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Homecoming '94

This year's Homecoming Parade featured the theme "opposites," as the Sibs and Emersonians demonstrated with their prize-winning take on good and evil. Homecoming Weekend itself (Oct. 14-16) wasn't a study in contrasts, but it did offer variety. More Homecoming photo coverage appears on our back cover.
Sophomores win Pull

Both classes gave their all, but the sophomore Class of 1997 had a bit more on Saturday, Oct. 1, winning the 97th Pull tug-of-war in slightly less than two-and-a-half hours.

The Pull started an hour and 25 minutes late, at 4:25 p.m., a delay caused because the wrong rope had been delivered to the site of the competition, which is held northeast of the campus on the banks of the Black River, near U.S. 31 and M-21. The late start didn't dispel most of the hundreds—infants to senior citizens—who came to watch the event.

The Pull can last as long as three hours, in which case the victor is determined by measuring, to see which side has gained the most rope. This year, however, the sophomores "popped" six of the freshman class of 1998's pits, gaining enough rope to eliminate six of the freshman pullers and leaving the sophomores 18 pits to the freshman class's remaining 12. Because of that difference, the competition was called a sophomore victory at 6:45 p.m.

The sophomore win was in keeping with past history; since 1934, the sophomores have taken 38 contests to the freshman class's 18. The victory was also a turn-around for the Class of 1997, which had lost the Pull in the fall of 1995.
Swords into ploughshares

Sworn enemies during World War II, Dr. Gordon Van Wylen and Ichiro Matsunaga had no trouble working together 50 years later.


Dr. Van Wylen, who is president emeritus of Hope, was an officer aboard the submarine USS *Hardhold* during the war. Matsunaga was a communication officer aboard the light cruiser *HIJMS Natori*.

They didn't meet then, but their ships did. On Aug. 7, 1944, the *Hardhold* torpedoed the *Natori*, sending it to the bottom of the Pacific.

For most of the next 40-plus years, the encounter remained in Dr. Van Wylen's past. After completing six war patrols aboard the *Hardhold*, he left the Navy to pursue the academic career that led him to Hope's presidency in 1972.

In 1988, however, Dr. Van Wylen attended a reunion of the *Hardhold* crew. He learned that one of the survivors of the *Natori*'s sinking had written a book about the experience—a book that had become a best-seller in Japan. "I knew I had to do something to learn more," Dr. Van Wylen contacted the author: Matsunaga.

"When I originally wrote, I had no idea of writing a book—that wasn't in mind at all," said Dr. Van Wylen, who retired from Hope's presidency in 1997. "We had been on opposite sides during the war, and I thought it would bring the encounter to a more satisfying conclusion if we corresponded.

"The Hardhold's crew had always believed they had sunk a battleship, not a light cruiser. Had a battleship been present as well? Matsunaga had reported that only one torpedo had hit the *Natori*, but the submariners thought it would hit with several. Dr. Van Wylen learned that there had been no battleship, and that only one torpedo had indeed exploded. The *Hardhold* was on its first patrol when it sank the *Natori*, and the crew's inexperience has been offered as an explanation for the mistaken identification.

In addition, Matsunaga's account chronicled an inspiring 300-mile-long, 12-day lifeboat journey from the site of the sinking to the Philippines by nearly 200 survivors. Dr. Van Wylen had known of the story only four years, picked up by another American submarine 14 days after the sinking.

With the anniversary of war 30 years behind him, that lost news was perhaps best of all. "I was tremendously pleased to learn that there were 185 or more survivors than I had ever known about," he said. "When I heard about this lifeboat journey, I recognized that this was a very remarkable accomplishment, and I was interested in learning a little bit more about that."

Dr. Van Wylen found Matsunaga quite interested in corresponding. He also learned that Matsunaga hoped to have his book published in America.

What emerged was *Encounter at Sea*, which tells the story of the encounter and its aftermath from both perspectives—Matsunaga writing about the *Natori*, and Dr. Van Wylen about the *Hardhold*. Matsunaga's section focuses on the leadership of the lifeboat section's senior officer, Eiichi Kobayashi, whom he credits with the group's survival after the sinking (his book was titled *The Senior Officer in Japan*). Dr. Van Wylen appended to his chronicle of the war-time events reflections on the nature of war and warfare.

The two co-authors worked by mail and fax, never meeting throughout the process. With language a barrier, Ken Sugahara, who had been Matsunaga's junior at the Japanese naval academy, served as translator.

The book was a tangible result of the process. But there was an intangible one as well.

"The greatest joy of this experience has been the privilege of coming to know Mr. Matsunaga, Mr. Sugahara and Mr. Kobayashi," Dr. Van Wylen said. "Mr. Matsunaga and I developed a very significant friendship, even though we had never met, and it was necessary to communicate through a translator. And even though Mr. Kobayashi and I did not correspond or communicate with each other, writing this book gave me a very great appreciation for his remarkable character and leadership, and often I felt that I knew him."

Dr. Van Wylen and Matsunaga finally came face-to-face in Norfolk, Va., in September, their 1994 encounter timed to coincide with a visit to the city by four Japanese destroyers on a five-month training exercise. The *Hardhold*'s former executive officer, retired Navy Captain Charles McCull, and Kobayashi's daughter joined them for a reception on one of the ships.

While presiding during the official surrender ceremony aboard the battleship USS *Missouri* in Tokyo Bay on Sept. 2, 1945, General Douglas MacArthur pondered the reconciliation he hoped would follow the years of bloody carnage that wrecked the Pacific during World War II.

His words are carved in stone at the memorial in his honor in Norfolk. In that place they have been read by many.

In September of 1994, Dr. Van Wylen and Matsunaga read them together. That they were doing so, Dr. Van Wylen muses, was a personal manifestation of MacArthur's global vision for peace and understanding—and reached, he realized, to the most important reason he had sought out Matsunaga half a decade before.

"Although I didn't even know about that statement until I saw it there, that was really it," Dr. Van Wylen said. "We're trying to do something enduring and better, and in a sense my relationship with Matsunaga was kind of a personal fulfillment of that..."

(Copies of *Encounter at Sea*, which is available in softcover and 284 pages long, are $15.95. Copies are available in the Hope General Bookstore.)

Enrollment reaches record high

A record number of first-time students has helped Hope achieve its highest enrollment ever.

Hope has 2,825 students this year, including 713 in college for the first time. It is the second time in the college history that enrollment has topped 2,800, and the first time that Hope has had more than 700 first-time students.

The college reached its previous enrollment high, 2,813 students, during the 1990-91 academic year. The college's previous record for first-time student enrollment was 687 in the fall of 1992. Hope had a total enrollment of 2,713 students during 1992-93.

"The population of 18-year-olds continued to decline this past year, and in spite of that we were fortunate enough to enroll a record number of freshmen," said Dr. James R. Bekkering '65, vice president for admissions and student life. "That's very gratifying."

Dr. Bekkering also noted that the new, large class is strong academically—almost identical to the previous year's crop of first-time students, suffering no drop in quality despite the increase in numbers. He observed, for example, that the incoming class's average grade point average is 3.5 on a 4.0 scale, and that the middle 50 percent of the class scored from 22 to 28 on the ACT; there are also 16 National Merit Scholars in the Class of 1998, compared to the nine of the year before.

The student body is comprised of 1,208 men and 1,617 women from 42 states and territories, as well as from 34 foreign countries.

Students transferring to Hope from other colleges and universities total 96, compared with 105 in 1993. There are 79 students enrolled in off-campus programs, compared to 75 last year.

The enrollment by class, with last year's class in parentheses, is: freshmen, 763 (748); sophomores, 682 (737); juniors, 633 (518); seniors, 581 (563); and special students, 146 (150).

The largest student representation comes from Michigan with 2,065 students, followed by Illinois, 197; New York, 66; Ohio, 60; Indiana, 53; Wisconsin, 30; New Jersey, 26; Minnesota, 17; Missouri, 14; California, 11; Iowa, 10; and Virginia, 10.

Foreign countries represented in the student body include Australia, Bulgaria, Botswana, Canada, Chile, the People's Republic of China, Croatia, Ethiopia, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Israel, Japan, Jordan, Kampuchea, Korea, Malawi, the Netherlands, Peru, Poland, Romania, Russia, Singapore, South Africa, Spain, Taiwan, Tanzania, Thailand, the United Kingdom, Vietnam, Yugoslavia and Zambla.
Events

Academic Calendar

Fall Semester (1994)
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. 16, Friday—Residence halls close, 5 p.m.

