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When Hope alumni travel, they often return home with "it's a small world"-type tales to tell. While meeting up with fellow Hopeites in such unlikely hideaways as Qatar, Turkey, Afghanistan or Cameroon often carries an element of pleasant surprise, it really is no longer unusual to discover Hope alums almost anywhere in the world.

According to Hope Alumni Association data compiled in June, 1978, 12,517 alumni had been located throughout the world. Hope has since added another 420 from its crop of graduates.

Hopeites can be found in every state in the nation, including Alaska and Hawaii, plus over 300 individuals for whom alumni records have current addresses in 48 foreign countries.

Of Hope graduates living outside the U.S., Canada has attracted the largest number with over 50 alumni living there.

The majority of grads choose to remain in Michigan (5,820) and the Midwest. New York is the state with the second greatest appeal for Hope alums with 1,056, followed by Illinois with 782, California 619, and New Jersey 557.

Alumni Association officials estimate there are over 900 Hopeites living somewhere in the world who still remain unaccounted for. Loss of contact with these individuals is attributed largely to frequent moves by a highly mobile American society.

The problem of maintaining contact is especially significant for those alumni living in foreign countries, even though Hopeites known to be living thousands of miles from campus show every bit as much loyalty and enthusiasm toward their alma mater as those living at home in Holland.

We wish to again emphasize the importance of notifying the alumni office of changes of address so you may be kept informed of the many college-related activities and opportunities provided uniquely for Hope alumni.

When planning a move, please notify us four to six weeks in advance. Frequently, we don't become aware of a new address until a publication is returned as being undeliverable. Because of expense we are unable to mail that publication to your new address, meaning you miss out on news about Hope and your friends.

If you have lost track of a classmate, please feel free to contact the Alumni Office by mail or telephone (616) 392-5111, ext. 2060 and we will be happy to provide you with a current address.
33 Years Dedication to the Liberal Arts

It's a wonder that Hope College was ever able to claim John Hollenbach as her own. His distinguished 33-year-long career with the College began with the most unpromising circumstances.

The contract was originally discussed in a restaurant unceremoniously named The Pink Pig. It was located midway between Kirksville, Missouri (where young Hollenbach was teaching at the state teachers college) and Pella, Iowa (where incoming Hope President Irwin Lubbers was finishing responsibilities as President of Central College).

Although Hollenbach had previously heard the name of Hope only once in passing, it was agreed at The Pink Pig that he would come and see the place. "I had decided that I really wanted to get back into a liberal arts college. I had come out of one, and felt that was the environment in which I wanted to continue... In Kirksville, we had no furniture, no car, and one son. I was about 32 years old and I was beginning to think, boy, you have to start somewhere."

On the train to Holland, Hollenbach happened to strike up a conversation with a furniture company salesman bound for Grand Rapids. Upon hearing of Hollenbach's destination, the salesman most kindly advised that no one in his right mind would ever consider living in Holland, that it was a town where they pulled in the sidewalks at night, that it was peopled by hypocrites, that nothing ever happened there, etc. etc.

By then more than a little daunted, Hollenbach unboarded at the Holland depot. His first glimpse of the campus did little to raise his hopes; a portion of the grounds looked more like a hayfield. Van Raalte Hall, the main academic building, could, at best, be described as grim. When he asked where the faculty offices were located, he was shown a desk at the front of a classroom. And when he asked Professor Clarence DeGraaf, in the shelter of the Chapel, if faculty members and their
wives might play bridge now and then, he received in response a drawn-out and
doubtful "W - e - l - I." Moreover, the salary
Lubbers offered was no real improvement
over what Hollenbach was earning in
Kirksville.

He decided to stay put. Coming to Hope
hardly seemed to be a step toward
advancement.

But a few weeks later Lubbers sent a
telegram to Kirksville, offering $200 more a
year, in those days a fairly significant
increase. And Hollenbach had been
impressed by the people at Hope, if little
else. And so Hollenbach, a German
Lutheran from Allentown, Pa., came to
Hope as an outsider who was to become
one of the College’s most significant
leaders and most prominent public figures
in the decades ahead.

The second of four children, Hollenbach
describes himself as "a voracious reader"
as a youngster. His father ("He had a
wonderful sense of humor") was a china
and housewares buyer for a large, local
department store; he retired only after 52
years on the job. His father’s education had
terminated with the eighth grade; his
mother was a high school graduate who
had gone on for a year of business school.
All of the Hollenbach children went to
college.

John, salutatorian of his 1930 high school
graduating class, received a scholarship to
Muhlenberg College, then a men’s school,
located in his hometown.

Although it was the bottom of the
Depression, Hollenbach’s recollection is
that "we had a heck of a good time." Life
was simple, and John worked Saturdays,
summers and holidays as an errand
runner/stock boy at the department store
that employed his father. But he was also
able to be active at Muhlenberg, particularly
in dramas. He and a group of friends
became "so nutty about theatre" that they
formed their own company, a group
marked by lofty plans and low box-office
returns. Hollenbach joined a fraternity,
majored in English and graduated in 1934,
fairly certain that he would like a vocation
in college teaching.

A scholarship provided room and board at
Columbia University and he borrowed
$300 from one of his father’s friends to pay
for his tuition. The following year he left
Columbia with his M.A. "And then," he
recalls, "I brashly thought I was ready for
the college world."

There was an opening at Muhlenberg and
so young Hollenbach confidently went to
see the English department chairman, with
whom a favorable relationship had
developed during his undergraduate days.
"John," he was told, "we can get Ph.D.'s at $1400 a year. I'm afraid there's not much chance for you."

And so Hollenbach settled for high school teaching at High Bridge, N.J. For two years he taught English to all sophomores, juniors and seniors, and was the drama coach. On his heaviest three days of each week, he taught all eight periods; his light days left one hour free so that he could monitor study-hall.

Still eager to move into college teaching, in 1937 he went to the University of Wisconsin as a graduate assistant in English.

Happily, during his last year there (1940-41) he met a charming young secretary, returning to her alma mater to study library science. Hollenbach took his final oral exam on the 15th of August; he and Winifred Lohman were married on the 23rd; on the 31st, after a two-day honeymoon in the North Woods, he began teaching at Northeast Missouri State Teachers College in Kirksville, where he remained for four years.

Desirous of a move and particularly a move to a Christian liberal arts college, Hollenbach registered with a teachers' agency. A short time later, the meeting with Lubbers at The Pink Pig occurred.

That John Hollenbach is a man of great energy and varied interests is as apparent today as it was 33 years ago when he joined the Hope faculty.

Physically, he has the little-changing features of one who looked mature at 45 and now young at 65. He carries his height well, and his bearing is dignified. His diction is precise, his vocabulary generally formal (he uses nearly forgotten words like "paganization"); which most likely had their heyday when the desks in classrooms were always arranged in rows facing the front and students were always addressed as Miss or Mr. So-and-so). And yet, at the same time, he's extremely personable, has a ready sense of humor (he delights, for example, in pointing out that when he first came to Hope, President Wickers' office was located in what is now the men's room of Graves Hall), and is wont to use the slang of his younger days ("boy-oh-boy" and "gee whiz").

Early in his career, Hollenbach emerged as a leader among the faculty. Lubbers, recalling his initial meeting with Hollenbach at The Pink Pig, says he immediately recognized "a kindred spirit."

"I hired him as an English teacher, but I knew I was going to make him a dean."

Hollenbach greeted the deanship with enthusiasm. "I guess I always liked the idea of involvement in curriculum planning and academic policy-making. I guess I was just ambitious."

If ever there was a time that Hope College needed a person of ambition, it was 1947 when war veterans were returning in droves to campus; she was fortunate to have two such individuals in high administrative posts — Irwin Lubbers and John Hollenbach.

Says Dr. D. Ivan Dykstra, who graduated from Hope in 1935 and returned as a faculty member in 1947 after earning the Ph.D. from Yale University:

"I believe one had to know what the pre-war college was like to be able to get a full appreciation of the dimensions of what has happened at Hope and to Hope since the mid-forties. ... Hope has moved from being an introverted, self-deprecating, way-off-in-the-corner, place-of-last-resort kind of institution to a bold, outward-looking, front-running, at-the-head-of-a-mainstream place we are proud of today. If the major vision of this achievement is attributable to Dr. Lubbers, it fell to John Hollenbach, with plenty of vision of his own, to be the translator of the vision into the realities of the College's day-to-day practice."

One of the strengths Hollenbach brought to Hope as an administrator was his deep commitment to and thorough understanding of the liberal arts.

"The chief thing about Hollenbach was that he was a very committed humanist; he was so completely committed to the humanities — without being biased," notes Lubbers. "There was never a danger that a school he had a voice in would ever surrender itself completely to the natural sciences."

Other colleagues recall Hollenbach's "ability to see the whole picture;" his "concern to make the liberal arts relevant in the life of the student;" and his "perception and ability to bring a synthesis from the diverse thoughts of others."

As Lubbers became increasingly more involved in improving the financial base of the College, he saw the need to divest himself of some of his other responsibilities. He turned to Hollenbach as one who could accept full responsibility for the academic program of the College, and in 1957 Hollenbach became vice president.

During the 18 years that Hollenbach was involved in the academic administration of Hope, first as dean and then as vice president, he maintained a keen interest in shaping the College's core curriculum and served on many committees which studied this issue.

In 1949, on his recommendation, the faculty authorized a basic review of the general college requirements — the "favorite battleground for college faculties," according to Hollenbach's description. Since that time, he has been involved in many battles at Hope on this subject.

In 1952 a proposal Dean Hollenbach had written was one of 20 that received grants from the Fund for the Advancement of Education (connected to the Ford Foundation) to colleges involved in major studies of their curriculums. Hollenbach appointed a faculty committee, which spent two years, including a summer workshop, examining the ways in which faculty promoted habits and skills of critical thinking.

According to Lubbers, the final report presented to the Ford Foundation was distinctive because it used as its starting point a broad objective of liberal education, rather than the "worth" of individual courses.

The curricular pattern that the various study committees in the early '50s evolved as a refinement of the core requirements never quite made it when it faced the acid test of faculty vote.

"Perhaps the whole thing was just too ideal," says Lubbers. He pauses a moment, then adds: "Although John was tremendous at thinking things through and at leading small groups, he didn't have an adeptness at persuasion. At carrying large groups along, I don't hold it against him though; nobody's perfect."
Although Hollenbach and his committee's "ideal curriculum" of the '50s never was fully realized, changes and revisions were made. Today it is undisputed that the major curriculum revision of 1963, which provided the basic framework for the core curriculum which the College maintains today, bears the indelible stamp of John Hollenbach's vision.

Throughout his involvement in shaping the core curriculum, Hollenbach says he worked hardest for a change in the old senior-level Bible requirement:

"I felt there was a need for a course that pushed students to grapple more with their own ideas of life as applied to significant contemporary issues."

Hollenbach gained support for his ideas and the 1963 curriculum revision also marked the birthing of the current Senior Seminar Program.

Hollenbach says today of curriculum matters:

"It's really an impossibility to determine exactly what knowledge a student must possess, what books he must read, what ideas he must be exposed to in order for him to become liberally educated. And yet, I think there is great value to holding to a core curriculum. The only hope for establishing a community of discourse is to provide some common curricular experiences.

"And I believe very deeply in the worth of the breadth that Hope tries to insist students have at this period of their lives. It's between the ages of 18 and 21 or so that students are beginning to work through their career roles and their role as a citizen, and to examine their values. This is the ideal age for exposure to a liberal arts curriculum."

As an administrator, Hollenbach was influential in attracting quality educators to the Hope faculty. One professor, for example, notes that it was Hollenbach's experience and contacts in the larger academic world which made him aware that Hope College was not of "minor league" standing.

Hollenbach is also credited as the chief architect of Hope's community governance system, which embodies the concept of community representation and has endured the test of a quarter-century.

"The same interest Hollenbach had for Hope, he had for higher education in general," notes Dr. Lubbers. "He was so thorough and had such an ability to think things through. He was held in high esteem by the larger academic community."

Hollenbach was particularly active in the North Central Association of Colleges, serving as coordinator of an NCA Study in Liberal Arts Education from 1950-54 and chairing the NCA Commission on Research and Service Committee in Liberal Arts Education from 1959-65.

In 1974, in recognition of his 25 year relationship with the NCA, Hollenbach was named an honorary member, a status generally reserved for past presidents.

Throughout his career, Hollenbach directed workshops and seminars, and served as a consultant to several colleges involved in self-study programs. When the Great Lakes Colleges Association was formed in 1960, he also became active in committee work within this organization.

Hollenbach's career at Hope was not without interruption. Scattered through it are three intervals during which the English professor and his family transported themselves to distant places.

"You know, as I look back now, the odd thing is that all my moves have just happened, with the exception of coming to Hope, when I was consciously seeking a move," he says.

In the early 1950's Hollenbach happened to meet Raymond McLain, who was heading an Association of American Colleges study of liberal arts schools, entitled "What is a Christian College?" Hope was a participant school. Shortly thereafter, McLain just happened to be named president of the American University at Cairo. He just happened to want a new dean. And so, in 1955, Hollenbach was granted a two-year leave of absence, gave up the dean's post at Hope, and went to Egypt.
"Up until then, I knew nothing about the Middle East. It just sounded like a fascinating experience."

