middle School in Lakewood, Ohio, where she is also a "master teacher," supervising students in the learning disability area.

David Rast '73 of Grand Rapids, Mich., has been named president and broadcast minister for Words of Hope, a broadcast ministry of the RCA. He will be commissioned during the annual board meeting of Words of Hope in September.

Joyce Sawinska '74 of Akron, Ohio, told stories from the stage of the Akron-Summit County Public Library.

Tom VanWieren '75 is a fourth grade teacher at Rapid City Elementary School in the Kalkaska (Mich.) Public School District. He was honored for his contributions in education by the teachers in his district during a dinner in April.

Randy Brechbill '75 of Holland, Mich., has joined Edward Miller Co. as director of purchasing.

Patricia Vander Wert '75 of Johnson & Johansen, Mich., received the National Enamel Guild Award for one of her metal/enameled pieces in the juried 31st Biennial Crafts Exhibition of the Creative Crafts Council of the greater Washington, D.C., area. The exhibition was held in Strathmore Hall Arts Center, Rockville, Md.

piece and the other prize winners will be displayed at the Bruck Gallery of the National Museum of American Art, Washington, D.C., in October. A photo and article on the piece appeared in Paper Glass on Metal, the international magaz-ine of the Enamelist Society.

Peter Davis '76 is moving to Norwell, Mass., this month, where he will continue his lifetime work toward his Ph.D. in church history (medieval special-ization) at Princeton Theological Seminary.

Lynn Malvez '76 Khadja teaches 10th grade social studies in Lansing, Mich., and has published in an international archaeological journal.

Dave Barton '77 has been an assistant professor in Digital Interface Systems in Benton Harbor, Mich. He is a long-time member of the Cleveland Heights (Ohio) Public Schools' Distinguished Research Award, which had been awarded to him in 1974 by the community.

Gary Olsen '77 of Seattle, Wash., is keeping to the long into the future, the chronic pain and fatigue of fibromyalgia while nurturing his opportunities in Christian fellowship and music composition.

David Teater '77 has been a major player in major sport governing and chief executive officer of Seton Consulting Group (SGC). He is formerly a former chief executive officer of Seton Associates Inc., of which SGC was originally a subsidiary. The ownership change is designed to more accurately reflect the realities of day-to-day operations at the two companies.

Joe Ben '78 is a systems engineer with Digital Interface Systems in Benton Harbor, Mich. He is a two-time participant in the Cleveland Heights (Ohio) Public Schools' Distinguished Research Award, which had been awarded to him in 1974 by the community.

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Lucinda Koehler '71, Van Arkel, doctor of musical arts degree, The University of Iowa, May, 1994.
Katherine Nelson '78, N.D., naturopathic psychology, Bastyr University, June, 1994.
Kenneth Lobb '77, M.A., elementary education, Adelphi University, Garden City, N.Y., May, 1994.
Sarah Hamedanchi '83, M.A., University of Southern California in Los Angeles, May 6, 1994.
Paul Renk '83, doctorate, counseling psychology, Loyola University Chicago, May, 1994.
Laurie Tatsia '84, Avra, Ph.D., electrical engineering, Stanford University, June, 1994.
Mayumi Kato '84, master's degree in education (counseling psychology), Tsukuba University, May, 1994.
Diana Dorgan '84, Zwirn, master of arts, School of Education, Department of Performing Arts, Pace University, New York, University, January, 1994.

Tamara Hoshal '85, Brewer, master's degree in elementary education, August, 1992.
Nicole Lott '86, master of science, Radwell University.
Judy Micou '86, M.A., communication (mass media), Wayne State University, May, 1994.
Benjamin Soeter '87, doctor of medicine, Medical College of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, May 21, 1994.
Paul Van Ely '87, MBA, finance, DePaul University, August, 1993.
Daniel Boeving '88, juris doctor, Hamline University School of Law, December, 1995, St. Paul, Minn.
Bill Niteensmuilng Nida '88, master's degree in film and video production, North Park University, June, 1994.