Spring Semester (1995)
Jan. 8, Sunday—Residence halls open, noon
Jan. 9, Monday—Registration for new students, 3-4:30 p.m., Maas Center auditorium
Jan. 10, Tuesday—Classes begin, 8 a.m.
Feb. 10, Friday—Winter Recess begins, 6 p.m.
Feb. 13, Wednesday—Winter Recess ends, 8 a.m.
March 16, Thursday—Spring recess begins, 8 p.m.
March 27, Monday—Spring recess ends, 8 a.m.
April 10-14, Monday-Friday—Registration for Fall Semester, 1995-96.
April 14, Friday—Good Friday, classes not in session
April 27, Thursday—Honors Convocation, 8 p.m.
April 28, Friday—Spring Festival, classes dismissed at 1 p.m.
May 1-5, Monday-Friday—Semester examinations
May 5, Friday—Residence halls close for those not participating in Commencement, 5 p.m.
May 6, Saturday—Alumni Day
May 7, Sunday—Baccalaureate and Commencement
May 7, Sunday—Residence halls close for graduating seniors, 7 p.m.

Admissions

Campus Visits: The Admissions Office is open from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. weekdays. Tours and admissions interviews are available. Appointments are recommended.

Visitation Days: Often offer 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:

- Friday, Nov. 18
- Friday, Dec. 3
- Friday, Feb. 3
- Junior Days: Friday, April 7, and Friday, April 21
- Senior Days: Saturday, April 8 (for admitted members of the Class of 1999)
- Pre-Professional Day: Friday, May 19

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, E. 10th St.; P.O. Box 9000; Holland, MI 49420-9000.

De Pree Gallery

"Alumni Art Exhibition"—Through Nov. 29
A juried show featuring the work of alumni artists.
"Juried Student Show"—Dec. 2-16
The work of Hope students.

The gallery's hours are: Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; and Sunday, 1-10 p.m. Admission is free.

The Nutcracker: A Play—Nov. 25-Dec. 17
See the advertisement on this page for ticket and reservation information.

Music

Student Recital—Thursday, Nov. 10: Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 7 p.m.
Great Performance Series—Saturday, Nov. 19: Charles Costelman, violinist, Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 8 p.m.
Tickets cost $12.50 for regular adult admission, $10 for senior citizens and $6 for students.

Faculty Recital Series—Sunday, Nov. 20: Wickers Auditorium of Nykerk Hall of Music, 4 p.m.

Jazz Ensemble Concert—Thursday, Dec. 1: Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 8 p.m.

Christmas Vespers—Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 3-4: Dimnent Memorial Chapel. Vespers will be on Saturday at 8 p.m., and on Sunday at 2 p.m., 4:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. Dimnent Memorial Chapel. Tickets for those who live in the Holland-Zeeland area will go on sale on Saturday, Nov. 19. Those living farther away may call (616) 395-7850 for information on acquiring tickets by mail.

Student Recital—Thursday, Dec. 8: Wickers Auditorium of Nykerk Hall of Music, 7 p.m.

20th Annual Mid-Day Christmas Concert—Friday, Dec. 9: Featuring the Hope College Orchestra, DeWitt Center Kletz, 11:30 a.m.

Christmas Madrigal Dinner—Friday and Saturday, Dec. 9-10: Featuring the Collegium Musicum, Maas Center auditorium, 7 p.m. Tickets are $15 for adults, $10 for children 12 and younger, and $5 for Hope students (with meal plan). Tickets will be available beginning Wednesday, Nov. 30, in the department of music office, Nykerk Hall 201, (616) 395-7650.

Visiting Writers Series

Paul Zimmer appearing with the John Shea Trio—Thursday, Dec. 1: Knickerbocker Theatre, 7 p.m.

Dance

Student Dance Concert and Production Call—Thursday, Dec. 8: Knickerbocker Theatre, 8 p.m.

Alumni & Friends

Oak Brook, Ill.—Dr. David Myers, who is the John Dirk Werkman Professor of Psychology, will discuss happiness at Christ's Church of Oak Brook on Thursday, Nov. 10, at 7:30 p.m. The public lecture is part of a Templeton Lecture Series on Faith and Science. Dr. Myers is the author of The Pursuit of Happiness: Who Is Happy and Why.

Winter Happening—Saturday, Feb. 18
Musical Showcase—Monday, March 6
Alumni Weekend—Friday-Sunday, May 5-7
For additional information concerning alumni events, please call the Office of Public and Alumni Relations at (616) 395-7660.

Traditional Events

Christmas Vespers—Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 3-4
Honors Convocation—Thursday, April 27
Baccalaureate and Commencement—Sunday, May 7

Women's League For Hope College

Grand Rapids Chapter—Thursday, Nov. 17—Bus trip to Chicago, Ill., for shopping. Please call Nancy Matthes at (616) 338-0513 for additional information.

Instant Information

Hope Sports Hotline—(616) 395-7888
Activities Information—(616) 395-7863

NFHC October 1994
Cycling a winning passion

Randy Warren '84 of San Luis Obispo, Calif., didn't discover his passion for bicycle racing until after graduating from Hope, but the college still had a small role to play in the process.

When his brother Dean Warren '88 went to Vienna as a Hope student, he loaned his touring bicycle to Randy, who was still in town while working for The Holland Sentinel. Involved in athletics (rowing and track) while at Hope, Randy liked riding so much that he decided to try racing. He liked racing so much, he never stopped.

That was 1986. This past August, his cycling journey took him to Moscow, Russia (not of Moscow), where he won gold as part of the 23-member U.S. team competing in the Masters division of the World Cycling Championships.

Although not at the senior professional level, Masters racers are serious competitors. The field in Moscow, for example, included former Olympic cyclists and members of the Russian national team. Approximately 300 racers from 15 nations participated.

The World Championships consisted of seven races, ranging from one kilometer to 377 kilometers in length. Warren took the gold medal in the one-kilometer race (placing first overall), and he finished second for seven races placed him fourth in his age group (30-34).

He was proud to represent the U.S. Winning wasn't bad, either.

"Being part of the U.S. team was great. It was a lot of fun," Warren said. "Because you always admire these guys that are wearing the Stars and Stripes, and here we got the exact same jersey as the guys who ride for the senior team."

"And then, being up on the podium getting a medal on top of it was really just a huge thrill," he said.

Warren has been a competitive cyclist for seven years, rising through the ranks of the United States Cycling Federation (USCF). He enjoys all types of cycling competition, from track to mountain biking.

He has competed around the country, in both masters and expert (category 2) USCF races. He rides for the Southern California team Velo Avanti, sponsored by Topline/Arrowhead.

Warren became active in collegiate cycling in 1987, when he co-founded the cycling team at the University of Redlands, where he was a resident director. More recently, he has been riding with the Cal Poly Wheelmen (he finished his PhD in exercise science education at Cal Poly this spring). He is also active in cycling organizations nationally, and is serving as the Athlete's Representative for the National Collegiate Cycling Association.

His victory in Russia was Warren's first win. Recent wins of the past include the District Masters Road Race in 1993, and a first in the Cal Poly Classic Time Trial earlier this year.

With his master's degree finished, Warren's collegiate cycling career is drawing to a close. He is currently employed as a special projects coordinator by Associated Students of Cal Poly, and is working a more permanent position in student services at a college or university. "I want to make sure that I am in a place where God wants me to be," he said.

However his career unfolds, though, he hopes that competitive cycling will remain a part of his life. The sport, he noted, can involve all age levels (the World Championships in Russia, for example, included a category for cyclists age 65-70).

"It's really great to be able to take advantage of it," Warren said. "We have an 18-year-old and a 35-year-old on our [Cal Poly] team. It's a really unique mix of people."

"It's a really neat way to maintain an athletic lifestyle," Warren said. "I thrashed my knees out when I was running marathons and stuff, and can't even do that anymore, but cycling's something that I can do for a long time."

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**Winter Sports**

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**MIAA Game**

Cornerstone College Classic — Albion, Cornerstone, Hope, Indiana South Bend
Russ DeVette Holiday Tournament — Cornerstone, Hope, North Central, Univ. of Michigan-Dearborn
Home games played at Holland Civic Center

**MIAA Games**

Hope Tip Off — Augustana, Ill., Hope, Madonna, Trinity Christian, Ill.
Cornerstone Thanksgiving Tournament — Bethel, Ind.
Hillsdale Tournament — Hillsdale, Hope, Madonna, Tiffin, Ohio
Manchester Classic — Hope, Manchester, Ind., William Penn, Pa.
Home games played at Dow Center on the Hope College campus

**LIVE HOPE ATHLETICS BROADCASTS**

No matter how far you live from Hope College, you can hear live play-by-play action of Flying Dutchmen men's basketball games by calling TEAMLINE. You can hear games broadcast by WHTC in Holland from any telephone in the U.S. or Canada, including home, office, car, hotel — even a pay phone.