And so he found it. Only a few years had passed since Egypt had gained independence, and Hollenbach was struck by the political fervor of its people. The first Suez War broke out in the midst of the Hollenbachs' stay, and they were pulled out of the country for a time to insure their safety. Although the food and sanitation were generally bad, Hollenbach became fascinated by the Egyptian people, their government, and the entire political and cultural milieu of the Middle Eastern world.

His year as director of the Great Lakes Colleges Association Junior Year in Beirut Program (1965-66) also happened in a most unplanned fashion. The professor scheduled to take the group that year was forced to cancel at the last minute because of serious illness in his family. The president of the GLCA, recalling Hollenbach's expressed interest in returning to the Middle East, offered the post and Hollenbach enthusiastically agreed to take it.

The standard arrangement under which the Beirut program operated called for the GLCA professor teaching several courses at the American University. However, that particular year there was no need for another English professor. And so, Hollenbach ended up teaching only one course in European civilization. At the same time, the GLCA was dispensing a Ford Foundation faculty development grant. Hollenbach received the grant to support study of contemporary Arab history, and during his free time in Beirut he enrolled in three courses on the subject.

He remains vitally interested in contemporary Arab culture, and has shaped and taught several courses at Hope on the Arab-Israeli conflict. He personally believes that in the past the "moral righteousness" of the Israeli side was "much overplayed" in this country, but that the U.S. is beginning to understand better the Arab side of the issue.

In the summer of 1968, Hollenbach served as director of a Yugoslav-American Seminar in Yugoslavia, under a grant of the U.S. Office of Education and Department of State, and was once again drawn into a country with an intriguing political history.

"The whole area of government and policy-making fascinates me," he says. "If I could be reincarnated into a new career 10 or 15 years from now, I think I would probably go into political science. I would love to be a foreign service officer..."

"I think sometimes," he admits, "because of these interests, members of the (English) department wondered if I were truly interested in literature."

Although he believes that anyone with a normal amount of curiosity can find almost any field exciting, John Hollenbach's interest in literature is nonetheless genuine and ingrained.

"Literature provides a place to which to turn when perplexed," he once said. "It provides guidelines, opens windows, and tells me how to respond and think — or at least urges me to start responding and thinking on my own."

The extent to which he holds dear the teaching of literature was made apparent in the mid-1960's when it became obvious that he could no longer integrate a light teaching load with the press of his duties as an administrator. Although he enjoyed and was challenged by his work as vice president, Hollenbach was unwilling to give up his final toe hold to the classroom. He chose, instead, to again become a full-time teaching member of the faculty. He indicated this desire to President VanderWerf, and upon his return from his Beirut assignment he was named chairman of the department of English, serving in the post for seven years.

In the classroom, Hollenbach tends to expect much of his students and gives them much in return. His lecture notes, hand-scrawled on sheets of yellow legal pads, are extremely thorough and usually lengthier than time permits. Throughout his teaching career, he has made it a rule to always read an assigned work, even if he has already read, studied and taught it scores of times.

"My feeling is that, as a teacher, you are trying to get students to reflect upon what they've just read in light of what you are going to present to them. I don't think it's possible to shape such lectures if the work isn't also fresh in the professor's mind."

He adds, however, that in recent years he has come to wonder if he might have better spent more of his class preparation time "reading around" the assigned work, especially biographical and critical studies.

However, on a personal level, he believes that time is never wasted in rereading a work of literature.

"A good work is never exhausted... and the greater the work, the more it bears rereading."

Hollenbach's colleagues point to the vitality with which he approached teaching, and are particularly impressed that this academic vigor in no way waned as he approached retirement. The most obvious example is that two years ago — hence only two years away from retirement — he developed a new course, Legal Writing.

"A person who has taught for some time does acquire skills," Hollenbach admits. "But I think that one also almost invariably gets in a rut. I pushed myself to develop some new courses to guard against that rut."

This spring, on the last day that John Hollenbach was to teach at Hope, he told one of his classes to "have a good summer."

"Have a good life," one student warmly responded.

By and large, Hollenbach looks forward to retirement, although he admits it's initially difficult to consider life outside its familiar and satisfying pattern.

But he and his wife Winnie plan a trip to Austria this summer. The garden at their lakeside home is flourishing. And Dr. Hollenbach has several scholarly projects on his agenda.

First, he is refining a series of lectures on one of his long-time research interests, Mark Twain. He hopes to present the lectures to various Midwestern college audiences.

He also plans to rework a manuscript he wrote several years ago on the image of the Bedouin Arab in 19th century English and American literature — an image which, Hollenbach contends, is generally unfavorable and grossly oversimplified.

Requests for other consulting projects have begun to come his way, and the dilemma that seems to be emerging is what not to do in retirement.

John and Winnie look forward to seeing more of their sons, Dave '64 and Jeff '68, "both very bright," their father says, despite his slight bafflement at their scientific careers. Dave, an astro-physics Ph.D. from Cornell, is doing advanced research at the University of California. Jeff, a plastic surgeon, has recently joined a team of doctors in Grand Rapids, bringing his two children close to their grandparents. "And that," according to Winnie, "is going to make our retirement."

The retiring senior professor of English recently said he was attracted to Mark Twain as a subject for study because of the author's "concern about everything going on around him, and his involvement in the total life and problems of his time."

That attitude is also mirrored in John Hollenbach. At a young 65, he retires — ambitiously — into another active stage of life.
Hugh DePree Retrospect

Creative Chairman Offers Retrospect

This spring Hugh DePree retired as chairman of the Hope Board of Trustees, after serving most ably in the post for 12 years. He continues his relationship with the College as a Board member, filling a term which expires in 1981. Recently Bob Nied '78, reporter for The Holland Sentinel, and Eileen Beyer '70, of The Hope College Magazine staff, interviewed Mr. DePree in his offices at Herman Miller, Inc. of Zeeland, Mich., where he is president and chief executive officer. Following are portions of that interview, during which Mr. DePree gave candid opinions of education and Hope College, as well as insights into his intriguing character.

You have always seemed to be a person who enjoys what he's doing. What in particular did you like most about being chairman of Hope's Board of Trustees?

Well, I liked it, that's true. I think I liked it for two reasons. First, as I become more and more immersed in business, I feel a need for some outside activities. Some people play golf or tennis, or do some other things. I think it was almost a vacation, if you want to call it that, to be chairman of the Board; it was a change of pace. That's part of it. Another part is that I'm interested in education. It's an exciting field, a field in which there are enough similarities with business so that business experience can be applied. But there's also enough difference so that it's like moving into a different world.

What are some of those similarities between business and education?

Well, in some ways a college is very much like a business. There is income and expenses and it's necessary to at least stay in the black if you're going to survive. You have to recognize the way society is changing in a college, and you have to do that in business. You have to design and adjust your program in business to be able to meet the needs of society, and you have to do the same thing in a college.

Business must be innovative in order to stay in business and the same is true of a college. And I don't think, by the way, that there's enough innovation in college; it's too traditional.

Finally in running a college and in running a business you have to work with people. And that's been one of the biggest joys I've had in it. I remember one time I was meeting with a group of department chairmen — this was quite a few years ago. There was a fairly critical situation at the time and I remember one of the chairmen said, "You don't really know anything about education. You're a businessman..."
and all you care about is profit. We're working with people." I had a time keeping my temper on that! He obviously didn't understand that business is essentially working with people and enabling people to do things they are able to do, enabling people to see the program and potential of an organization and then working to achieve that potential.

Another reason I have enjoyed working for the College is that they have just a superb Board of Trustees — people such as John Dinkeloo, Bob Haack, Dick Dewitt, Judge Stoppels, EK Buys, Ruth Peale, and all of them have made it an exciting time.

**What have been the important changes you've seen at Hope College during your time as chairman of the Board?**

The most apparent changes are those that we can all see — the physical changes, the buildings that have gone up. I haven't had that much to do with that. Perhaps one of the best things that happened to the College was the building of the (DeWitt) Student Center. It had a cohesive effect. It's to the everlasting credit of (former president) Cal VanderWerf that we have that building. He thought of it, maneuvered the students into demanding it — as only he could do, and just worked and was committed to getting it.

The Peale Science Center was also a marvelous addition to the campus … and the Dow (Health and) Physical Education Center is going to be another plus.

I think one of the exciting things that has happened in the area of academics is the department of economics and business administration becoming a considerably stronger department than it once was.

Another area of academic development is the new emphasis that Hope has been able to put on theatre — again, that is the result of getting the DeWitt Center. I think the development of theatre and the strength in the business and economics department are exciting things to have happened, because they balance so nicely with the strength that Hope has always had in the sciences.

One other very interesting change to me has been the coming of Dr. Van Wylen (as president). I think that he has brought a realism and strength to the College that we've needed and provided a kind of balance that you find in few top executives. Most interesting about Gordon's career at Hope College is his ability in fund-raising. He is probably the most effective fund-raiser I have ever seen at the College.

The rumor is that you taught Dr. Van Wylen to be a fund-raiser. How did you do it?

Oh, I wouldn't take credit for that! But we have had a good time working together on fund-raising.

**What's fun about fund-raising?**

Well, just speaking for myself, I enjoy fund-raising because it's a selling job, and I think selling is as exciting a part of business as you can get into. It demands ingenuity, innovation and tremendous discipline. Maybe fund-raising for me has been particularly enjoyable because I haven’t had to make my living at it. And maybe that made me even more effective, because I could walk in with a certain sense of abandonment — I knew I wasn't going to be out on the street looking for a job if I didn't get $50,000.

**Did you have much interaction with the students of Hope?**

Oh yes. I think back over the years and it's interesting to see the way students have changed. In the early '60s they were to the end of the period of passivity; then there was the activity of the '60s; I think we are back to — not the passivity of the early '60s — but certainly a different level of activity and interest. Perhaps students are now a little more realistic. I find that students today are more serious than when I first came on the Board and they are even more serious than the activists of the '60s. That group was serious, but they didn't know what they were serious about. Today's students are more disciplined, they know more about what they plan to do — and they work at it …

I always enjoy talking with students. Every May the Trustees have a dinner with students. I think Dr. Van Wylen and maybe (Dean) Mike Gerrie have selected the students to meet with the Board. We sit at small tables and talk. I told Dr. Van Wylen a couple years ago that I thought we ought to choose the students on a random basis, because you always get one slant from student leaders. Let's get a chance to talk to the ones who don't like it here. We haven't done that, but I still think it would be a good idea.

**Are Board members of small, private colleges like Hope becoming primarily fund-raisers? If so, is that good or bad?**

I think Board members ought to be fund-raisers but I don't think they ought to be primarily that. There's a trend in business to make more of the board of directors of a company, and I think that same thing will happen on the college level. The trustees of a college should not be in the position of managing the company, but they should be in the position of making sure that the college is well-managed, well-run; also they should make sure that the management of the college — particularly the president — is insuring the future of the college.

Board members must also make sure that enrollments are staying up, make sure the programs offered meet the needs of today. The Board has to make sure that the president and his administrative staff are doing enough to help graduates find positions. I think we need to become more effective at that …

Of course, Board members are also fund-raisers, and they ought to be giving their own money.

**Do you see the Board as better balanced than in the past?**

I think the Board is considerably better balanced. It's much more representative of what society is all about, and I think that's helpful to the students — after all, we are
Campus development flourished under Hugh DeFrees's leadership. Former President Ford joined college leaders in ribbon cutting for DeWitt Center.
College was put on sound financial base during Hugh DePree's tenure as chairman. He presents award to James M. VerMeulen for leadership to Build Hope campaign.

running the college for the students and if the Board is balanced, representing a variety of segments of business and society, I think we can do a better job for the students.

While the Board has become more diversified, the mission of the College seems to have become more narrowly defined. Is there any correlation?

I think that's so, and I think what caused it — at least from a Board point of view — is that so many of the Board members come from the field of business, and I think in business you learn to focus on certain things. You learn not only what ought to be done, but also what ought not to be done. The Board never sat down and clarified the direction of the College, but I think they provided some kind of impetus to the administration to do that.

Tell us about your relationship with Dr. Van Wylen. How have you two worked together over the years?

I think what attracted me to Dr. Van Wylen was his strong record of able administration as dean of the engineering school at the University of Michigan. That was one thing. His strong Christian commitment was another. His understanding of the educational process was a strong factor in my thinking of him.

We met two or three times before he became president, he and I. We were kind of chuckling about this lately — how we met for breakfast at the Hilton Hotel in Ann Arbor. We both remembered it was a kind of testing-out period, seeing whether or not our "chemistry" together would be good, whether we would be good as president and chairman, and would be able to work together.

One weakness that I thought he had was that I thought he wouldn't make a very good fund-raiser. To find out differently was the most pleasant surprise I could have imagined!

We keep in very close touch with each other. Every two weeks, roughly, he and I had breakfast together. He doesn't have very many people to talk to. So mostly I sat and listened at those breakfast meetings. I think that we have had a very good working relationship. We have been friends. It has been enjoyable for both of us. I like him.

You once said your favorite question was "What if?" Does it become harder to be an innovative thinker as you get older?

I think it probably does become harder, because you tend to get a little more set in your ways. But, on the other hand, if you train yourself to ask questions, to ask why, then I think you maintain the kind of curiosity that a person needs. That's one thing — I see there are fewer and fewer people around today who are curious. I think if you have a sense of curiosity about things, you tend to learn and also to be more innovative in what you're doing.