Deaths

J Russell Brink '28 died on Tuesday, June 28, 1994, in the Catskill Nursing Center in Devon, Pa. He was 86.
He practiced internal medicine in Grand Rapids, Mich., from 1939 to 1974. He was chief of staff at St. Mary's Hospital in 1950, and was president of the Kent County Medical Society in 1970. He also served as an elder of Central Reformed Church for many years.
He was born in Hamilton, Mich., in 1917. He graduated from Rush Medical School, was an intern at St. Luke's Hospital in Chicago, Ill., and completed his residency at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn.
During World War II, he was a lieutenant commander in the U.S. Navy Medical Corps and served on various islands in the Pacific. He was in the party that accepted the Japanese surrender of Wake Island.
He was preceded in death by his first wife, Evelyn, in 1968, and his second wife, Betty, in 1993.
Survivors include one daughter, Joan Bergstrom; one son, Alan Brink, and three grandchildren, all of Grand Rapids, Mich.
Word has been received of the death of Raymond Malters '35 of Muscatine, Iowa, who died on June 16, 1994. Additional information will appear in the October issue of News from Hope College.
Ernest Crounse Jr. '35 of Suffolk, Conn., died on Saturday, June 25, 1994, at a local convalescent home. He was 80.
He was born in Unionville, N.Y., and had an M.Div. from New Brunswick (N.J.) Theological Seminary.
He was an ordained minister in the RCA, and served churches in Schenectady, Schoharie, Coeymans, S. Johnsville and Sycorax, N.Y., before leaving from Third Reformed Church in Albany, N.Y., in 1960. He moved to Suffolk 10 months before his death.
He was also an Army chaplain during World War II, serving in the Pacific Theatre.

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Does the alumni office have your current name and address? Has there been a recent change in your marital status? Would you prefer Hope used a different form of your name (Jane Van Doe vs. Mrs. John Van Doe, for instance)? Note the number of spaces per line available.

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Jonesville United Methodist Church.

Margaret Kelle 33 of Grand Rapids, Mich., died on Tuesday, May 24, 1994, at Raybrook Manor.

Survivors include her sister, Jeanne Schullinger, Jr., Ann Arbor, and brothers, Michael V. Law, seven grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

Margaret Kelle 33 of Grand Rapids, Mich., died on Saturday, June 24, 1994, at Zeeland (Mich.) Community Hospital.

She was preceded in death by her husband, George Haverdink.

He was also a self-employed teacher, a member of the Lakeview Wesleyan Church and the Michigan Christian Teachers Association.

He was a member of Trinity Reformd Church and was a former longtime member of Overisel Reford Church.

He was survived by his wife, Helen, and their children, Elaine and Don Ter Aved of Deaver, Coko; Wendell and Gayle Deiler, of Peru, Ohio; and Anita and Terry Nyhuis of Mears, Mich.; nine grandchildren; and two brothers, Myraan and Helena Kelle of Zeeland, Mich.; seven-in-law, Helen Jerome, Michigan, and Cott Holmeson of Hamilton, Mich., and Eyvhn and George Havender of Holland; nieces and cousins.

Word has been received of the death of Donald Loewig ’54 of Holland, Mich., who died in an auto accident on Tuesday, July 26, 1994. Additional information will appear in the October issue of news from Hope College.

Loewig ’54 was born in Grand Rapids, Mich., where he was a member of the Mears Junior High School track team, and the Hope College Men’s Varsity Track Team.

He was a member of the U.S. Army Air Forces during World War II.

Survivors include his wife, Helen; his children, Patric and Gayle Dillswen of Spring Lake, Sce and Randy Koeckhout of Fruitport, Mich., Anne and Hartge Scheer of Minnesota, and Beth and McCall of Spring Lake, and Michael McCall of Allandale, Mich.; nine grandchildren; and his wife, Cott Holmeson of Hamilton, Mich., and Eyvhn and George Havender of Holland; nieces and cousins.

Word has been received of the death of Jane MacDonald ’48 of New York, N.Y., who died on Wednesday, July 6, 1994. Additional information will appear in the October issue of news from Hope College.

John Pantzer ’48 of Lakehurst, N.J., died on Wednesday, July 27, 1994, at his home. He was 72.

He was born in Passaic, N.J., and lived in Teems River, N.J., before moving to Lakehurst in 1952 to graduate from the Manifold Technical High School, and received his master of degree from New Brunswick (N.J.) Theological Seminary.

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Prague Woman

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