For information about TEAMLINE, write the Office of Public and Alumni Relations, Hope College, PO Box 8008, Holland, MI 49422-8008.
Campus Notes

Allen Verhey named to religion chair

Dr. Allen D. Verhey of the religion faculty has been appointed the Evert J. and Hattie E. Blekkink Professor of Religion.

Dr. Verhey is professor of religion and chairperson of the department. He was appointed to the chair by the college's Board of Trustees in May.

The chair was previously held by Dr. Dennis Vokull, who left the college's religion faculty after the spring of 1994 to become president of Western Theological Seminary. His original appointee was Dr. Elton Bruins '50, who retired from the religion faculty in May of 1992.

“Allen Verhey epitomizes the kind of faculty member for whom endowed chairs have been created,” said Dr. Jacob Neydens, provost and professor of classics. “He is a very fine teacher, a truly distinguished scholar, and a dedicated servant-leader in the college and the church.”

When we fill an endowed chair, we not only seek to honor the individual who is appointed to the endowed professorship, but we also expect that person to add lustre and distinction to the professorship by the way that he or she lives out her or his calling as a teacher-scholar,” he said.

First held in 1981, the Evert J. and Hattie E. Blekkink Professorship was created from a bequest of the late Victor and Ruth Blekkink in honor of their parents, and is open to faculty members in the departments of education and religion.

Library lessons lead to Central Europe

Director of libraries

David Jensen had planned to use the time to learn, but also discovered he had something to teach during his recent sabbatical.

In mid-June, he was the keynote speaker during a library conference held in Liptovsky Jan in the Republic of Slovakia. Those attending, including representatives of national and university libraries in both the Czech Republic and Slovakia, were seeking insights that could help their institutions use new technology effectively.

Jensen was at first reluctant to accept the invitation to speak, wondering what he as a college librarian could offer to librarians at major national institutions. He was quickly reassured, however, that the Central European librarians, re-orienting from communist rule, would benefit from whatever he had to say.

“I was told that anything I could tell them about the effects of automation on organization and management would be of use to them since they had no experience whatever,” Jensen said.

Meeting with his Czech and Slovak colleagues, and visiting the university library in Bratislava, he found great potential and great difficulty. “They have wonderful collections and bright staff people, but face tremendous challenges,” he said.

The main building of the University of Bratislava's library, for example, is a former Habsburg-era parliament. As a result, while the library's setting is attractive it was not originally designed with library use in mind.

The Bratislava library's collection is impressive, with more than one million volumes, yet under communist rule was cataloged according to the Russian classification system, limiting its compatibility with the rest of the world. The library switched to the more widely-used universal decimal system when the communists fell in 1989, but still has many old catalog records to adapt.

While the staff members he encountered were bright and capable (one had even interned at the U.S. Library of Congress for three months), they are hindered by insufficient financial resources. Jensen estimates that, should the library be offered free duplicate journals from the U.S., it might find even the cost of paying for shipping prohibitive.

Jensen delivered two talks (with translations) during the conference, one on the effects of automation on library organization, and one on change generally. His primary message: when faced with change, keep the institution's purpose in mind.

His insights stemmed in part from his experience as the college's collection moved into the Van Wylen Library, which opened in 1988, and the library's subsequent conversion from card catalog to online catalog. During his sabbatical, he also surveyed the experiences of other libraries.

“Automation tends to drive decision-making down the hierarchy, leading to a democratization of the workplace,” he said. “Automation also tends to result in a change in the nature of work.”

“It forces people to examine the tasks they're doing, which is why I talked to these folks about mission statements,” Jensen said. “Because although automation may change how we do certain of our tasks, it doesn't necessarily mean that tasks are examined throughout the institution. It generally only happens in the parts of the organization with those tasks that have been automated.”

“Whatever I suggested is what we're doing here at Hope,” he said. “We're looking at the mission statement of the library and at every task we do, to make sure that it's a task that is aimed at meeting our mission. We may discover that there are some things that we're not doing that we should be doing to meet our mission. We may discover that there are some things we're doing that don't meet our mission—and we should stop them.”

He noted that even the Van Wylen Library's mission statement itself isn't inflexible. The library is in the midst of re-examining the 1990 statement, to assure that it is still an effective tool for guiding the library's work: supporting the educational mission of the college.

Jensen's remarks are being published, in Czech, by the conference's sponsor, the Czech and Slovak Library Information Network (CASLIN). He also plans to rework his observations and submit them for publication in this country, hoping that his thoughts concerning adapting a mission-based model for dealing with change will someday help other librarians, too.
Enrollment is just the beginning

For years they've been telling him, warning him like a mother constantly cautions a young child about being careful around a hot stove:

"The number of college-age students is decreasing. Beware, beware. With fewer students out there, the competition is stiff. Watch out, or you're going to get burned."

Since the early 1960s, Dr. James Bekkering, '65, vice president for admissions and student life, has gotten a persistent airing of this demographic negative. In fact, he's heard the warnings for so long that he should carve them into stone and make it into a paperweight. At least that would make it look nicer.

But unlike that child who has been chiding for too long and decides to put the admonishment to the test, Dr. Bekkering has never disregarded the warnings. If the demographics are true, then it's so. So, as the number of college-bound students has indeed dropped since 1979, with this as the bottoming-out, worst-ever, '65, nicer.

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"Well, I've always listened to what they're saying out there," acknowledges Dr. Bekkering. "We just take it as a challenge."

During the past decade, two other freshman classes have been 'record' classes for Hope, with the other years remaining fairly stable. (The only major blip on the screen was '91, when first-time enrollment dropped to 556.) All of this is a compliment to the reputation of Hope College as an institution, of course, but also to Dr. Bekkering as an administrator.

"It's commitment to doing what is best for Hope permeates everything he does and articulates," says Gary Camp '78, director of student life.

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— Dr. James Bekkering '65

admissions, the man who has worked the longest and the closest with Dr. Bekkering since his arrival at Hope in 1980. "His commitment to Hope and what we stand for is tremendous."

And to think, this is a man who could be literally blowing his own horn right now.

As the oldest of three children growing up in Fremont, Mich., Dr. Bekkering was an athlete and an artist. In 1961, he brought both talents to Hope. But not before doing some soul-searching over his other collegiate choice—the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, N.Y.

"At the time, it didn't seem like a big deal, like there was that much difference between the two schools," laughs Dr. Bekkering. "If I had been to Eastman, it would have been with the intention of having a career as a symphony trumpeter. But I also loved football, and my mother wanted me to attend our church college since we were members of the RCA (Reformed Church in America).

So he came to Hope, majored in economics, played football, lettered for four years as a running back under Hope legend Russ DeVore '47, and put aside his trumpet temporarily.

"When I look back on it, I sometimes shudder at the significance of that decision to come to Hope instead of Eastman," he says. Dr. Bekkering acknowledges that he has sparse memories of applying to Hope. What he does know is that the college didn't reach out to him as a prospective student; the system was strictly "apply and decide."

Today, conversely, the admissions program strongly emphasizes relationship building, the better to determine prospective students' needs and identify how Hope can best meet them.

"We can show high school seniors the beauty of the campus, tell them about the academic reputation of the college and the quality of life here, but we can never know what they're thinking," Dr. Bekkering says. "So we build trust and relationships. We take the initiative to make contacts and sustain them."

To do this, 10 admissions representatives hit the road, Dr. Bekkering among them. (He is quick to add, though, that recruiting is a committed campus-wide effort, from faculty and coaches to alumni across the country. Twice a year he travels, once to three schools in Detroit, once to three more in Chicago. Being in the trenches reminds him of what the work is all about.

Since 1988, though, admissions has not been Dr. Bekkering's only focus. He donated another shot that year when he was given the student development division to direct. Since then, it's been a constant exchange between which title he holds when. While the flip-flopping between duties, and campus offices, may seem confusing to some, to Dr. Bekkering it's quite natural.

"I'm a more effective admissions officer because of my admissions experience."