I'm curious about how a businessman with world-wide responsibilities found time for Hope College?

I guess you find time to do something just by making time to do it. Two of my favorite words — and I steal these from our (Herman Miller's) business consultant — are effective and efficient. Efficient means doing the thing right, and effective means doing the right thing. I think that as you get into management, particularly top management, being effective is much more important than being efficient. What that means to me is that I have to constantly review whether the things I am doing are right for Herman Miller.... As I have gotten into work with Hope College, all the while I was also president of Herman Miller, and so by determining how I can best make a contribution here at Herman Miller, I've also been able to have free time to work for Hope College.

How do you maintain your level of energy?

I normally stop drinking coffee at noon because I drink so much. I'm an early riser. I get up between 5:00 and 5:30 and I can do a fair amount of work and planning for the day then. Almost every morning I make a pot of coffee before my wife gets up and I sit down and make my "Do List," what I'm going to try and accomplish for the day. Then I have that out of the way and I can begin work on some things. I find the early morning hours at the dining room table of my home are about as good a time as I have. I wear out fast at night — I'm terrible after 10:00.

Do you see Hope College as innovative?

I guess somewhat but not nearly enough. It's hard for me to answer that; if I say no,
then I really ought to be able to provide some answers on what I think ought to be done.

I don't think educational institutions in general are innovative enough . . . Some colleges try but end up running off the deep end with complete freedom.

Some of the things that might be done:

There might be combines formed with other colleges. Hope has 22 majors it offers, I think, or close to that (the number is 34 — editor); so does Calvin College, so does Albion College, etc. Travel isn't all that difficult. Wouldn't it be more economical for Hope to specialize in some things and get students from Calvin to come to Hope, and everybody would trade back and forth? I don't think much thought has ever been given to that.

Another thing: I think one reason students come to college is so that they can start out in their working lives at a higher level. So what are we doing to help them do that? We have a program at Hope for placing studentst but I think we could all do more in this area . . .

I think that a college and a business could adopt each other. The business could actually furnish some teachers and provide a much larger internship program for students. There isn't nearly enough of that.

Maybe college should come to be seen as not necessarily a four-year period. Then if a student wants to go into business, for example, then he could go to college for a couple of years then work for Herman Miller or Donnelly Mirrors or some other local company for six months or a semester, and then after that he could go back to college. That's one way. If somebody's interested in becoming the president of a company, think of what that person could learn if they followed me around for a week . . . . In the teaching field we have practice teaching — why don't we have practice businessmen or practice doctors?

Do your innovative ideas for education still call for a core curriculum?

Yes. If I had to design a core curriculum, I think I would be sure that philosophy was taught; I would be sure that students understood something about art, theatre and theology. I would be sure that they knew at least one foreign language, and I mean know it well enough to actually speak it and understand others speaking it;

I would make sure they did some course work in history. All so that they emerged as pretty broad people . . .

Tell us about the kind of person the private Hugh DeFrees is. What are your hobbies and interests?

I like to sail and I play a little golf. But mostly my interests have been Herman Miller and Hope College, and, obviously, my family . . .

I like to study classical music. It's an inspiration to see how people, like Mozart, for example, actually composed, or how Beethoven, even though stone deaf, could hear a whole symphony and just write it right down. It's thrilling to study that and listen to the music.

It sounds as though you've tried writing music yourself?

I've never tried to write music. I can't even sing, but I do love to listen — particularly classical music. I like Dixieland too.

I also like to study. During the last few years, I've been interested in the French impressionistic painters and I've done a fair amount of study in that area. Ruth, my wife, is in Florida all winter, so many times I'm free and I chase out to Chicago for a Saturday or Sunday and spend all day in the Art Institute. That's my idea of a fun time.

How would you characterize yourself?

It's a subject that I've studied, all right! I think that I'm not very good at detail. I don't much like it. I'm not very good at finance. I don't much like that either. I think what I'm probably strong in — and I don't want to sound arrogant — but I have some ability to evaluate people and that's been one of the basic reasons for our success here (at Herman Miller) . . . . Also I enjoy being a resource to people, to enable people to do things themselves — roughing out ideas for people to enable them to accomplish their objective. I enjoy very much seeing others do something.

It's not easy to talk about one's self. I think people and companies have to know who they are and where they're going. I know who I am but I don't think I can talk very much about it.

I've been wanting to ask for years — what's the story behind the bow ties you always wear?

Well, I guess I started wearing bow ties back in the early '50s and I suppose it was for functional reasons more than anything; it's a tie that doesn't get in the way, you can lean over the dining room table without getting your tie in the gravy. It's a very simple tie to wear.

We (Herman Miller) were in the tie business once in our textile program. I began to like one kind of bow tie; made of India silk. When we went out of the business, I bought enough ties so that I thought I'd be set for the rest of my life. But when I spoke at the (Hope) convocation last September, to my surprise sitting in the front row was Tony Muiderman, who used to be our factory superintendent (now assistant professor of economics and business administration). Afterwards I talked to him, and he said, "I see you still wear bow ties." I said, yes, I had bought a big supply of them when we went out of business. He said, "So did I." Two weeks later there was a box in the mail and inside it were bow ties from Tony Muiderman. He said, "I never wear the ties, you take mine." So I have enough bow ties to last me until I'm 95!

One last question. What particular strengths do you think Dr. Eimecke brings to the chairmanship of the Board of Trustees?

I think he has a great interest in education, for one thing. I think he is a very able manager. He has built his own company, and built it to a reasonably good-sized organization. He brings a different viewpoint to Hope College than I did, a different cultural viewpoint and a different geographical viewpoint.

Victor is a great patron of the arts and music. He's an ardent symphony go-er, he just loves to go to the New York Symphony. I think he has marvelous contacts throughout the country, in fact throughout the world. And I think he will be superb at representing Hope College among the donor people.

I think Hope College can be proud to have Dr. Eimecke representing us. And I think he and Dr. Van Wylen have good chemistry together just as Gordon and I did — they get along very well together. I think he's going to be a marvelous chairman.
Alumni Weekend ’78

To be sure, the day was not without mishap. Grey skies and intermittent downpours valiantly tried to make spirits soggy. More than one umbrella had to be retrieved from a forgotten corner of campus and a set of keys had to be coaxed from a locked car. Elliot Weier ’26 picked up the emcee's remarks at the same time he picked up his Distinguished Alumni Award, leaving Alumni Association President Elsie Parsons ’46 Lamb speechless, absolutely.

But a whopping 647 alumni turned out for the annual Alumni Dinner. And in the midst of that dinner senior Todd Harburn was paged for what turned out to be that long-awaited telephone call informing of admittance to med school. And Regina Buss ’28 Bonn and her husband Roy traveled 4,500 miles from the Virgin Islands to celebrate her induction into the 50 Year Circle. And almost everybody was still recognizable to their classmates. And the sun did finally start to shine. And, as usual, Alumni Day ’78 could only be judged a great success!

The classes of 1928, 1933, 1938, 1942, 1948, 1953, 1956 and 1963 held reunions and 93 members (63 per cent) of the class of 1928 was inducted into the 50 Year Circle with President Gordon J. Van Wylen presenting the golden certificates and pins.

Five alumni were honored with Distinguished Alumni Awards during the annual Alumni Day Dinner, which culminated the day's activities. Max D. '46 and Connie Hinga ’49 Boersma of Grand Rapids, Mich. were honored for their active service to their community and their faithful support of Hope College. The Rev. Edwin Luidens ’40 of Teaneck, N.J. and his late wife Ruth Stegenga ’42 Luidens were honored for their service to Christ's Church and for their faithful witness to the Christian faith and its principles. Dr. T. Elliot Weier ’26 of Davis, Calif. was recognized for his outstanding contributions to the field of botany and for his generous support of Hope College.

Mrs. Boersma, the daughter of longtime Hope Coach "Bud" Hinga, paid tribute to her parents who, she said, provided "a God-centered home" and stressed the importance of being a good loser as well as a good winner. Noting it's been rumored that she cut her first teeth on a football, Mrs. Boersma said that Hope had always been an important part of her life. Mr. Boersma said that "God has made our lives stimulating and exciting" and that he and his wife accepted the award "on behalf of alumni everywhere who are living out the Christian life in their own ways."

The Rev. Edwin Luidens received a joint Distinguished Alumni Award on behalf of himself and his late wife Ruth, who died in December shortly after receiving word that she and her husband had been chosen to receive the Hope award. In accepting the award, Mr. Luidens movingly paid tribute to his wife, pointing to her deep commitment to the Christian faith, her graciousness which extended equally to lepers and wives of sheiks, her administrative ability, and her realistic approach to life.

"May her memory be one that enriches the life of Hope College and her image around the world," said Luidens.

Dr. Elliot Weier spoke of the occasion as "an exciting and wonderful day." Recalling the early days of science instruction at Hope, Dr. Weier paid tribute to Dr. Frank Patterson, longtime professor of biology, and noted the importance of supporting today's academic programs at Hope.

The evening concluded with the singing of the Alma Mater hymn, ably directed by music enthusiast Myron Hermance, retiring Albany-Schenectady, N.Y. area Alumni Board director. His wife, the former Alicia Van Zoeren '51, provided piano accompaniment.
Members of the Board of Trustees were treated to a preview look of the new Dow Health and Physical Education Center during their May meeting. The Board is pictured viewing the new swimming pool, which was being tiled. The building is to be completed on time for the next school year. Dedication ceremonies will be held during Homecoming Weekend (Oct. 20-22).

President Van Wylen presents pins and certificates to new members of Fifty Year Circle.
Elsie Parsons Lamb (left), retiring president of the Alumni Association, presents Distinguished Alumni Awards to Dr. T. Elliot Weier '26, the Rev. Edwin Luidens '40, and Max D. '46 and Connie Hinga '49 Boersma.

Honorary Degree Recipients: (left to right) Hugh DePree '36, the Rev. Jay R. Weener '49, and John Mulder '28 are pictured with President Van Wylen.

Regina Buss '28 Bornn and her husband Roy (far left) claimed the "Most Miles Traveled" prize for this year's Alumni Day. They are pictured chatting with President Gordon Van Wylen. The Bornns live in the Virgin Islands and made the trip back to Hope to celebrate Regina's induction into the 50-Year Circle.

A former Reformed Church missionary to Japan, Regina went to the Virgin Islands in 1941 as an executive secretary for the American Red Cross. Her husband, a native of the Islands, was U.S. Government Commissioner of Social Welfare for 30 years before retiring to become an insurance agent. Regina is a prominent figure in public life on the Islands and serves as elder in St. Thomas Reformed Church.

Although the Bornns have two children both living in the States, Regina says she's never had inclinations toward moving back. From the terrace of her 125-year-old house, she's perfectly content to merely watch the ships come in.
50 YEAR CIRCLE
ROW 2: Geraldine Walvoord / Helen Zander / Esther DeWeerd / J. Russell Brink / Bettye S. Brink / Joyce Klaassen Crookshank / Agnes Tysse.
ROW 5: Theodore Boot / Bertha Boot / Sydney E. DeWeerd / Madge Rooks Doty / Dorothy Kruizenga / Herman Kruizenga.
ROW 9: Ivan A. Bosman / Adly Bosman.

CLASS OF 1933
ROW 1: Jean Herman Hill / Daisy Meengs / Lorenzo Meengs / James Tysse / Arlo Van Peerse Tysse / Lester Serier / Mary Ann Serier / Helen Jean Fairbanks / Gerald Fairbanks / Harold Fairbanks / Mary Fairbanks / Marie Zegerius / Harri Zegerius.
CLASS OF 1938
ROW 1: Adelaide Tirrell (Mrs. E.) / Kathryn Boon Whiting / Laura Van Dyke Van Kley / Theresa Ruster Reenders / Alma Nyland Gabbard / Florence Holleman / Lucile Butler Dedee / Alberta Kooiker Vermeer / Barbara Lampen / Dorothy Beach Bell / Lois Tyss Strom.

CLASS OF 1943
ROW 1: Jan Clark DeVries / Florence Dykema Morgan / Corinne Pool / Betty Davis Mitchell / Mildred Timmer Van Oostenburg / Florence Bouwens Van Eenenaam / Jean Ruiter Brondyke.
Missing from '53: Joe and Jean Muyskens
CLASS OF 1948
ROW 3: Walt Kennedy '49 / Carol Hermance Kennedy / Marjorie Lucking French / Thomas E. Van Dahm / Dorothy Kraai / Mary Van Zanten / Marian A. Ter Borg Toren / George A. Toren.
ROW 5: Gene Vis / Ruth Quant Vis / Marvin Jalving / Baxter Elhart / Jane Elhart / Ruth Koop Yeomans ’49 / Jack Yeomans.

CLASS OF 1953
CHAPLAIN ACCEPTS IOWA CALL

Hope College Chaplain William C. Hillegonds has accepted a call to become pastor of the Second Reformed Church of Pella, Iowa.

Rev. Hillegonds, who has been chaplain at Hope since 1965, will assume his new pastorate in August.

"Chaplain Hillegonds has served the students and staff of Hope College with great effectiveness during a most difficult period in higher education," said President Van Wylen.