"I find it to be a win-win situation. Personally, I find it extremely rewarding to be involved in the programs and activities that impact the lives of students who are actually enrolled. One of the frustrating things about working in admissions is that just about the time you establish some meaningful rapport and relationships with the kids, they're enrolling and you're looking for that new class. And so you turn them over to the faculty, to student development, to the maintenance people, to the dining staff, and everything else you've put before them as an admissions officer, but now you can't participate in it with them. So I'm blessed now to have both."

And busy to have both. His wife, Lynne, will often ask as they are driving out of town, and she sees the distant look of mind-wandering in her husband's eyes, "You're really back on campus, aren't you?" More often than not, Dr. Bekkering will nod the affirmative.

"To relieve the pressures of his busyness, Bekkering goes back to his trumpet. He really put it down for good. He practiced throughout college and graduate school. (He earned a M.A. in student personnel administration and a Ph.D. in higher education administration from Michigan State University.) While he was the dean for instruction at Lake Michigan College from 1972 to 1980, Dr. Bekkering played in the Twin Cities Symphony of Benton Harbor and St. Joseph, Mich. At Hope he has played in the Faculty Recital Series, Organ Recital Series for Tulip Time, and Hope President Dr. John H. Jacobson's inauguration. He's also helped out the Westshore Symphony in Muskegon, Mich. He says, simply, that the trumpet is something he can't live without. Today, he plays for weddings and church services since there's nothing like the realization of performance to drive him back into the practice room.

Dr. Bekkering's office in the stately building on the corner of 10th and College is a typical administrative niche—armchairs, blotters, cabinets, and hardwood, a simultaneous display of mess and efficiency. As a personal space defines its owner, this one does justice to its occupant. It's dignified, bright, and thoughtful.

It's also appropriate in another symbolic way. Situated in the admissions building and overlooking the west side of campus facing historic Voorhies Hall with kitten-corner views of the President's Home and Van Wylen Library, it is at once a part of both the process of bringing students to Hope and of the experience they will have once at the college. Just as is Dr. Bekkering, whose commitment to the admissions process is grounded in his belief in what students will find once they arrive.

As vice president for admissions and student life, Dr. James Bekkering '65 has a role not only in getting students to Hope, but the experience they have once enrolled. The responsibilities, he believes, are complementary.
Ad hoc II/1979 Reunions

1979—Row 1: P.J. Coldren '75, Deb Noe '71 Schakel, Barbara Freethy '74 Whited, Joe Courter '73, Sarah Myhre '73 Gartner, Thom Gartner '72, Steven Mancinelli '75
Row 2: Joan Schramm '75, Leon Whited, Roger Peddie '74 Salek, Peggy Whited '73, Sarah Myhre '73 Gartner, Thom Gartner '72, Steven Mancinelli '75
Row 3: Joan Schramm '75, Leon Whited, Roger Peddie '74 Salek, Peggy Whited '73, Sarah Myhre '73 Gartner, Thom Gartner '72, Steven Mancinelli '75
Row 4: Mark Convoy '75, Arjen Dyks '76 Bogaart, Colin Brando '75, Chris Peddie '74 Salek, Peggy Whited '73, Sarah Myhre '73 Gartner, Thom Gartner '72, Steven Mancinelli '75
Row 5: Jobadiah Gray '74, Betsy Emdin '77 Kaylor, Thomas Bade '74, Debbie Stambaugh, Mary Marcus '78 Rolph, Donna Hamilton '74 Bade, David Kempston '74
Row 6: Rich "Blue" Williams '75, Maurits Winkler-Prins, Bruce Houtman '73, Dave Beattie '73, Joanna Wennet '73 Ezinga (holding Thea Ezinga), Kay Hubbard '72, Jim DeBoer '72
Row 8: Elyse Fisher (with hand on her dad's head), Dan Fisher '79

1979—Row 1: Doug Koopman, Sherie Vermaas, Janet Swanson, Chris Page, Sheryl Raddke Page, Sandy Busman Cott, Sandy Kelley Weisio, Gretchen Coffin Brundage, Debra Bruininks Davidson, Lauri Kremers; Row 2: Steve Bourma-Prediger, Celaine Bourma-Prediger, Jill Clegg, Fritz Brado, Min Miller Brado, Ken Coffin; Row 3: Nan Goetzke Patterson, Ann Davenport Byl, Ryan Adolph, Laurie Zott Cohoon, Keith Cohoon, Jeff Beckman, Fred van Reesema, Duane Babinski, Sandy Wierden Van De Weert, Gary VanDeWanten, Randy Coffin '80, Jean Reynolds-Provençal, Nancy Stiehler Thurston, Reid Thurston; Row 4: Alex Patterson, Bill Leonhard, Bruce VanderSchaaf, Anna Donkersloot, Rick Neevel, Donna Noe Neevel, Deb Grochowski Woolda, Laura Earle Probst, Jane Santeford Martin, Bill Aardema, Diane Bussena '78 Aardema; Row 5: Todd Harboum '78, Shirley Bothouse Harboum, Mike Winchester, Norm Donkersloot, Beth Visscher Nielsen, Sheri VanderWerf McCarthy, Leigh DeWolf Erika, Ron Heiby, Nanette Brien, Kris Boon Hinga; Row 6: John Hoekstra, Mary Weener Weisenga, Pat Bonga VanLure, Marsha Stiehler Converse, Jill Nish VanZyl, Mark Erika, Mary Van Ijzeghert Danielson, Liz Becker Brooks, Carl Toren; Row 7: Becky Brookstra French, Jim French, Janes Lundeen '80 DeVree, Mary Wickert Cook, Tom Myers, John Broadbent, Kirby Thomas; Row 8: Jeff DeVree, Sue Weener-VanDop '81, Stephen VanDop, Kurt Droppers, Beth Knecht Myers, Deborah VanHoeven Droppers, Shelly Deiesenga Stauffer, John Abe.
1984/1989 Reunions


The record-sized Class of '98 came close to boasting a record number of Generational New Students: 97 enrolled this fall. The highest total on record is 101, enrolled in the fall of 1987. Above are Class of '98 Third Generation Students. Pictured from left to right are: First Row, Jennnfar Geerdink, Wendy Kooiker, Jennifer Jones, Becky Drane, Beth Hensel, Valerie Klenkheek, Morika Bakker, Second Row, Jeremy Stopker, Diana Nyman, Becky Schmidt, Matthew Sterenberg, Jennifer Hendricks, Carma Waterlo, Theresa Hansen, Kevin Hartgenk.

1996 Generational New Students

FIFTH GENERATION

Jennifer Kander (Calefornia, Mich.)
Mother - Mary Davis '74 Kander
Father - Jack Kander '74
Grandmother - Jane Reus '45 Davis
Grandfather - Roy Davis '44
Great-Great-Grandfather - William Reus '18
Great-Great-Grandfather - Leonard Reus (Prep. 1882)

Zackery Vandenberg (Grand Rapids, Mich.)
Mother - Mary Browning '69 Vandenberg
Father - Richard Vandenberg '69
Grandfather - Allison Vandenberg '40
Great-Great-Grandfather - Richard Vandenberg '13
Great-Great-Grandfather - Albert Vandenberg '85

FOURTH GENERATION

Shannon Gould (Grand Haven, Mich.)
Mother - Karen Hoppe '79 Gould
Father - David Van Donkelaar '72
Grandmother - Harriet Siegenman '46 Van Donkelaar
Great-Great-Grandmother - Ella Atwood '18 Siegenman
Great-Great-Grandfather - James Siegenman '16

Michelle Piel (Flossmoor, Ill.)
Mother - Elizabeth Metten Meske '71 Piel
Grandmother - Harriet Muyssens '47 Maassen
Great-Great-Grandmother - John Maassen '42
Great-Great-Grandfather - Herman Maassen '16

Karin Van Wieren (Holland, Mich.)
Mother - Jacqueline Van Wieren '67 Van Wieren
Father - Glenn Van Wieren '64
Grandmother - Andrew Nyboer '39
Great-Great-Grandmother - Wilma Rotschafer '35 Van Wieren
Great-Great-Grandfather - William Rotschafer '03

THIRD GENERATION

Mowsa Bakker (Holland, Mich.)
Mother - Robin Prins '81 Bakker
Grandfather - A. James Prins '38

Rebecca Drane (Zionsville, Ind.)
Father - Glen TenHoor '77
Grandmother - Lucille TenHoor '46 TenHoor
Great-Great-Grandfather - Chester TenHoor '41

Brian Dykstra (Holland, Mich.)
Grandmother - MaryAnn Jellema '45 Dykstra
Great-Great-Grandfather - William Jellema (Prep. 1915)

Jennifer Geerdink (Holland, Mich.)
Mother - Pauline Geerdink '46
Grandfather - Theodore Elftmann '49

Theresa Hansen (Big Rapids, Mich.)
Grandmother - Kathryn Strout '39 Hansen
Great-Great-Grandfather - William Strout '12

Keris Hartgerink (South Haven, Mich.)
Father - Ronald Hartgerink '64
Great-Great-Grandfather - Elmer Hartgerink '39

Jennifer Hendricks (Grandville, Mich.)
Mother - Lynne Walchenbach '73 Hendricks
Father - Dennis Hendricks '70
Grandmother - Elaine Bielefeld '46 Walchenbach
Great-Great-Grandfather - Donald Walchenbach '49

Elisabeth Heneweld (Canton, Mich.)
Mother - Elaine Folkert '48 Heneweld
Father - Harvey Heneweld '49
Great-Great-Grandfather - Jay Folkert '39

Karla Joldersma (Hillsdale, Mich.)
Mother - Barbara Granberg '67 Joldersma
Great-Great-Grandmother - Carol Van Giesing '49

Jennifer Jones (Webster, N.Y.)
Mother - Norine Everson '71 Jones
Father - Roger Jones '72
Great-Great-Grandfather - Edith Young '48 Everson

Valerie Kleinhansel (Holland, Mich.)
Grandfather - Beth DeWitt '78 Kleinhansel
Great-Great-Grandfather - George DeWitt '36

Wendy Koosker (Jenison, Mich.)
Mother - Jan Voogd '69 Koosker
Father - Glenn Koosker '68
Great-Great-Grandfather - Helen Thompson '45 Voogd
Great-Great-Grandfather - Henry Voogd '41

SECOND GENERATION

David Albrect (Grandville, Mich.)
Mother - Diane Weygarden '70 Mugg
Father - Dorothy Weygarden '38 Weygarden

Stephen Mugg (Holland, Mich.)
Grandmother - Dorothy Weygarden '38 Weygarden
Grandfather - Dwayne Weygarden '70 Mugg

Dana Nyman (Holland, Mich.)
Father - Wesley Nyman '69
Grandmother - Estelle Brink '29 Nyman

Jodi Roper (Colorado Springs, Colo.)
Grandmother - Julia VanDame '30 Fisk
Great-Great-Grandmother - Sarah Sebald '75 Roper

Becky Schmidt (Holland, Mich.)
Mother - Sara Sebald '75 Wilson
Grandmother - Jean Caan '47 Sebald
Great-Great-Grandmother - Evelyn Jannenga '50 Schmidt

Matthew Sterenberg (Hillsboro, Or.)
Father - Lewis tenHoor '70 Sterenberg
Great-Great-Grandfather - Beatrice Vos '74 tenHoor

Jeremy Steepek (Ann Arbor, Mich.)
Father - Daniel Steepek '70
Grandmother - Wallace Steepek '43

Carrie Waterlo (Ann Arbor, Mich.)
Father - Mary Schepersma '65 Waterloo
Great-Great-Grandfather - Lester Schepersma '32

Steve Butler (Jenison, Mich.)
Grand-Great-Grandfather - John Minnema '24

Ellen Byland (Fremont, Mich.)
Father - Peggy Kostena '71 Byland

Stephanie Currie (Or., Pa.)
Mother - Juliana Schvetz '71 Currie

John Donnelly (Holland, Mich.)
Father - Donald Currie '70

Brian Dykstra (Naperville, Ill.)
Father - Kathryn Nykyforchyn '72 Dykstra

Dianne Etheridge (Grand Rapids, Mich.)
Father - Robert Etheridge '67

Bryan Fermona (Grand Haven, Mich.)
Father - Janice DeWitt '72 Fermona

Timothy Franklin (Wayne, N.J.)
Father - Ronald Franklin '72

Jodi Frens (Fremont, Mich.)
Father - Gary Frens '69

Megan Garabedian (Muskegon, Mich.)
Mother - Pamela Jo Reynolds '72 Garabedian

Paul Garbrecht (Battle Creek, Mich.)
Father - Bonnie Brooks '71 Garbrecht

Kara Geen (Zeeland, Mich.)
Mother - Nancy Verhulst '67 Geen

Sarah Gorter (Grand Rapids, Mich.)
Father - Philip Gorter '69

Julie Grimsmeier (Verona, Wis.)
Mother - Patricia White '71 Grimsmeier

Jes Greenstuk (Holland, Mich.)
Father - Joel Diethorn '76 Greenstuk

Timothy Haagsma (Spring Lake, Mich.)
Father - Curtis Haagsma '64

Keri Hoffman (Portage, Mich.)
Father - William Hoffman '71

Jeffrey Hendrick (Grand Rapids, Mich.)
Father - Suzanne Broekstra '71 Hendrick

Bethan Hopman (Livonia, Ill.)
Father - Byron Hopman '67

P.J. Huisenga (Oak Brook, Ill.)
Father - Peter Huisenga '60
It's not unusual for colleges and universities to offer international travel packages for their alumni and friends.

It is, however, more unusual for an organization to offer tours designed specifically for an institution. For the past three years, Hope College and MTA Travel, the college's official travel agency, have been doing just that.

"Our goal is to provide a totally satisfying travel experience for each of our participants," said Tony Auken, MTA's Director of Marketing. "Our tours are custom designed and our post-tour surveys concur that these Hope College tours are unlike any commercial tours they have taken."

There are several features of Hope College tours which help make them unique. One key component is that they are hosted by Hope College faculty with expertise in the specific geographical regions visited. We have told the faculty on our campus to enhance the trips. Faculty members help with the MTA Travel staff to develop an itinerary, often using their first-hand knowledge, connections and special privileges to enrich a tour.

"When we went to Central Europe with Sander De Haan, he arranged a visit with the Hope Vienna Summer School," said Zuverink. "When we went to England, our group visited Parliament through Tony Auken's connections. During last year's tour to Italy, Iona Agha lectured on subjects pertaining to the beginning of civilization. Hope College and MTA Travel are both committed to bringing cultural experiences to the college and this is why the faculty participation makes a difference."

Because we also want this to be a socially enriching experience with an opportunity to build or reestablish friendships with others who have Hope College ties, another component is that the tours are limited in size, and participants have some connection to Hope College whether they are alumni, parents, grandparents, spouses of alumni, or friends with an interest in the college.

"Some special friendships have developed from these tours," Zuverink said. "Time and time again, participants tell us the special chemistry is the Hope College connection. People are so caring, accepting for each other."

"We attended the reunion of our Italian Tour," Zuverink said, "and felt elated at the expressions of joy we heard as Barbara Kowal '66 Forman showed her wonderful slides. The impromptu comments made during the slides added to the camaraderie that existed."

In planning a tour, MTA Travel has tried to be responsive to the needs of the participants. "Although we feel satisfied with the success of the program, we continually try to improve the tours. We have moved toward slower pace slightly, staying more than one night in each hotel rather than moving too quickly, spending all of our time packing and unpacking," explained Jan VanderPloeg, manager at MTA Travel. "Commercial travel has a tendency to 'race horse,' covering too much territory. We try to balance comfort and local flavor."

"We look hard and long at the balance of pre-planned activities and free time," VanderPloeg continued. "When we have the group out late one evening, we take it easy the next morning. This helps to keep the energy levels and interest high. We leave a half day here and there to allow for resting, shopping or for individual exploration. In some cases, it's an option to stay in the hotel for an evening or venture out with the tour leader."

Finally, we try to make our tours a good travel value.

"Many of our participants have been on more than one of our tours and that speaks well of the quality of what we are offering," VanderPloeg said. "When asked why friends and alumni should sign up for the next tour, we can only say, 'ask someone who has gone,' particularly those seasoned travelers who know the difference from commercial tours."

In 1995, alumni and friends of Hope College will travel to Australia. Dr. Joseph MacDonell, professor of communication, and his wife Rose, who have lived and taught in Australia on two occasions, will be the faculty hosts. The 20-day tour will occur from May 22 to June 10. Further details will be announced in the December issue of Hope College View.

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All submissions received by the Public Relations Office by Wednesday, Sept. 28, have been included in the issue. Because of the lead time required by this publication’s production schedule, submissions received after that date (with the exception of obituary notices) have been held for the next issue, the deadline for which is Tuesday, Nov. 8.