"He was able to challenge and encourage students from a wide variety of religious and cultural backgrounds. He was sought out by students and faculty members as a counselor; he was sympathetic, but demanding, gracious, while expecting the best. He was widely read and a truly outstanding preacher. He had an outstanding way of maintaining contact and creative interactions with students."

"I cannot visualize a more effective college chaplain during the past decade than Chaplain Hillegonds. We shall certainly miss him and truly regret his leaving. We take encouragement from the fact that he will be able to dedicate his gifts and abilities to another community and college."

Second Reformed Church of Pella has a membership of approximately 300 families. Central College, which is also affiliated with the Reformed Church in America, is located in Pella.

President Van Wylen said a search for a successor is underway.

A Chicago native, Rev. Hillegonds graduated with honors from Hope in 1949. Prior to enrolling at Hope he served during World War II in the European Theatre of Operations, receiving five battle stars and the Bronze Star medal.

He graduated from Western Theological Seminary in Holland in 1951 and received the S.T.M. summa cum laude from the University of Dubuque in 1972. Before coming to Hope College he served Reformed Church in America congregations in Chatham, N.Y., Rochester, N.Y., and Holland, Mich.

Mrs. Hillegonds, the former Elizabeth (Libby) Romaine '46, has been actively involved in the campus ministry and other community activities. For several years, she worked with the College's Higher Horizons big brother-sister program. In the community she has been active in AAUW and a sacred dance group.

WARREN KANE HEADS ALUMNI

Warren W. Kane, '57, of Arlington, Va. was elected president of the Hope College Alumni Association by a vote of the Alumni Board at their spring meeting on campus. John VerSteeg '65 of Kalamazoo, Mich. was named vice president and Marge Lucking '46 of Birmingham, Mich. was selected to the Alumni Board's Executive Committee.

Kane succeeds Elsie Parsons '46 Lamb, who during 1977-78 served as the Association's first woman president. Mrs. Lamb requested that she not be elected to the 14,000 member Alumni Association's top administrative post in order to devote more time to community volunteer work. Under her leadership, the 1977-78 Alumni Annual Fund exceeded its goal, raising a record $330,000 from more than 4,500 donors.

The new Alumni Association president came to Hope in 1951 from Stuarts Draft, Va., and quickly acquired the nickname "Rebel." During his days on campus, Kane managed the baseball teams and was involved in varsity and intramural sports as an Anchor writer and sometimes participant. He was also active in the Cosmopolitan fraternity. After a two-year stint in the Army, he graduated in 1957.

Now in his second three-year term as the Washington, D.C. Alumni Board director, Kane was formerly president of the D.C. area alumni and also the longtime area annual fund chairman. During the most recent three years that he was Class Representative, giving of the class of 1957 more than doubled.

Warren has worked for the Federal Government for virtually all of the 21 years since his graduation, initially in various budget capacities with the Department of Commerce and for the last seven years with the U.S. Senate. Originally appointed legislative assistant to Senator Norris Cotton (R-N.H.), he is now the staff assistant to the Subcommittee chaired by Senator Ernest F. Hollings (D-S.C.) that controls the budgets totaling $8.6 billion for the Departments of State, Justice, Commerce, the Judiciary Branch, and 18 independent agencies.

Warren has been a strong supporter of the Hope Washington Honors Semester program, providing internships for Rob Pocock '77 and Jeff DeVries '79. The Kanes have entertained Hope students in Washington several times, and during the past semester several Washington-area
families hosted the group. An objective of the new president is to broaden student-alumni contact by creating such opportunities in other areas of off-campus programs. The Kanes have also hosted the annual visits of Hope admissions recruiters.

Since marriage in 1958, Warren and Dale have lived in the Arlington community. They are the parents of Suzi, 17, who will be a Hope freshman this fall, and Eric, 15, a 10th grader. They have been active in the Arlington Forest United Meth- odist Church, where they both have held several major church offices. Warren has maintained his intense interest in sports and now is treasurer of both the Arlington Cubs Youth Club and the Washington-Lee High School Boosters Club.

The Association’s new vice president, John VerSteeg is manager of Parchment, Mich. Community Credit Union. He holds a specialist degree from the University of Virginia’s Graduate School of Consumer Banking, and was previously an officer of First National Bank and Trust Company of Kalamazoo.

Serving his second term as Kalamazoo director on the Alumni Board, VerSteeg has been in- stitutional in creating renewed alumni interest in the Kalamazoo area.

Active in community affairs, he is a past presi- dent of the Kalamazoo Exchange Club, the Kala- mazoo County American Institute of Banking, and the Kalamazoo County Credit Managers Association. He serves on the advisory board of the Kalamazoo County Salvation Army and is an active member of Second Reformed Church of Kalamazoo.

He is married to the former Linda J. Tiezzi ’66, a public school teacher.

Mrs. French was elected to the Alumni Board in 1975. A former elementary school teacher, she is the mother of three children and active in First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham and the Women’s Association for the Detroit Symphony Orchestra.

NEW TRUSTEE LEADERSHIP

Dr. Victor W. Eimicke of Bronxville, N.Y. has been elected chairman of the Hope College board of trustees, succeeding Hugh DePree of Zeeland who held the position for 12 years.

DePree, president and chief executive officer of the Herman Miller Company of Zeeland, did not stand for re-election. His term on the trustees continues until 1981.

Hope College honored DePree for his dedicated service by presenting him an honorary Doctor of Laws degree during Commencement exercises. (See page 9.)

Dr. Eimicke is president of the V.W. Eimicke As- sociates, Inc. of Yonkers, N.Y., the world’s largest publisher of personnel forms.

He was elected to the Hope trustees in the spring of 1977 by the General Synod of the Re- formed Church in America.

Dr. Eimicke holds the B.A., M.A., and Ph.D. de- grees from New York University (N.Y.U.). His academic concentration was in business and in- dustrial psychology.

He has been active in the Bronxville, N.Y. Re- formed Church, serving as elder and chairman of the executive committee.

His other activities have included being a trustee to the International Christian University in Japan; the American Trauma Society; Religious Heritage in America, Inc.; and Ameri- can Landmarks Festival, treasurer of the Lay- man’s National Bible Foundation and a former trustee to the Lawrence Hospital, Bronxville.

He and his wife Maxine have two college-age daughters.

George Heeringa and Willard C. Wichers, both of Holland, Mich., were re-elected vice chairman and secretary, respectively.

Seven faculty members received promotions effective with the 1978-79 academic year. The Board of Trustees also awarded faculty emeritus status to retiring English Professor John Hollen- bach.

Professors promoted with the year of first ser- vice listed in parentheses include Wayne G. Boulton (1972) to associate professor of religion; Robert M. Cecil (1962) to professor of music; Douglas L. Heerema (1970) to professor of economics and business administration; Stephen I. Hemenway (1972) to associate professor of English; G. Larry Penrose (1970) to associate professor of history; Roger Rietberg (1954) to professor of music; and John K.V. Tammi (1968) to associate professor of theatre.

TULIP TIME VIRTUOSOS

Seven former Hope organ and music majors re- turned to campus this spring to participate in the annual Tulip Time organ recitals, presented by the music department. The recitals, given every half-hour during three days of Holland’s famous festival week, enable tourists to visit campus and hear classical music presented on the chancel and gallery organs.

Organists included Glenn Pride ’72, who is or- ganist-choirmaster of the First Presbyterian Church, Dalton, Ga.; Kim Stevens, a Hope senior from Elkhart, Ind.; Ann Bloodood Rowell ’57, director of music at Old Orduhs United Metho- dist Church, Cherry Hill, N.J.; Lee Ann Soodsa- 77, organist-choirmaster at St. Mark’s Lutheran Church and an organist at Oakdale Christian Re- formed Church, Grand Rapids, Mich.

Also, Thomas Gouwnes ’72, organist-choir- master at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, Muske- gon, Mich. Alfred Fedak ’75, minister of music at Pompton Reformed Church, Pompton Lakes, N.J.; Linda Bush ’74, who is teaching German at the University of Illinois and directs the choir at the First Baptist Church, Urbana, III.; and Richard Carlson ’76, organist-choirmaster at the First United Methodist Church, Thomasville, Ga.

GRANT SUPPORTS INTEGRATED LANGUAGE-CULTURE COURSES

Hope College has been awarded a $47,150 grant by the National Endowment for the Humanities to assist in developing two interdisciplinary, integrated language-and-culture courses on Greece and Germany.

“The Golden Age of Greece” will focus on the Fifth century B.C., but will also consider literary, social and political developments leading up to and growing out of this period when Athens reached its zenith.

A considerably longer span of history will be studied in “Germany from the Age of Goethe to the Collapse of the Weimar Republic,” but major developments will nonetheless be studied in considerable depth.

Approximately 20-25 freshmen and sophomore students will be admitted to each course, to which they will devote nine hours per week for the entire year. With this single concentrated course, the students will satisfy the college’s foreign cultural studies requirement and most of the cultural history requirement.

“In contrast to the present separation of language courses from art, civilization, literature, history, and philosophy courses, all of these dis- ciplines will be integrated into one comprehen- sive and intensive study of each culture,” said Dr. Nyenhuis. “The humanities will be viewed as a unity and language will be presented as integral to the understanding of another culture.”

This is the second major grant awarded to Hope by the National Endowment for the Humanities during this academic year. Last fall the College was awarded a $50,000 challenge grant in sup- port of the College’s libraries and foreign languages and literature department.
PHelps Hall DIning room to be enlarged

The Board of Trustees has authorized under-taking a fund raising drive to finance the enlarge-ment and renovation of the main dining room in Phelps Hall.

The present dining room was constructed in 1960 when enrollment was 1,550. Since that time there has been a 50 percent increase in enroll-ment, resulting in an overcrowded environ-ment. Serving hours have been extended and, even with this provision, students must frequent-ly wait for a place to eat.

“Residential life is a vital part of the growth and development of our students,” said President Van Wylen. “On-campus dining is an essential part of residential life. Under existing conditions, it is almost impossible for positive social encoun-ters to occur.”

Plans have been developed to expand the dining room seating capacity from 350 to 675. The de-sign is such that it will reduce long lines and create an atmosphere conducive to more lei-surely meals.

The proposed remodeling and expansion creates four separate dining areas, while still permitting the entire area to be used for banquets. This will enable the college to accommo-date conferences and conventions during the summer months and other times when school is not in session.

A new serving area and modern equipment for food preparation are also included in the plans. Estimated cost for construction and equipment is $750,000. The College hopes to have the project underway during 1979.

Honored for Service

Hope College distinguished service awards have been presented to retiring English Profes-sor John Hollenbach and two members of the Board of Trustees who are ending over 30 years of cumulative service. (Photo on page 14.)

Trustees recognized for their service were the Rev. Albertus G. Bossenbroek ’32 of Hastings-on-Hudson, N.Y. and Titus J. Hager of Grand Rapids.

Dr. Hollenbach has been a member of the Hope faculty 33 years, serving at different times as chairman of the English department, dean of the College and vice president (see page 3).

“We see in the College’s curriculum the marks of your intellectual insights and clear vision of liberal arts,” a resolution honoring Dr. Hollenbach stated.

“Your many years of experience in and under-standing of the academy are likewise reflected in the campus governance structure. It is indeed remarkable that this structure has endured the test of over a decade — even those years that fell within the turbulent sixties.”

The resolution further pays tribute to Dr. Hollenbach as “a scholar, as an academic statesman, and a person of integrity, compassion, vision and faith.”

Rev. Bossenbroek ’32 recently ended a term as president of the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America. He was a member of the trustees for 14 years.

Rev. Bossenbroek was commended for his “dil-igent concern that the relationship between Hope College and the Reformed Church in America be one of mutual interest and support...”

Hager served on the board 17 years, primarily as a member of the business and finance com-mittee.

He was commended for “giving careful and ef-fective guidance to the financial affairs of the College. This leadership has been a key factor in enabling the college to operate with a balanced budget for the past 10 years and in bringing the college to its present position of financial strength.”

Class of ’78 Numbers 420

Hope College conferred degrees on 420 gradu-ating seniors during the College’s 113th comme-nce ment exercises May 14.

Honorary degrees were bestowed on Hugh De-Prez ’36, president of Herman Miller Inc. of Zee-land, and retiring chairman of the Hope College Board of Trustees; Attorney John Mulder ’28 of Chicago, and the Rev. Jay R. Weener ’49, pastor of Second Reformed Church of Kalamazoo.

Dean L. Overman ’65, an attorney in Washing-ton, D.C., delivered the commencement address, “Decomplexification.” Overman was appointed last fall a special counsel to Illinois Gov. James Thompson and also is a consultant to President Carter. In 1975 he was one of 13 chosen from 2,300 applicants to be a White House Fellow.

“Hope College has given us not only a unique advantage for our careers but also a unique re sponsibility to our society — a responsibility to contribute to the strength and values of our nation’s life,” said Overman.

“Hope graduates are better prepared than most college graduates to keep and instill in our so-ciety the qualities of the human spirit — to en-hance the virtues of truth, integrity, justice, and human decency.”

By promoting the development of a set of values in each student, “higher education at Hope Col-lege attempts to bring a sense of order to chaos.” This provides the initiation to the de-complexification (simplification by means of synthesis) experience, Overman said.

The graduate’s responsibility is to carry on the process as he or she enters the larger world. This is done by making judgments and then acting on those beliefs, said the former Hope basketball player and honor student.