1920s

James Neckers ’23 and Kenneth Van Lente ’25, both of Carbondale, Ill., were featured in the Summer, 1994, issue of Alumni, a publication of Southern Illinois University at Carbondale. Titled “Two of the Four Homemakers” (a reference to the university’s famous class of 1922), the article reflects upon their years at the school and the changes that took place during their tenure. Dr. Neckers was a member of SIUC’s faculty from 1927 to 1967; Dr. Van Lente from 1921 to 1971. SIUC’s science building is named the James W. Neckers Building, and one of its halls is named the Kenneth A. Van Lente Lecture Hall.

Julius Schipper ’28 and wife Janet Voorhees (Paris ’27) Schipper of Alpen, Ohio, celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on August 16. The celebration included a dinner with family and friends.

1940s

Betty Visscher ’43 Bryonc in Spring Lake, Mich., was featured in the Lakeshore section of The Grand Rapids (Mich.) Press on Sunday, Sept. 5. A reporter of her in Nelis’ tulip fields was published on the cover of Ons Vrije Nederland (Our Free Netherlands), a post-war weekly magazine, on July 20, 1946, prompting her to write her. She shared the letters with those attending a lecture on World War II in the Netherlands in the Tri-Cities Museum in August.

1950s

Elizabeth Koch ’50 Robinson of Dayton, Ohio, retired on July 15 from her position as librarian, Sham Memorial Library, Good Samaritan Hospital & Health Center of Dayton. She joined the hospital on July 1, 1974, after serving as librarian, Library, Children’s Medical Center of Dayton.

Atbers ’51 of Holland, Mich., for a third consecutive year is chairing the Hoppe College Quarterback Club luncheons. The group meets on campus on Mondays during the football season, seeing highlights of the previous Saturday’s game and receiving an overview on the upcoming game.

John Becker ’52 of Marshall, Mich., has been admitted to membership in the Arthropy Association of North America (AANA), a professional group of surgeons who have demonstrated unusual skill in arthroscopic surgery.

L. James Harvey ’52 has joined the National Executive Service Corps, a group which provides pro bono consulting services to organizations. He is currently working on a project with Chuck Colt’s Prison Fellowship. He has also started a vocational counseling program for inmates about to be released from the Prince George’s County (Md.) Correctional Jail.

Hans Veen ’53 is a professor of chemistry at Bucknell University in Lewisburg, Pa. He was one of 200 recipients of the National Science Foundation in support of research into capillary electrophoresis, especially on protein crystallography and environmental pollutants. The separation of complex protein and amino acid species, and analysis of metabolites, is the focus of his research.

Elaine Ford ’54 Coffiel of Holland, Mich., was the 46,040th spectator to enter Old Kent Park, home of the Michigan State Whitecaps. Whitecaps thus broke the all-time attendance record for Class A baseball (according to an article in The Holland Sentinel on Sept. 2, the previous record was 46,039, set in Denver in 1949). Gifts from the Whitecaps included season box seats for fans.

Charles Johnson ’54 and Dunnia Huss ’55 Johnson have completed a two- year assignment at the Protestant Church in Oman and are retiring to the United States.

Bruce van Voorst ’54 was featured in the “To Our Readers” column on page four in the Aug. 29, 1948, issue of the Times. It was written on the cover story concerning the illegal sale of pharmaceuticals. It is his term’s bureau chief in Jena, Germany. The author has retired after teaching math and equines at South Haven (Mich.) High School for 37 years.

Warren Kane ’56 of Arlington, Va., is enjoying an active retirement in Kewaskum. He was elected to the Board of Directors of the 115-member Kiwanis Club of Arlington, has been appointed secretary-treasurer of the 23th Division (North Virginia) of Kiwanis and is chairing the Host Committee for the February 1995 Capital District Midwinter Conference of Kiwanis. He is also involved in three Arlington feeding programs, primarily as treasurer of the Arlington Food Bank, which provides groceries to 150 low-income families each week.

Robert Risenga ’57 of Holland, Mich., who is a member of the Hope music faculty, donated a kidney in July to son Kyle Risenga ’93, who has had kidney disease for about seven years. Both are doing well following the procedure.

Larry Schut ’58 of Golden Valley, Minn., was featured in the Minnesota Christian Chronicle on June 23, 1994. A neurologist, he both carries on a medical practice and conducts research. His research has a distinctly personal dimension: he is trying to find a cure for spinocerebellar ataxia, a familial neurological disease that has plagued his family for generations.

James Stout ‘59 has started Stout Investment Services in Midland, Mich., offering financial planning and brokerage services. Andrew Sens ’62 of Alexandria, Va., is a deputy executive secretary with the National Security Council.

Tony Van Onsman ’63 of Holland, Mich., is employed at Warner Lambert’s Parke-Davis facility in Holland. He was the primary author of the manufacturing department’s warehouse and material repositioning program, which recently received a “Creative Excellence Award” from software manufacturer Fourth Shift Corp. of Minneapolis.

John B. Sheldon ’64 is an apprenticeship manager and senior instructor with the Maine Maritime Museum in Bangor, Me.

Linda Vanwort ’64 of Granville, Ohio, has had a new book for children published: Young Frederick Douglass. A Slave Who Learned to Read (Whitman, 1994). The book tells how the young slave Douglass fought to learn to read despite the opposition of his owners, ending with his escape in 1838. The book is written for children age seven and up, and is 10th for children (and her second biography).

Four of her books are now available in paperback, and two have recently been issued in German translations.

Dorrel Staat ’64 has been named president of York County Technical College in Maine, a new technical college that expects to serve about 1,000- 1,500 students within five years.

Kenneth Tencerick ’66 in September became executive director of the Warwick (N.Y.) Center, a year-round conference and camping facility owned by the Regional Synods of New York and the Mid-Atlantics, Reformed Church in America. He is responsible for the management of the 400 acre center and for the buildings, which can house and feed up to 300 people. He was previously senior pastor at the Bethel Reformed Church in Sheldon, Iowa.

Floyd Brady ’68 has been named senior vice president of human resources at CNA Insurance Cos., of Chicago, Ill. He is responsible for all aspects of CNA’s human resource services, including benefits, compensation, training and employee relations.

Thomas Pelon ’68 is the superintendent of the Oceans (Mich.) Intermediate School District.

Christine Hansen ’70 Sackett has been included in the 1994/5 (125th edition) of The World Who’s Who of Women. Inclusion is by invitation. In 1993 she listed Twice on behalf of Food for the Poor, speaking in Chapel and in student forums. Charles Engen ’70 of Glendora, Calif., as the associate professor of theology of mission and Latin American studies at Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, Calif., and received two honors recently. During an award chapel at the end of the spring quarter, he was surprised with the All-Seminary Student Council Faculty Award, voted by the student body of all three schools (School of World Mission, School of Thoery School of Psychology). During the June graduation ceremony, he received the C. Davis Weyerhauser Award for Excellence, voted on by the faculties in the three schools.

William Chandler ’71 through July of 1995 is on sabbatical from his position as music specialist, with the Rochester (N.Y.) City School District. He is in Puerto Rico, studying Spanish, Puerto Rican and Caribbean music at Universidad De Puerto Rico.

Keith Crossland ’71 of Chicago, Ill., is chief of umpires during the U.S. Open tennis tournament this summer. He was responsible for organizing 350 umpires to referee about 250 matches at the Open. It was his 12th Open but his first as chief of umpires. He umpired on the court from 1983 to 1989, and was deputy referee from 1990 to 1993.

J. Dayne Lamb ’72 reports that her second mystery featuring not-so-proper Bostonian and CPA Tea Stewart, A Question of Preference, moved from hardcover to its first book in October. It was released from Kensington Books. While AQP takes Tea from Boston to Baja, one talk and signing tookplace in Boston to Chicago this fall as the “mystery” guest speaker at the American Institute of CPA/ State Societies Accounting Careers Conference, part of their Industry campaign to change the image of accountants. Tea also joins Murder Most Merry, a Zebra Books holiday collection due out in November, where she finds “Too Little Room at the Inn” when she tries to escape her holiday blues in coastal Maine.

Robert Essink ’73 of Bethesda, Md., is vice president and health plan manager for Kaiser Foundation Health Plan, a 350,000-member health maintenance organization in Rockville, Md.

Phyllis Kelder ’73 Hooyman, director of financial aid at Hope, was one of only five financial aid professionals nationally invited to serve as a part-time consultant with the U.S. Department of Education in Washington, D.C. She will focus on the development of quality assurance and regulatory relief initiatives within the administration of the federal Title IV aid programs.

Gladys Kehrke ’70 and family are bound for return to Indonesia, possibly as soon as January. They will be working on a language/translation project.

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pleased with his position, he is now seeking more challenging work.

Greg Gronwall '79 of Columbus, Ohio, is a physical therapist and is currently working on a master's degree in physical therapy.

Stephen Malloch '79 of Charlotte, N.C., is a psychology major at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. He is also a member of the university's sailing team.

Karen Palzer '77 of Westville, N.J., is a physical therapist at the University of Pennsylvania. She is currently working on a master's degree in physical therapy.

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Alethea Vissers '84 of Charlotte, N.C., the Colorado Swimming, is an exercise physiologist who works for a women's NCAA Olympic Training Program. She holds a Ph.D. in exercise physiology from the University of Colorado, Boulder, and is currently working on a post-doctoral fellowship at Ohio State University. She has held positions at several institutions, including the University of Pennsylvania, where she worked with the women's Olympic swimming team. She has also worked as a consultant for various organizations, including the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) and the International Olympic Committee (IOC).

Barbara Good '89 has been an assistant professor of communications at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill since 1992. She is currently serving as the director of the School of Journalism and Mass Communication. She is also the director of the Center for Children's Literature and the director of the Center for the Study of Children's Literature. She is a recipient of several awards, including the National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship and the National Endowment for the Arts Fellowship.

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Anne Boggs '88 Bridgman lives in Glen Ellyn, Ill., and works for Microsoft Corporation. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George R. Boggs of Glen Ellyn, Ill.

Sherrie Chapman '88 Britton teaches seventh grade language arts and eighth grade career education at Centre High School in Centre, Ala. She is also pursuing a master's in English at Western Michigan University. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Chapman of Centre, Ala.

Debra Patoff '89 is a church partner with Young Life in Tampa, Fla.

Bruce Brown '89 has become a candidate for master's degree at the University of South Carolina in Columbia, S.C. He is a student at the University of South Carolina in Columbia, S.C.

Junior Sherrie Yerke '89 of Fairmont, Ohio, has been accepted into medical school at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School in Dallas. She plans to enter medical school in the fall of 1994.

Helen Rosenthal '89 of the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, is pursuing a master's degree in public health at the School of Public Health at the University of Michigan.

Renee Sikkenga '89 of Kalamazoo, Mich., is pursuing a master's degree in public health at the School of Public Health at the University of Michigan.

Elizabeth Schulte '89 of Holland, Mich., has been appointed as a nurse physician at the University of Michigan Health System in Ann Arbor. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Schulte of Holland, Mich.

Stephanie Slinkard '89 of Dallas, Texas, is pursuing a master's degree in public health at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School in Dallas. She plans to enter medical school in the fall of 1994.

Sue Looman '89 of the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, is pursuing a master's degree in public health at the School of Public Health at the University of Michigan.

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Bryan Young '93 was featured in West Michigan newspapers including The Grand Rapids Press and The Muskegon Chronicle for his work as a part-time law enforcement officer. He still enjoys pursuing his passion of scuba diving in his free time. This fall he started pursuing a master's degree in public relations at Western Michigan University.
James Zotevski '93 is in his third year at Western Theological Seminary in Holland, Mich. He transferred from his home church to start his courses in the fall.
Dr. Kathleen Johnson '93 is a professional invited speaker at various conferences and seminars in Holland, Mich. Dr. Johnson is currently studying for her doctorate in psychology.
Dr. Ben Keane '93 is a professional invited speaker at various conferences and seminars in Holland, Mich. Dr. Keane is currently studying for her doctorate in psychology.
Deaths

Henry L. Box '26 of Otterbein-Cridersville, Ohio, died on Monday, Oct. 3, 1994, in St. Rita's Medical Center, Lima, Ohio. He was 94. Born in Wapakoneta, Mich., he was the son of Albert and Wilamite Box. He received degrees from Hope and the University of Michigan. He was employed as a school administrator for 32 years in Sandusky County, Ohio, and was a member of Westview United Methodist Church. Survivors include his wife, Pearl; his children, John and Joan Box of Edina, Ohio; one grand-daughter, and three great-grandchildren.

Louis Chisman '45 of Lake Placid, N.Y., died on Wednesday, Sept. 14, 1994, at his home. He was 73. A pastor, he had served RCA congregations in Coeymans, Delmar, Unionville and Fultonville, all in New York, and was the first executive director of Camp Fowler in Speculator, N.Y. (1968-76). Survivors include his wife, Susan.

Births

Bob DeLalio '79 and Rachel Osxton '78.
Katherine Mary (Kate) Cebelak, June 16, 1994.
Terry Van Hoest '78 and Barbara Good '87 Van Hoest, Priscilla Rae, July 25, 1994.

Advanced Degrees

Kristin Bennett '80, Macagney, master's in teaching, William Patterson College, December, 1993.
John Gibson '81, doctorate in counseling psychology, Loyola University-Chicago, May, 1994.
Bill Bryson '84, M.Ed. in educational leadership, Grand Valley State University, August, 1994.
Daniel Bylona '84, bachelor of science in pharmacy, Ferris State University, June, 1994.
Julie Kistena '84 Hedgen, Michelle, early childhood education, Grand Valley State University.
David Van Dyke '84, M.T.H., ethics, University of Edinburgh, 1993.
Paul Baker '85, international M.B.A., Manchester Business School, Owens University, Manchester, England.
Dennis Gall '85 Sandhoff, M.A. in education, emphasis in emotionally handicapped, Boise State University, September, 1994.
Jeffrey McGourty '85, bachelor's degree in education (thesis on moral education), Grand Valley State University, August, 1994.
Melody Cavin '85, bachelor of science, Steven Godman, master of arts in education, focused on areas of elementary education and specific learning disabilities, Baldwin Wallace College, July, 1994.
Libby Griffin '87, doctorate in agency counseling, Mississippi State University.
Malcolm Lippert '88, doctorate, cell and molecular biology, College of Medicine, University of Arizona, August, 1994.
Brigitte Bunde '89, certificate of interpreting for the deaf and A.A., Lasson Community College, September, 1994.
Thomas Bouwer '89, MBA, Fuqua School of Business at Duke University.
Eric Engel '89, master's of business administration, University of Detroit.
Julie Smith '89 Gelderloos, doctorate, cellular and developmental biology, St. John's University.
Jill Carter '89, master's of business administration, DeVry University.
Stephanie Juster '89, M.D., Wayne State University, August, 1994.
Liesl Kromann '89, M.A. in counseling in higher education, Western Michigan University.
Michelle Baker '89 Laverman, master's of social work, Arizona State University, May, 1994.
Kathleen McGovern '89, MPA, creative writing-poetry, Western Michigan University, 1994.
Robert Hearn '90, J.D., UVa, counseling psychologist, Western Michigan University, 1993.

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Born in Grand Rapids, Mich., he lived in the Holland area most of his life. He attended the University of Michigan, a veteran of the U.S. Navy, he served in World War II, and was a member of VFW Post 2141.

Prior to his retirement he was employed for 37 years by the Bertex Corp. in Grand Rapids, which named a brand building in his honor. He served on the West Ottawa school board for eight years.

Survivors include his wife, Irma; his children, Joan and Tom Bouthier, Sean Hardy, Mark, Robert Ledyig, Amy and Bob Soltsburg of Tucson, Ariz., and Lomme and Dan Bergman of Holland, their four grandchildren, and their mother, Gertrude Lidherg of Holland; and sisters, Darothy and John Korang, and Norma and Roy Morris of Holland.


He was professor emeritus of the University of Central Oklahoma, receiving degrees from Hope; the University of Vermont; and the University of Oklahoma. He received a Regents Scholarship from the University of Michigan, and a Fulbright Scholarship from the University of Groningen, the Netherlands.

He was a veteran of World War II. Survivors include his wife, Carol; their daughter, a sister, Marian Shoemaker of Holland, Mich.; a brother, Robert and Harriet; Lidze of Holland; brothers- and sisters-in-law; Roofad and Verene Bezeme; and Sue Bremer of the Netherlands and nieces and a nephew.

John Oelt '39 died of cancer on Thursday, Aug. 25, 1994, in Cincinnati, Ohio. He was 77.

He was born in Holland, Mich. He held a bachelor's degree in June from St. John's Theological Seminary and a master's from Union Theological Seminary in New York. He received his doctorate in divinity from Westminster College in Fulton, Mo. in 1954.