“You cannot be a guilty bystander, making only intellectual judgments or critiques. Your education at Hope College and the needs of our country require that you reach conclusions, that you take sides on issues and that you act upon convictions.”

The refining of a personal value system — the synthesis process — is an important task, said Overman. He described his personal synthesis as containing three main points: that love should be the fountainhead of actions, that love for life is derived from daily, intimate friendship with the force behind the universe and that the power of the universe is love.
The Baccalaureate service in Dimment Chapel preceded a luncheon on campus for graduates and their families. Dr. David Hubbard, president and professor of Old Testament at Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, Calif., delivered the Baccalaureate sermon, “The Greatest Discovery of All.”

“From a Christian perspective, the finding of our places within the will of God is the greatest discovery one can make,” said Hubbard. “The will of God is clearly portrayed in Scriptures, in Christ, in His Church and its work — to rule the world and to sum up all things in Jesus Christ and His kingdom. Learning how to fit into that will is a thrilling discovery.”

He described the discovery as being characterized by “the great tide that flows through history — Divine mercy.”

“God’s will is not only motivated by mercy. It is itself the extension of that mercy. Mercy becomes the message and content of our mission, as well.”

God’s will is further characterized by the fact that it is enabled by God’s power, said Hubbard.

“Through Jesus Christ, heaven and earth have been linked together…. ‘Divine commuting’ is the message of the universe — heaven and earth inexorably linked together in His person.”

Finally, God’s will is equipped by Divine blessings, noted the speaker. One’s talents, opportunities and spiritual gifts all provide the means for individual and unique service.

“History is moving toward redemption. Go with God — that’s the human course and the historical course, and the one that will win out in the end. Move forward with the joyful discipline of doing God’s will.”

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION AND COMMENDATION

The 1977-78 Alumni Fund has exceeded its goal of $315,000. This is the third consecutive year that alumni giving has exceeded the goal.

We wish to commend our alumni for their faithful and generous support. We also acknowledge with appreciation the work of many alumni volunteers who serve as class representatives, phonathon leaders and callers.

The Alumni Board also wishes to thank the Board of Trustees for their continuing support of the Alumni Annual Fund. Your challenge to alumni during the 1977-78 campaign was instrumental, not only in increased giving, but also added a sense of excitement to our entire solicitation effort.

The College is fortunate to have a Board of Trustees which expands its resources to strengthen the present and future of this institution, and which complements the efforts of enthusiastic and dedicated alumni.

The Alumni Board encourages and challenges the continued and growing support of alumni. The future well-being of Hope College rests with those of us who count it a privilege to call her our Alma Mater.

HOPE COLLEGE ALUMNI BOARD

STADIUM A REALITY

Construction of a new municipal stadium is underway in Holland, thanks in a major part to a significant financial commitment toward the $956,000 project by Hope College.

Until Hope came forward with a pledge of $125,000 toward the project, it appeared that the city of Holland would lose a grant from the federal Economic Development Administration for construction of the 5,000 seat stadium.

Bids to construct the stadium came in higher than original estimates. When it appeared that city officials would not be able to appropriate additional funds and chances of losing the entire project seemed possible, college officials stepped forward with a financial pledge that gave the stadium the go-ahead.

“We have been enthusiastic supporters of this project from the beginning,” said Hope President Gordon J. Van Wylen. “This enthusiasm springs from our understanding of what this will mean in the years ahead for Hope College, the Holland public schools, Holland Christian schools and community at large…. To us, this seems to be a project with significant long-range benefits not only to Hope College, but the Holland community as a whole.”

The college is currently undertaking a fund raising drive to meet its pledge.

The new stadium will be located on city-owned property adjacent to the Hope College Van Raalte athletic complex near 16th Street and Fairbanks Avenue.

When ready in 1979 it will signal the end of Hope College football at Riverview Park. The Dutchmen have been playing football at Riverview since the early 1930s.

The stadium will be multi-purposed, allowing for football and soccer competition as well as non-athletic events. There will be parking for 1,000 vehicles as well as a press box, concession stands and restroom facilities.
STAFF APPOINTMENTS

Three staff appointments within the offices of College Relations and Development have been announced by Robert DeYoung, vice president for admissions, college relations and development.

Mary A. Kempker '60 has been appointed assistant director of college relations with responsibility for coordinating the alumni program of the college. Vern J. Schipper '51, Associate Director of College Relations, has been given new responsibilities for coordinating the college's on-campus conference and community relations programs. He will continue to be actively involved in the alumni activities of the college, but overall responsibility for coordinating the program will belong to Mrs. Kempker.

Mrs. Kempker replaces Phyllis Kleder '73 who transferred from her position as alumni assistant to the financial aid office where she is student employment counselor.

Mrs. Kempker was previously executive director of the Holland (Mich.) Council of Camp Fire Girls, Inc.

Laurie Anne Lane '75 has been promoted to manager of the Office of Development Records, Research and Acknowledgments. She replaces Mrs. Jeanne McCarthy who resigned due to her husband's job transfer to Atlanta, Ga.

Miss Lane has served as development records secretary, a position she held part-time while a student and full-time since her graduation.

H.O.P.E. AWARD TO DR. WAYNE BOULTON

Wayne G. Boulton was named the Hope Outstanding Professor-Educator for 1978 by graduating seniors.

Dr. Boulton, a member of the religion faculty since 1972, was chosen to receive the annual award by a vote of members of the graduating class. This marked the third time in the 13-year H.O.P.E. award history that a member of the religion department faculty has been honored.

The winner is determined by his abilities to inspire a thirst for learning among students and for the degree to which he personifies the personal and professional characteristics of the Hope College Educator.

Dr. Boulton is known on campus for his eagerness to consult with and advise students, for his success at conducting many of his classes in a discussion format, and for his participation in many outside-the-classroom events.

"The person we are recognizing is one who constantly causes students to grapple with the most perplexing problems of human beings," said Stephen E. Pafrath, co-president of Mortar Board, in presenting the award. "His method of teaching is never didactic. He is always concerned with respecting the ideas and integrity of his students while challenging them to encounter viewpoints other than their own. He creates an atmosphere in the classroom of open dialogue where students can challenge each other's ideas without attacking each other's personhood.

"He is a sensitive and gentle man, a constantly supporting presence for students."

Dr. Boulton, 36, is a specialist in social ethics. He has introduced to the College's curriculum the following courses: Seminar on Christian Love, Christianity and the Educational Process, Religion as a Social Institution, and War and Peace. He also teaches courses on Religion in Society, Christian Ethics, and Christianity and Contemporary American Culture.

He is a graduate of Lafayette College and received the Master of Divinity degree from McCormick Theological Seminary. He holds the Master of Theology and the Ph.D. degrees from Duke University.

Active in campus activities, he was urban studies specialist for the department of religion from 1972-75, Hope faculty liaison for the Great Lakes Colleges Association — Philadelphia Urban Seminar from 1973-74, and a member of the College's campus life board from 1974-78.

Last summer he was selected to participate in a new freshman advisor program and he is currently a member of the speakers committee of the department of religion.

Cynthia M. Arnold '75 has been appointed assistant director of annual funds with primary responsibility for the alumni aspect of the annual fund drive.

Miss Arnold most recently served as staff assistant for the Kellogg company in Minneapolis.
NEW ALUMNI DIRECTORS

Two new directors have been elected to the Alumni Board. Charles Link '50 of Catskill, N.Y. will represent the Albany-Schenectady area and Hope senior Steve Prediger of Norton Shores, Mich. will represent the Class of 1979. Link succeeds Myron Hermance '50, who completed his second term on the Board and was not subject to reelection. Prediger succeeds Jim Stegenga '77, who completed a three-year term.

He is a member of the board of governors of the New York State Association for Retarded Children, Inc. and a board member of Assistance in Meaningful Living, Inc., a holding corporation for hostels for the mentally ill and retarded.

He is a member of the administrative board of United Methodist Church of Catskill, serving on the Pastor-Parish Relations Committee.

He and his wife Dorothy have five children, including two current Hope students.

Prediger has been active on campus as a member of the football team, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, the Ministry of Christ's People and the Arcadian fraternity.

A dean's list student, he also serves as a resident hall adviser.

NEW TRUSTEES

Mary Zwiezig '52, Visscher of Grand Rapids, Mich. and The Rev. Gerard J. Van Heest '49 of Delmar, N.Y. were recently elected to the Hope Board of Trustees to succeed the Rev. Albertus G. Bossenbroek '32 and Titus J. Hager, whose terms expired.

George Ralph, chairman of the theatre department, was elected to a two-year term as faculty representative to the Board of Trustees, succeeding Elton Bruins '50, whose term expired.

Mrs. Visscher is currently national president of the Women's League for Hope College. She is married to Dr. Harrison Visscher '51, an obstetrician/gynecologist in Grand Rapids. The Visschers have an interest in movie-making and have produced two movies on missions for the Reformed Church in America. Mrs. Visscher has written articles for The Church Herald about their visits to Ethiopia and Mexico.

She is chairman of the Missions Committee of Garfield Park Reformed Church and teacher/chairman of the Sunday school junior department. She has held various offices in Reformed Church Women and the Kent County Medical Society Auxiliary. She was a member of the Grand Rapids Board of the Women's League for Hope College for 10 years.

Mrs. Visscher is the mother of four children, including Sherry '76 and Ronald '82.

Mr. Van Heest is pastor of the Delmar Reformed Church and has been active in the work of the denomination and in volunteer community work. He is a 1952 graduate of Western Theological Seminary.

Married to the former Eloise Hinkamp '51, he is the father of three: Tim '77, Greg '78 and Jocelyn '81.

RESEARCH RECOGNIZED

Psychology Professor David Myers recently received a national award for his research by the Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues, a division of the American Psychological Association.

The society declared his essay, Polarizing Effects of Social Interaction, the "best paper of the year on intergroup relations" and awarded Dr. Myers its annual Gordon Airport Prize.

The paper summarizes experimental research conducted at Hope College over the past decade. The experiments have examined attitude changes resulting from group discussion and from being exposed to others' opinions.

The $200 prize money is being contributed to Hope College in appreciation of the student collaborators in this research and to the hundreds of Hope students who voluntarily participated in the experiments.

This summer Dr. Myers and seven other American social psychologists are going to Germany to join 17 European scholars in a five-day conference on group decision making.

Myers has also accepted an invitation to present the annual Finch lectures on psychology and religion at Fuller Theological Seminary next January.

In recent years Dr. Myers has been a reviewer for ten journals and government foundations. He has just accepted appointment to the editorial board of the Journal of Experimental Social Psychology. He will function as a consulting editor, making recommendations on research papers submitted by other social psychologists.

In addition to several scientific papers currently on press or in preparation, Myers has also ventured into writing for the general public. An essay, "Let's Cut the Poor Talk," co-authored by colleague Thomas Ludwig, will appear in a future issue of Saturday Review. His first book, The Human Puzzle: Psychological Research and Christian Belief, was published by Harper & Row in June.
FOURTH IN ALL-SPORTS; ARCHERS ARE CHAMPS

Hope finished fourth in the seven team Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association (MIAA) all-sports race during 1977-78. The Dutchmen had been the all-sports leader after fall and winter competition, but failed to finish better than fourth in any of the spring standings. Albion won the all-sports trophy with 60 points, followed by Alma with 57 points, Calvin 64, Hope 61, Kalamazoo 57, Adrian 55 and Olivet 32.

The archery team won the Women's Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association (WMIAA) tournament behind the record-breaking performance of senior Sue Ahlgrim of Elmhurst, Ill. Other members of the championship team included Robin Missos, a junior from Merrillville, Ind., Sandy Wells, a senior from Clifton Park, N.Y., and Marie Mantanari, a junior from Riverdale, N.J.

Another highlight of spring competition came in women's tennis when Jane Decker, a freshman from Midland, Mich., and Alice Hayes, a senior from Wayzata, Minn., dominated the college division of the State of Michigan Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women tournament (SMAIAW).

Decker emerged as the singles champion and teamed up with Decker to win the doubles crown.

The baseball team slipped from their MIAA championship perch in 1977 to a fourth place tie. The Dutchmen posted an 8-24 overall record. Hope players named to the all-MIAA baseball team included shortstop Terry Lock, a junior from Grand Rapids, Mich., and designated hitter Mike Wojda, a senior from Alpena. Third baseman Steve Lorentz, a senior from Whitehall, was named to the second team.

The men's tennis team posted its 15th winning dual meet season in 19 years under coach Lawrence "Doc" Green. The Dutchmen posted a 10-7 overall record and were 3-3 in the MIAA.

The men's track team finished fifth in the WMIAA standings as three athletes earned all-league honors — Lou Hoekstra, a senior from Kalamazoo; Steve Hust, a junior from Holland, Mich.; and Dick Northuis, a sophomore from Grand Haven, Mich. Northuis won the 1,500 meter and Hoekstra was the 5,000 meter champion at MIAA Field Day.

The women's track team finished third in the WMIAA meet. Senior Carol Donohue of Kalamazoo, Mich. was a standout performer throughout the season in the distance events. She set school records in both the mile and two mile runs and finished third in the 3,000 meter run at the Michigan State University Invitational. Hope champions at the WMIAA meet included sophomore Judy Nagy of West Bloomfield, Mich., in the long jump, freshman Kay VanDerEems of Hawthorne, N.J., in the high jump and Donohue in the mile and two mile runs.