He was minister of Knox Presbyterian Church of Cincinnati, Ohio, from 1967 to 1973, and the first Presbyterian Church in Owensboro, Ky., Grove Pointe Woods (Mich.) Presbyterian Church and First Presbyterian Church in Troy, Ohio.

Last pastorate was at Church-by-the-Sea in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., from 1974 until his retirement in 1982.
He resided at the Harbor Health Facility in Douglas for the past two years after moving from Muskegon, Mich.

He was born in Overisel, Mich. He earned an advanced degree from the University of Michigan, and was a teacher for 40 years—five years in Shelby, Mich., and 35 years as a history teacher at Muskegon Central High School.

He was a member of Central Reformed Church and Westwood Reformed Church, involved in the consistory and youth education, in Muskegon. He also assisted with youth programs of the Y.M.C.A.

Surviving his wife, two daughters, a son, three sons-in-law, two daughters-in-law, and four grandchildren.

James Edward Parsons ’52 died on Wednesday, July 27, 1994, in Evergreen Manor Nursing Home in Montpelier, Ohio, following a lingering illness. He was 84.

Born on March 24, 1910, at Wellington, N.Y., he was the son of Beatrice (Heath) and the Rev. Charles Francis Parsons. He had been a Montpelier resident since 1961.

A former Presbyterian minister, he was pastor of the West Bethesda and West Eagle Creek Presbyterian churches at Paulding, Antwerp and Celina.

Survivors include his ex-wife, Carol Riemenma ’57 Parsons, with whom he remained friends; three sons, Thomas J. of Enon, Timothy J. of Bryan and Steven E. of Angola, Ind.; two daughters, Mrs. John (Teresa) Vanover of Montpelier and Ruth E. Parsons of Central Junction, Celina; his mother, of Kalamazoo, Mich.; 15 grandchildren; and a sister, Mrs. John (Jeanne) Lacker of Zeeland, Mich.

Word has been received of the death of D. Richard (Dick) Steneman ’71 of Baptist, Ill., who died on Tuesday, Oct. 18, 1994. Additional information will appear in the December issue of news of Hope College.

Andrew Tijkaena Jr. ’49 of Cadillac, Mich., died in Mercy Hospital in Cadillac on Friday, Aug. 19, 1994, from a heart attack. He was 71.

Born and raised in Zeeland, Mich., he graduated from Zeeland High School with the class of 1941. After high school he attended Spring Arbor (Mich.) Junior College.

He served with the U.S. Army from 1942 to 1945, and was involved with the ground crew in England at the time of the D-Day invasion of Normandy. Following his discharge, he attended Hope as well as the University of Michigan and Central Michigan University.

Preceding him in death were his parents, Andrew and Edith Tijkaena of Cadillac; one brother, Verne Tijkaena of Mesa, Ariz.; three sisters, Erma Carlson of Skandia, Mich., Audrey Thomsen of Turlock, Calif., and Leona Taylor of Hong Kong, and several nieces and nephews.

Grace Toren ’60 of Chicago, Ill., died at her home of uterine cancer on Tuesday, July 5, 1994.

After graduating from Hope, she taught for five years at Englewood Christian School, then for four years at Roseland Christian School. In 1949 she started in the Chicago Public School system, where she was employed until her retirement in 1984.

Her last assignment was at the Langston Hughes Elementary School as a teaching assistant principal.

Besides her degree from Hope, she had a master’s degree plus 36 hours credit from the Chicago Teachers College.

She was a life-long member of Thorn Creek Reformed Church, formerly the First Reformed Church of Roseland. She served the church as one of the regular organists for nearly 35 years.

For several years she served as the Class Rep for Hope.

Survivors include three brothers, James W. Toren of Haverford, Pa., Chester J. Toren ’41 of Lansing, Ill., and George A. Toren ’48 of Maplewood, Minn.; a sister, Marian A. Toren of Chicago, six nephews, Wesley, John J., Glenn J., Carl ’79, Paul ’83 and Allan ’84; and 15 nieces and nephews, the eldest of whom is a student in Hope College.

Of his 90. He was an educator, a music lover, and a bird watcher.

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Warren Van Den Bosch ’67 of Zeeland, Mich., formerly of Plymouth, died on Saturday, Aug. 27, 1994, at 6 a.m.

He was born in Zeeland and a graduate of Zeeland High School. He earned his master’s degree in Michigan State University, and furthered his studies at Eastern Michigan University.

He served in the U.S. Army in Japan, and was a Marine reservist for 31 years at Plymouth/Salem High School until his retirement.

Survivors include his mother, Alice; a brother, Roger; and several nieces and nephews; and a special friend, Phillis of Plymouth.

John H. van der Meulen ’38 of Chicago, Ill., died at his home on Monday, Sept. 12, 1994. He was 80.

He earned degrees from Hope and the University of Michigan School of Architecture. He was drafted during World War II as an engineer/technician, but after he was heard playing his violin in his barracks by Wayne King, Jr., as an Army major, he became a military band member.

A jazz musician, he was also a pianist, an arranger and a composer. He wrote many ballads and was a popular member of local amateur choral music groups.

His early work as an architect was with the U.S. Department of State. He and his associate, Ralph Rapson, designed a U.S. consulate building in Le Havre, France; new American embassy buildings in Copenhagen and Stockholm, and U.S. staff housing in Paris.

In the late 1940s, he taught at the Institute of Design at the Illinois Institute of Technology under Ludwig Moly. Nagy. He was later a visiting professor at Cornell and Washington Universities.

Beginning in 1958, he had an independent architectural practice in Chicago, with most of his work centered in the Great Lakes area.

Survivors include his wife, Norma; two daughters, Alice and Susan, a son, Peter; a grandson, and a sister.

Word has been received of the death of Paul Van Veen ‘25, who died on Tuesday, Dec. 8, 1993. Additional information will appear in the December issue of news of Hope College.

Spencer Wessing ’59 of Whitehall, Mich., died on Friday, Sept. 23, 1994, at 11 a.m., at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor. He was 57.

He graduated from the University of Michigan Dental School in 1962. He practiced dentistry in Montague, Mich., for 30 years, until February of this year.

He was a past commodore of White Lake Yacht Club, a board member of the Chamber of Commerce and West Shore Symphony, past president of White Lake Area Toastmasters International, and editor and humorist for the Arts Council of White Lake newsletter. He sang in the choir and was a past chair of the administrative council at the Montaque United Methodist Church;

Survivors include his wife, Sally; children, Robert ’82 and Robin ’84; and 15 great-nieces and nephews, the eldest of whom is a student in Hope College.

Word has been received of the death of Clarissa Poppen ’28 Yager of Holland, Mich., who died on Saturday, Oct. 22, 1994. Additional information will appear in the December issue of news of Hope College.

Sympathy to

The family of Verna L. Obenheim of Bouldin, Colo., who died on Aug. 18, 1994, at age 77.

She was a former secretary in the department of art and history teacher.


Survivors include his daughter, Sarah Saddler-Christian.

The family of Jared Vande Wege, who died on Thursday, Sept. 29, 1994, at the Roserae (Mercy) Ann Hospital. He was 9.

Survivors include his parents, Bryan Vande Wege ’84 and Mary Van Alsburg ’85 Vande Wege.


Survivors include his wife, Susan Kuiper ’85 Wakevainen.
Halftime during the Homecoming game on Saturday, Oct. 15, (and a banquet the night before) provided an opportunity to honor Ray Smith (center front, in white shirt), who is in his 25th year as coach of the Flying Dutchmen. He is pictured with some of his former football players, including (to the immediate left and right), Jeff Winne '73 and Peter Semeyn '73.

Homecoming Highlights

Generation gaps there may be, but not during the Run-Bike-Swim-Walk, which appeals to all ages. Leona Lugers of Holland, Mich., waves to a fan while awaiting the "run" portion of the event on Saturday, Oct. 15.

The new DeWitt Tennis Center became official with a ribbon cutting ceremony Friday afternoon. Pictured from left to right are: Becky Lucas '97 of Kalamazoo, Mich.; Gary DeWitt and Joyce DeWitt of Holland, Mich.; Hope College President Dr. John H. Jacobson; Dirk DeWitt '95 of Holland, Mich., co-captain of the Men's Tennis Team; Rita DeWitt '89 Pieters and Chris Pieters '88 of Zeeland, Mich.; and Wendy Murray '95 of Spring Lake, Mich., captain of the Women's Tennis Team.