The softball team finished ninth in the SMAIAW tournament while posting an overall 5-15 record. The team posted a 3-2 record against WMIAA opponents.

The lacrosse club ended the season with a 6-7 record. Don Williams, a junior from Wayzata, Minn., set a school career scoring record while Scott Morey, a senior from Downers Grove, Ill., established a single season scoring mark.

SYMPHONETTE CONCERTIZES

The Hope College Symphonette, under the direction of Robert Ritsema, is pictured during service at Garden Grove Community Church in California as part of a three-week concert tour in May through Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska, New Mexico, Arizona and California. The tour was the most extensive of the U.S. in the 25-year history of the Symphonette. The 28 players chamber orchestra will appear on nationally-televised Hour of Power program from Garden Grove this fall.

NEW APPROACH TO COMPUTER SCIENCE

Hope College has been awarded a grant of $14,200 from the National Science Foundation (NSF) for the development of a new approach to introducing college students to computer science.

This project, under the leadership of Dr. Herbert Dershem, chairman of the computer science department, will result in a new introductory computer science course appropriate to the needs of all Hope students. It will be offered for the first time next fall and will include eight lecture and seven laboratory modules. Each student enrolled in the course will choose three lecture and three laboratory modules which best match his or her interests in computers.

The lecture modules to be offered include topics such as problem solving, business applications, numerical techniques, social implications, and data analysis. The laboratory modules will give the students a choice from among four programming languages for experience in problem solving.

Every student will be able to choose a selection of modules which will be suitable for that student's background and goals. This includes students who plan to major in computer science, students who need to learn how to use the computer as a tool in their scientific or business careers, and students who desire only an exposure to computers so that they might be able to intelligently deal with computers and their effects.

The new course is the latest of several innovations by the Hope College computer science department. Its interdisciplinary, application and experience oriented computer science major program and its computing emphasis programs offered with other departments have served as models for small colleges throughout the country. Created in 1974, the department has already established itself through its graduates who have gone on to successful careers and graduate study.

The classes of 1968 and 1973 will hold reunions on campus on Homecoming Weekend, Oct. 20-22. General chairman of the ’68 reunion are Dave and Mary Jane Muller Duitsman of Grand Haven, Mich. while general chairperson of the ’73 reunion is Jackie Stegeman Swaney of Holland, Mich. Details of the reunions will be sent to class members later this summer.
TEN YEARS TO LIVE, ONE FAMILY'S STRUGGLE WITH GENETIC DISEASE

The ten Schut cousins in Silver Creek, Minn., were a bright, fun-loving and reputable bunch of kids. Yet, neighbors predicted that about half of them would die as adults of a strange, incurable disease that had invaded the family line.

The predictors underestimated. Of the ten Schut youngsters, only three survived. One of them, Henry J. Schut, has written a book which tells the story of growing up in a family afflicted with a rare, genetically transmitted nerve disease — ataxia.

*Ten Years to Live,* published by Baker Book House, is dedicated to one of the family's victims, Dr. John W. Schut '42, the author's brother who devoted his life to ataxia research and died on Feb. 17, 1972, after fighting the disease an unprecedented 23 years.

Ataxia (the word means "without order") first makes itself known to victims through a loss of balance. Slowly the ability to control movements diminishes and the speech becomes slurred. Pneumonia is generally the final event preceding death. The average age that ataxia first makes itself evident is 30 years. Thereafter, the victim has a life expectancy of 10 years.

During his lifetime, "Dr. John," as he was affectionately known by his family, tirelessly attempted to find the answer to ataxia. He authored or co-authored several important research papers on hereditary ataxia, used himself as a guinea pig for every new medicine or treatment, and doggedly attempted to better inform the public and the medical profession of this little-known killer. While still in college, he began tracing the disease in his family and eventually compiled a five-generation genealogical chart.

Lawrence Schut '58, the son of the author of *Ten Years to Live,* is a neurologist in Minneapolis who continues his uncle's research. His name was mentioned in a 1971 *Time* magazine article on the genetic disease which, at a conservative estimate, affects over 300 family lines today.

*Ten Years to Live* is geared to the general reader and touches on moral issues which are very much alive today — genetic counseling, abortion, sterilization, keeping terminally ill people alive," says Larry, himself the editor of a medical book on ataxia to be published this fall by Raven Press.

In private practice with the Minneapolis Clinic of Psychiatry and Neurology and clinical associate professor of Neurology at the University of Minnesota Medical School, Lawrence Schut devotes considerable time to ataxia research. His most recent work concentrates on early diagnosis of the disease. Careful neurological evaluations and electromyogram testing of nerve and muscle tissue has enabled researchers in several cases to diagnose ataxia up to five years before the initial loss of balance is manifested.

Although there is still no cure for ataxia, Schut's research into early diagnosis has important implications for controlling the passing on of the disease to children.

Lawrence Schut serves as medical director of the National Ataxia Foundation, organized in 1957 by his father, his Uncle John and others. The Foundation seeks to increase awareness of ataxia, obtain funding for and conduct research, provide counseling for those afflicted and their families and promote the only current known method of eliminating ataxia — birth control.

Because ataxia is transmitted as a dominant inherited trait, the offspring of an afflicted individual has a 50-50 chance of also having ataxia. However, if an individual does not have the disease, all of his or her succeeding generations will also be free from it.

Lawrence and his wife Loretta have five children, including two currently at Hope — Ronald and David. Although unlike his Uncle John, Lawrence does not have to pace himself against time, his research is also impassioned — in part by his uncle's spirit. From the time Lawrence was in high school and showed scientific inclinations, his Uncle John encouraged him to become a doctor and take up ataxia research. As *Ten Years to Live* states, "He (John) felt, in a way, that he could live on in his nephew."

"Although I decided to go into private practice, I nevertheless picked up the charge from my uncle," comments Lawrence. "Ataxia research has become more than a hobby for me; it's an avocation."

Lawrence Schut '58, pictured with his wife Loretta, recently presented Hope with a copy of a book written by his father which describes growing up in a family afflicted with a rare, genetically transmitted nerve disease. The book is dedicated to Hope alumnus Dr. John Schut '42, who dedicated his life to researching the as yet incurable disease. Lawrence Schut, a neurologist in private practice, continues the research.

The late Dr. John Schut '42, to whom *Ten Years to Live* is dedicated, compiled a genealogical chart of the five generations of his family afflicted by ataxia. He is pictured in the late 1950's, pointing to his own position on the chart. (Photo by Minneapolis Star)
'63 GRAD PIONEERS ELECTRONIC MUSIC SCHOOL

by Kathleen Verduin '65

The first thing that strikes you about the Boston School of Electronic Music is that you almost walked right past it. No sign in the front yard of the house at 28 Highgate Street tells you that. This Is A School. But no, the address is right, and through an open window you hear somebody playing Scott Joplin.

Inside, everything is similarly unselfconscious. This is the school's third building, the last one burned down in January, between semesters, and this one was bought as a quick stand-in. Egg cartons pad the walls instead of acoustical tile, a jar of Cremora and some dime-store mugs stand next to the Mr. Coffee.

But the place radiates a pioneer's excitement. It is, after all, the first independent school of electronic music in the country, and in five years has grown from a one-month course to a two-semester sequence with additional winter and summer sessions. The school has an international reputation now, attracting students from as far away as Israel and South Africa. Synthesizers are all over the building. And there, behind one of them, is the Director of BSEM: James Michmerhuizen, '63 Hope graduate.

Anyone who was at Hope in the early 60's probably remembers Jim as a person who could usually be found discussing literature or philosophy or religion through the haze of smoke that always hung in the Opus office. But Michmerhuizen doesn't care about being remembered. "The thing that's hard to understand for a lot of people," he says, "is that generations at a college are in fact a lot shorter than real generations. You're born as a freshman, you die at graduation." He grins. "And nobody has held any seances at Hope lately to call me back from beyond."

Instead, he likes to look back on the fifteen years since he left Hope and Holland, Michigan, where he was born, and acknowledge the changes he sees in himself. About those columns, for instance: his satirical "Notes from the Underground" which the anchor printed every week under titles like "A Three-Ring Circus" and "Phrases to Hear and Hate." "I guess I'd have to say that like a lot of undergraduates among the Hope intelligentsia I was convinced that what was around me was a sea of hypocrisy — a cauldron of wickedness," he smiles. "Spiritual wickedness. The standard against which I measured my surroundings was probably more Christian than anybody on this earth has a right to be."

One demurs a little, remembering the columns as having been both impassioned and very funny. But there have been other changes. Deeply involved as he has been in signal analysis, acoustics, psycho-acoustics, and all the scientific aspects of audio synthesis, Jim finds it amusing that he and most of his friends did everything they could, at Hope, to stay away from the physical sciences. "I was going through a cycle in college and graduate school of the kinds of interests you could satisfy only by studying literature and philosophy," he says. "I just didn't believe the sciences had anything to offer me. The way I conceived of it, I had been through all that already."

But Michmerhuizen is not the kind to hang on to prejudices. What he now calls "the resurrection of my interest in science" happened around 1968. Disenchanted with graduate study at Yale, where he had gone for a degree in philosophy, Jim took a job in an audio store in New Haven and bought his first tape recorder, a $135 Sony. "To this day I don't think I had any motives," he says. "That's a terrible confession, you know, I was twenty-six, and to be twenty-six and have no motives for a $135 purchase, when that's two paychecks... " But the tape recorder was bought, and Michmerhuizen immediately picked up a dozen library books to supplement the "very tiny exposure" he had had to the old Voice of Music tape recorder at his church back in Holland.

He taped everything, even cars passing by his window, and after acquiring a few more tape recorders he decided to set up his own recording business. The involvement with the synthesizer followed naturally. A customer brought in a copy of Switched On Bach for Michmerhuizen, already an organist and Bach lover, a revelation. "I went right up on the piano and across the ceiling and down the other wall. I loved it. I just went completely out of my mind." From that point on, he was determined, he says, to get his hands on "one of those things." Again the breakthrough came by way of a customer, someone who owned a synthesizer and let Michmerhuizen borrow it for a weekend — an event for which Jim prepared by reading the instruction manual straight through three times.

That first intensely exciting weekend with synthesized music led Jim to founding, in 1972, of the school he now directs, and opened up a whole world of related activities. He has authored instruction manuals for Oberheim Electronic and Arp Instruments, notably the Owner's Manual for the Arp 2600 synthesizer, and his articles have appeared in Musician's Guide and the Boston Phoenix; he has also provided special assistance for concerts of electronic music such as Karlheinz Stockhausen's Aus der Sieben Tagen. In 1976 Jim presented a paper at the electronic music session of the Audio-Engineering Society's convention, and last year his expertise sent him to Caracas, Venezuela, to conduct a seminar in inter-media sound.

But other good things happened during Michmerhuizen's years in New Haven: he married Rosemarie Ferraro, whom he met in the poetry class he was teaching at a branch library (she caught his attention, he admits, by her poems, her college, and her long hair), and their daughter Kate was born. But Michmerhuizen's interest in electronic music was also the start of a lot of new thinking about education, especially its traditional division into separate subjects.

"The biggest point I try to make to my students — and I do as much of it as I can subliminally, because there's no point in making a sermon out of what should simply be an example — is that to get involved with a synthesizer means to have one leg standing in the sciences, and the other in the music, the aesthetics." The science-humanities split described by C.P. Snow in The Two Cultures, Michmerhuizen complains, still exists; and as far as he can see it has been immune to efforts of most interdisciplinary committees. "My concern with synthesized music and what I would call the emerging disciplines is that since they have a very definite focus of their own, and since they cut across traditional boundaries of study — why call them 'inter-disciplinary' at all? You're still paying lip service to the old ways of cutting up knowledge. Studying audio synthesis would certainly qualify as an interdisciplinary activity, Jim concedes. "But when the course is properly organized," he argues, "it doesn't seem like an interdisciplinary project, because there's no need for anybody to get self-conscious about 'this morning we do math and this afternoon we do physics and tomorrow we do little experiments in perception.'"
Along with lecture classes, the curriculum Jim has developed at BSEM includes lab sessions (in which the student is paired with the synthesizer on a one-on-one basis), and also improvisational sessions — which never involve more than four students at a time, and where any music made is left almost completely undefined. It is these improvisations that Michmerhuizen finds most interesting. "What happens is the first couple of weeks, as you can imagine, is utter chaos. We document every session on tape. Then on playback, the students learn to hear all over again, and to exercise their judgment. We start by saying, 'This is good, that's bad.' We don't try to say why."

And eventually, order emerges. "The students begin to learn that there are other ways of producing a cadential feeling than to hang on to the dominant for a while. That there are musically expressive ways of organizing sounds which are not in themselves musical. The remarkable thing about the improvisations is that by the end of the semester, after the students have been through a lot of disappointments and a lot of barren periods — their universal testimony is that their ears have been opened. They can go back from that point and play in rock groups. I don't care. Their ears have been opened."

Some of BSEM's graduates — and there are well over two hundred of them now — do go back to rock groups, but more of them are composers, music teachers, professional musicians, even builders of synthesizers; all of them confirm the success of the school's program. What Jim finds most challenging, though, is just teaching students how to learn. "Genuine learning," he contends, "is much better understood from the books of a psychologist like Jean Piaget than from all the books about teaching that I've ever read. It's not teaching what's important, after all, it's learning." The first researchers and composers of electronic music, he points out, had no teachers at all — only an immense capacity to learn. "So I wind up putting a lot of effort into getting my students to relax, to lose their self-consciousness, their intramural competitiveness, their constant comparison of themselves with other members of the class."

Michmerhuizen sees learning, he says, as a kind of pyramid, with self-conscious directed study at the apex. "But what you need underneath is a whole bunch of more or less undisciplined activities. Such as browsing. Staring at the face of a synthesizer in a complete stupor because you don't know what to do. Rambling with a synthesizer in some completely undisciplined form. Reading everything you can get your hands on without trying in the least to understand anything."

And liberal arts colleges like Hope, Michmerhuizen believes, have a terrific potential for providing the integrated education that he wants his courses to be, as he puts it, a little metaphor of, "If I were founding a college from scratch right now," he reflects, "I'd teach all the old stuff, but I wouldn't divvy it up the way it's been divided."

To begin with, he'd teach by way of computers. "I've found that activities such as audio synthesis and computer programming are inter-disciplinary activities par excellence. Because you can't make a computer do what you want it to do unless you've learned to think logically. Once you've done that, you can write coherently about what you've done. And then it's not a terribly long step to write coherently about what you've done when you've done wasn't to write a program but maybe to suffer your first adolescent love."

He smiles a little. A memory? At any rate, Jim indulges a little nostalgia, and looks backward to see how his education at Hope compares with what he is trying to do now as director of a unique school of music. Professors were never heroes to him, he confesses. "My heroes were all in books somewhere, and I found them before I went to college." But there were several teachers at Hope he venerated. "Joy Talbert. I'll never forget the first class I had with her. I thought she was the cleaning lady. She was a little short, dumpy woman, but she was a good, good teacher." He mentions others: Prins first, then De Graaf, Koonker, Ponstein. "I was impressed by teachers who were real human beings. And these were all people who mad an impression on me as human beings."

He pauses. "They had won through to some kind of freedom from the class hang-ups — from the teaching hang-ups. The self-consciousness of being an Ed-u-ca-tor. Maybe it was because of long experience . . . they had been through all that and put it behind them. I don't know."

**ACADEMIC PROMOTION**

Dr. Richard T. Ortquist, Jr. ’56 has been named associate provost at Wittenberg University in Springfield, Ohio.

Ortquist joined the Wittenberg faculty in 1964 and became an associate professor in 1971. In 1975, he was named associate dean of the college of liberal arts at Wittenberg.

Ortquist earned master's and doctorate degrees from the University of Michigan. Before going to Wittenberg, he taught at Grandville (Mich.) High School.

**ROME LIVES THRU HOPE ALUMNA**

The students have a name for her car which sports license plates spelling out "LATIN" — they call it The DePue Lottomobile. Her husband Phil somewhat parasitically relies on her knowledge of Latin whenever he gets stuck on a crossword puzzle.

But Kay Douma '41 DePue, Latin teacher at Grand Ledge (Mich.) High School, takes it all good-naturedly and remains committed to the idea that it *is* possible to "make Latin live."

Her efforts were recognized in March when she received the coveted "Ovatio" award from the Classical Association of the Middle West and South.

The award is given each year to three individuals at the annual meeting of the association, whose membership is comprised of Latin and Greek teachers at the college and secondary level in 32 states and two Canadian provinces. Two of the recipients must be college instructors, representing state and private schools, and one is selected from the ranks of high school teachers.

Chosen along with two college professors from a list of some 200 nominations, the alumna — who studied under Professor Albert H. Timmer at Hope — received her honor at the Association's 1978 meeting in Houston. Tribute was paid to her in the form of a Latin oration and an inscribed scroll.

Mrs. DePue was cited particularly for the great increase in enrollment in Latin courses which has been achieved at Grand Ledge High School under her direction, and for her work with the Michigan Junior Classical League.

A 27-year veteran of the teaching staff at the school, the ambitious and dedicated teacher has guided the school's Latin department through steady growth, starting with 27 students the first year and growing to the current enrollment of 225.

"We try to make Latin live here," she explains. "We try to show what the Romans did and try to carry out their customs."

In addition to classroom work, the students participate in a slave auction, a Saturnalia program during the Christmas season and a full-fledged Roman banquet. The school's Junior Classical League chapter is the largest in the country.

Mrs. DePue has taken students to national JCL conventions since 1967 and twice has directed a study trip to Rome. She was president and a member of the executive board of the Michigan Classical Conference for seven years and received a scholarship to study at the American Academy in Rome from the American Classical League.

After graduating from Hope with a classics major, she taught at Saugatuck (Mich.) High School until accepting the Grand Ledge position in 1950. She married in 1952 and has two teenage sons, Dan and Mark.
MAN ABOUT TOWN

Bill Helder '54 may think he's currently "at liberty" and "keeping options open," but no doubt his calendar will again soon be filled.

Described by the Lansing, Mich. State Journal as "a man about town" who "slips into different real-life roles as easily as he slips into costumes when performing as an actor," Helder juggles job descriptions and personal interests with ease.

"When I first started having more than one job description, I worried about not being able to grow in any one direction. But now I realize I have such a free hand I can create relationships between my three positions," says the dean of Lansing's Academic Interest Center, director of Arts and Humanities for Lansing schools and a member of the school district's planning division.

The Academic Interest Center is an educational program unique to the Lansing area. Helder is the first and only dean.

"What we've done is pull together students and teachers from all the schools (five senior highs), in classes that do not have sufficient enrollment in any one senior high," explains Helder. "It enables us to offer courses which require expensive or sophisticated equipment which can be profitably shared by all the secondary schools."

On top of that, he's a member of the Board of Directors for the Boarshard Theatre, a vice-president of the Metropolitan Lansing Fine Arts Council; former co-chairman of the Day with the Arts; chairman of the State Advisory Council on the Arts in Education; and a member of the State Advisory Council for Gifted and Talented.

Not to be overlooked is his "other" career as an actor and director.

"I discovered I've done seven productions this past year (1977-78). I was stunned. That's an incredible number."

His busy year began when he directed "The Emperor's New Clothes," with a cast and crew of 50 elementary children. "(I'll never do that again)," Helder moans, in retrospect.

Next he played town judge in the Boarshard Theatre production of "Inherit the Wind," and then stepped to the front of the stage and directed "The Solid Gold Cadillac," for the Okemos Barn Theatre. During the summer he headed to Port Huron to perform in "Charley's Aunt."

Back in Lansing, he played in "She Stoops to Conquer," and "A Christmas Carol" (a family affair: Helder and his wife Lee, the former Leonore Fasce '54, playing husband and wife on stage for the first time and their son Richard also filling a role) and he directed "The Wager" by Mark Medoff for the Lansing Community College's Studio Theatre.

"Since Medoff is a new playwright and the play is considered somewhat controversial, I was really pleased to have an opportunity to stage it," he notes.

Also in 1977 he and Lee worked props backstage for The Opera Guild of Greater Lansing's production of "La Boheme." "That really brought back memories. Lee and I met while working props backstage during our days at Hope College."

Helder says his interest in theatre was ignited by his high school's senior class play. At Hope he was active both on stage and backstage.

"I got into directing fairly late in the game, but once a director, it's hard not to always want to direct."

His favorite role?

"I must say, the role that I felt best about was when I played Bottom in 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' at MSU four years ago. The play was televised and is shown in a Shakespeare course... It was an enchanted part, even if I did wear the head of a donkey."

This summer Helder is directing summer theatre with a Port Huron troupe. For the past three years, he's been an actor with the Port Huron company — an experience he describes as "a terrific luxury."

After graduating as a history major from Hope, he served with the U.S. Army in Germany and took the opportunity to travel extensively in Western Europe. He pursued history and earned a teaching certificate from Michigan State University and then taught English and social science at the junior high level. In 1971 he completed his Ph.D. in education with a Graduate Counselor Fellowship from MSU.

He was social studies coordinator for the Lansing school district and later a full-time social studies consultant for the schools, prior to his current appointment.

The Holders have three children — Richard, Paul and Christine.

COWS IN VAN VLECK?
OLDEST ALUM WILL NEVER TELL

The Rev. Matthias J. Duven '04, Hope's oldest living alumnus, is not about to let the years slip him up.

When his niece urges him to tell visitors from Hope College about the pranks of his undergraduate days, his only response is: "Some of the fellows may have brought a cow into Van Vleck. But I don't know much more about it!"

The Rev. Duven, who will celebrate his 100th birthday Jan. 2, is also the oldest living graduate of Western Theological Seminary and the oldest living minister in the Reformed Church in America.

A resident of a nursing home in Hudsonville, Mich., he lived in his own home and drove a car until a few years ago. Before entering the nursing home 1 1/2 years ago, he was active as a minister of calling, visiting "the old folks," many of whom were years younger than he.

Duven, with an obvious twinkle in his eye, attributes his long life to the fact that he "obeyed all the rules and was always a good person." His wife, the former Lena Magdelene Keppel '02, also enjoyed a long life and died on April 21, 1973 at the age of 97.


Because the Duvens had no children, they felt better able to take churches in remote areas than ministers with concerns about the educational welfare of their offspring.

In many ways, the life of a minister nearly 70 years ago was far different from that of today. Duven was also a part-time farmer, in order to provide sufficiently for their needs. (He remembers his first salary as being $600 a year.)"Every minister kept a cow or two, and people always gave the preacher the runt of a litter of pigs."

Duven also raised vegetables and maintained a modest poultry business. "We bought so little at the local store that people thought we must be buying in another town," he says.
But then as now, ministers had to learn to deal with differences of opinion within their congregations. In his Wisconsin church, Duven struggled to keep peace between those who wanted to worship in English and those who thought “you could hardly be a Christian if you didn’t worship in the Dutch tongue.”

His favorite subject at Hope was baseball, he says, but admits to also enjoying Latin and English, in which he excelled because so many of his classmates knew only “Dutch” English.

An avid sportsman, Duven remembers getting around the Hope rule which prohibited competition with other schools. He and his friends simply formed a city league, comprised of mostly college men.

Duven believes it’s important for ministers to learn proper grammar and pronunciation and to always speak clearly and loudly from the pulpit. But the most important criteria, according to the veteran preacher, is “to be a good man, first of all, to stick close to the Scriptures; and to know your Bible and to love it.”

HEADS OHIO PRESS

Mark N. Brouwer ‘35 was recently named president of the Ohio Newspaper Association. The editor and publisher of The Willard Times, Brouwer was advanced from the vice presidency by the association’s board of trustees to head the 300 newspaper association. He will serve in the new position for one year.

Brouwer previously held various ONA offices, including president of the Buckeye Press Association, a division for weekly newspapers only. He has been on the ONA board of trustees for three years.

Since taking office, Brouwer has been traveling to Columbus frequently, where the association maintains its offices. Among his experiences has been meeting with an Ohio chief justice who wants to develop some rules to permit taking photographs in courtrooms for use in publications.

ALASKAN TEACHER

“...The winter was usually not too rough, but it did hit some periods of real cold. We have no gym so we usually play some type of ball game outside for physical education class. The balls get hard as stone from the cold. Anyway, we were playing volleyball at 25 below without any wind. The kids had a sub-game they played during the volleyball called ‘Save the Cracker’ — they meant no offense. Whenever my ears, nose or cheeks would get snow-white — a sign of coming frostbite — they would yell and we would run in to warm up.”

And so David Fouts ’77 survived without mishap his first year as a high school humanities teacher in Lower Kalskag, Alaska. The school consists of grades 9-12 and its students — all Eskimos but one — range in age from 14 to 20 years. Although there are 14 enrolled, attendance is usually eight or nine students a day. There is one other teacher who handles the sciences. Fouts’ subjects are English I, II and III, Journalism, U.S. History, Native Law and Typing.

“A lot of it (the teaching) is on an individual basis,” he says. “The students have not had a good education, so they are generally behind the average. Out here in the bush, teachers rarely stay over one year. Plus supplies have been hard to get...”

“There is a language barrier. The native language is Yupik but for years the Bureau of Indian Affairs’ teachers have discouraged the people from speaking anything but English. What you now have are people who are not proficient in English or Yupik.”

Kalskag, population approximately 200, is 400 miles northwest of Anchorage. There are no connecting highways. A three-mile dirt road leads from Kalskag to a clearing used as a landing strip. The only way to get in or out of Kalskag is by plane — or river boat in the summer. The nearest doctor is 90 miles downriver. Groceries must be ordered in bulk and flown in from Anchorage. Fur trading posts serve as stores, handling cigarettes, candy, snowmachines and basic supplies which are given as payment for pelts.

The villagers live by hunting, trapping and fishing. School attendance is low because the students, of necessity, take these pursuits more seriously than they do schoolwork.

“The boys are tough,” Fouts says. “When it was running 40-50 degrees below zero at night, they would be out moose hunting, sleeping in tents... it is still hard for me to get used to my ninth grade girls with snuff in their mouths and spitting in school or taking off between classes on a dog sled to check rabbit snares, but I can see it as a norm now.”

And David and his wife Linda have become no strangers to what he calls “the subsistence lifestyle” of the village. They live in a log cabin with sporadic electricity, carry their water from the schoolhouse, bake bread, sample bear meat and carry guns in holsters whenever they leave the village.

“Neither my wife nor I were accustomed to drawing all our entertainment from hunting, fishing and snowmachining,” notes the former Hope English major and Opus contributor.

“We adjusted like the others and we suffered also. In December, it would be twilight when I got home from school. The sun would come up around 10 a.m., rise just above the trees, make a short roll, then set. November and January were also short of light. Early dark and periods of extreme cold — 40 degrees below at night — kept us in our cabin. We haven’t quite recovered yet from all those nights we spent in that little cabin. Cabin fever.”

And yet, unlike most of the preceding Kalskag teachers, David and Linda plan on staying — for another year, at least. The natural beauty of the Kalskag countryside, much like the alarms set off by school children to ward off frostbite, has enabled them to survive the isolation, the long nights, the cold, the often unrewarded struggle to bring learning to a handful of youngsters, the potential starkness of life in the wilds.

Witness David’s account of a three-hour trip downriver made on a snowmachine last March:

“Just hard to explain the beauty, the wonder of riding down some frozen white river; the hills chained together along the bank, big as dinosaurs, and nobody, but nobody around but yourself. I wonder how I can ever go back to the city.”

And so now Linda is getting together a dog team. The Foutses, knowing what to expect, are planning for the long winter ahead.
class notes

20's

MARTHA BARKEMA '25 received Baylor University's Women's Day Award in April from Mu Phi Epsilon. She was recognized as the outstanding music patron of the Waco, Texas Community.

MARTIN HOEKSEMA '25 has completed 10 years as Stated Supply Minister at the Livingstone Memorial Church in Linthago, Germantown, N.Y. He retired in 1968 from the Old Paramus Reformed Church, Ridgewood, N.J. He and his wife, the former MARTHA KOPPENAAL '25, are looking forward to celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary in September.

ANNA ELENBAAS '25 KETTING was honored as the oldest active member of the congregation by friends and members of the church where her late husband was pastor in Litchfield, Mich.

THE REV. LEROY NATTRESS '27 received the Man of the Year Award from the Paramount, Calif. Eiks. The B.P.O.E. cited him as "loved, respected and admired...a man of God, a true patriot, community leader, educator, family man and warm friend."

LAVERN SANDY '29 is a member of the Boards of Directors of the Fort Wayne, Ind., Y.M.C.A. and the Allen County Council on Aging. He is chairman of the local Telecare Service and serves as assistant pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Fort Wayne.

30's

ELMER DEN HERDER '30, a retired farmer, is state representative in Sioux Center, Iowa.

GERTRUDE VAN PEURSEM '35 BELL and her husband Philip have a new granddaughter, Erin Lisa Bell, born in February. The Bells reside in Fremont, Calif.

JAMES H. DE WEEERD, M.D. '36 was named Anson L. Clark Professor of Urology (endowed chair) at the Mayo Medical School in Rochester, Minn.

STUART D. GROSS '36 has retired from his two year post as assistant to Saginaw Valley State College's president.

SYLVIA HUXTABLE '38 TWEEDLE is presenting a paper, "The Establishment of a Community Facility for the Hearing Handicapped," at the International Congress of Psychologists in Munich.

LEONARD J. VAN HOVEN '39 retired on June 30, after a 38-year-long career as a teacher and school administrator. Leonard's latest position was superintendent of the Breitung Township Schools in Kingsford, Mich.

40's

THE REV. CHESTER '40 and RUTH GUIKEMA POSTMA celebrated a double anniversary, marking 35 years of marriage and 35 years in the ministry of the Reformed Church.

RUTH DE YOUNG '41 POTTS retired from her post in the English and speech department of Holy Cross Junior College, Notre Dame, Ind., after 25 years in the teaching profession. She plans to do free lance writing during her retirement and has published articles in Cincinnati (May) and Retirement Living (March) magazines. She also writes for Craft, the educational branch of Prentice-Hall Publishers. Her husband William teaches math in Niles High School. They have two daughters: Valerie, Ph.D. candidate in psychology, and Delora, a psychologist with Mentally Handicapped Children.

The REV. ALBERT G. SHIPHORST '41 has retired and was named Pastor Emeritus of First Presbyterian Church of Boca Raton, Fla. He served there 18 years.

RICHARD and MILDRED VANDER LINDEN '45 DE BIE'S son Linden is attending Western Theological Seminary in Holland, Mich.

HARVEY T. HOEKSTRA '45 received the degree of Doctor of Missiology from Fuller Theological Seminary School of World Missions. His doctoral dissertation was entitled, "The World Council of Churches and New Mission: How It Affects Member Churches."

DR. ROBERT SCHULLER '47, pastor of the Garden Grove (Calif.) Community Church, was the subject of a cover story in the April Saturday Evening Post.

GERTRUDE MAassen '47 VANDER HAAR has published a book, Advent, to help congregations plan intergenerational Advent experiences. Trudy works with her husband DEL '44 in facilitating intergenerational events, parent-child seminars and marriage enrichment workshops for the Reformed Church through the Western Regional Center in Orange City, Iowa.

MARVIN OVERWAY '48 retired as superintendent of the Hudsonville school system and is seeking the Republican Party nomination for state representative of the 54th district.

DR. ERNEST H. POST, JR. '48 was promoted to full professor of biology at Juniata College in Huntingdon, Pa.

DR. JOHN J. ARNOLD '49, professor of philosophy at Ohio University-Zanesville, was selected to participate in a summer seminar, "Theological Uses of History," sponsored by the National Endowment for the Humanities. He will spend two months studying at the University of Virginia.

50's

AVERY BAKER '50 was honored with life membership in Kiwanis International at a presentation in Holland, Mich.

The REV. LOUIS HARVEY '50 will begin to organize a new Reformed church in Welland, Ont.

ROBERT A. HILL '50 has been named vice president of personnel for Carrier Corp., Mannius, N.Y.

HARVEY M. LAMAN '50 has been appointed principal of a new Holland, Mich. junior high school. He is presently an assistant principal at Holland's E.E. Fell Junior High School.

JACK MAREMA '50 is the assistant director of financial aid at Berea College, Berea, Ky.

DR. JULIA SMITH '50 HOBBES is the director of curricular studies at George Fox College in Newberg, Ore.

DEAN '50 and MARY COFFEY '51 VELTMAN live on a mountaintop farm outside Hinton, W. Va., where they took residence after Dean's retirement in 1975 as a Captain in the Chaplain Corps, United States Navy. A severe automobile accident has marred the early years of retirement, but they and their daughter Cathy are slowly recovering. The Velmans now serve four rural Presbyterian churches in the rugged southeastern part of the state.

LETTERS

Recently President Van Wylen received a letter regarding alumni publications from a recent Hope graduate, George Fisher '72, who has begun a new life as a wheat farmer in North Dakota after resigning as director of a New York metropolitan youth services agency. Portions of the letter are printed with Mr. Fisher's permission.

Dear Mr. Van Wylen:

... Since joining the ranks of the alumni in 1972, I have been receiving a steady flow of questionnaires, alumni news, financial reports, etc. The continued growth of the College, so excellently reported in feature articles, has been a source of interest and pride in having been part of a "going operation." I, like I assume so many graduates, sooner or later turn to the feature notes, which are regularly included in many of the College's publications. My reaction to what seems to be the predictable success of Hope graduates as senior executive hopefuls, young doctors and lawyers, educators, and the like, has been one of sadness, as it doesn't speak of the individual's "life experiences." In the way the "Hope College experience" was spoken of when I was there...

Could there be some alteration in the soliciting of alumni news that encourages reporting of life experiences?...

George Fisher '72

Editor's Note: The Alumni Office encourages readers to use "class notes" as a means of keeping in touch with each other. All news items that we receive are printed. While Hope College is proud of the many accomplishments of its graduates, we recognize that life does not take its full meaning merely from advances in one's profession. We believe Mr. Fisher had a point, and have revised the coupon used to solicit alumni news.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

The Alumni Board at its Spring meeting authorized presentation of the following amendment to the Constitution of the Alumni Association for presentation to the membership at its 1979 annual meeting and banquet.

Article IV, Section 1(b) - Senior Class Director: The Dean of Students may, each year nominate candidates from the junior class whose term of office shall begin at the start of his/her senior year and continue for two years following graduation. Nominations are to be presented to the Alumni Board at its spring meeting for selection of one director.

The current constitution gives responsibility of appointing senior class representatives to the college administration. Proposed change would give final decision to the Alumni Board.
VERN SCHIPPER '51 recently reviewed John Dean's book, Blind Ambition, at the Herrick Public Library in Holland, Mich. Vern reviews books as a hobby and is particularly interested in the individuals involved in Watergate — what motivated them and their sense of values.

THE HONORABLE GUY VANDER JAGT '53, U.S. Congressman from Michigan's Ninth District, received the Doctor of Humane Letters honorary degree from Grove City (Pa.) College this spring.

LOIS OPTHOLT '53 WORKMAN is a member of the Board of Directors of Resthaven Patrons, Inc., in Holland, Mich.

NORMAN C. GYSBERS '54 will be a U.S. delegate to the eighth International Conference on Counseling, July 2-6, in Oslo, Norway. He is president of the 41,800 member American Personnel and Guidance Association.

THE REV. WILLIAM W. COVENTRY '55 has been elected president of the First Synod of New Jersey, Reformed Church in America.

THE REV. BERT BROUWER, Reformed Church General Secretary, was one of 28 denomination-al executives who met with President Carter at the White House in February to discuss full employment, welfare reform, South Africa, nuclear disarmament, human rights and other issues.

ETHEL SMITH VAN LARE '57 BROWN is the assistant director of Frederick (Md.) Community College, with special responsibility for technical services.

RICHARD BROCKMEIER '59 is chairman of the Ottawa Allegan Unit of the American Diabetes Association.

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GEORGE '60 and KATHERINE REYNOLDS '61 BITNER own and manage "The Four Seasons," a Grand Haven, Mich. store featuring casual clothing. Larry is a fifth grade teacher at Holmes Elementary School in Spring Lake.

KEN '60 and DALE BURNS '60 BROWN are active in First Presbyterian Church in Alva, Okla. Ken is president elect of the Cherokee Strip Scout Council and will be directing a Youth Conservation Camp this summer. Dale will direct swimming programs for Alva Youth Council.

DAVID L. CLARK '60 is a high school guidance counselor in Fort Plain, N.Y. He is a member of the Teachers' Assn. Negotiating Committee.

THE REV. CARL DE JONG '60 has assumed the pastorate of the First Reformed Church of Hos- pers, Iowa.

DR. DONALD R. GALLO '60 has been named to a national committee of the International Reading Assn. Dr. Gallo is professor of English at Central Connecticut College, New Britain Campus. He serves on the Literature for Adolescents Committee of the IRA, is a trustee of the Research Foundation of the National Council of Teachers of English and a member of the NCTE National Assessment of Education Progress Committee.

DR. JACK D. ELENBAAS '62 was promoted in September to full professor of history at California State University at Fullerton. He was elected to serve as the undergraduate advising coordinator for the history department in January and awarded a National Endowment of the Humanities grant to attend a 1978 summer seminar at the University of Wisconsin.

SHARON COOK '62 ROBBINS is teaching nursery school at Bryn Mawr (Pa.) Presbyterian Church's Elementary School.

JIM COTTS '63 is associate professor of mathematics at Southern Utah State College. During 1978-79 he will be on a sabbatical, studying statistics at Colorado State University.

DR. JUDSON EREMICK '63 has a National Endowment for the Humanities summer grant to do research on the Basilica of San Salvatore in Spoleto, Italy.

BETSY KRUIZENGA '63 EREMICK is working on her Ph.D. in comparative literature at U.C.L.A.

KEN '63 and SHARRON YOUNG '64 HOLMAN and their two daughters will be residing in Frankfurt, Germany for the next three years. Ken has been named administration manager for IBM European Operations in Germany and other countries with American military installations.

ALBERT OSMAN '64 has been appointed assistant principal for a new Holland, Mich. junior high school. Presently he is teaching mathematics at Holland High School and coaching the girls' track team.

JULIA ALEXANDER '65 is a follow-up teacher for Ottawa County's (Mich.) Zero to Five Parent-Child Development Program.

BRUCE MASSELINK, M.D., '65 recently spoke on "Stroke Patterns" at the Friendship Club in Holland, Mich.

ALFRED CLYMER '66 is account manager, Federal Accounts, General Telephone Co. of Fla. He was elected District 696 Group IV representative to Rotary International for 1978-79.

DON MC CLOW '66 is public information director for the St. Louis District Army Recruiting Command.

EVELYN ALBERTS '66 TIMMINS is assistant professor and Writing Lab coordinator at Miles Colleges in Birmingham, Ala.

RICHARD WEPFER '66 is a systems analyst with GTE Data Services in Muskegon, Mich.

DIANE HALE '67 GORDON is an escort/interpreter for International Hospitality Center of the Bay Area in San Francisco.

RANDALL M. MILLER '67 has published his second book, "Dear Master: Letters of an American Slave Family." The book is based on letters of a slave family, half of which lived in Africa and half in Alabama.

JEFF POWELL '67 is assistant pastor of St. Peter's by the Sea Presbyterian Church in Ranchos Palos Verdes, Calif.

MENNO J. "RODE" SYRTMA '67 was elected president of the Stockton (Calif.) Assn. of Life Underwriters.

THE REV. WAYNE VAN KAMPEN '67 has been named director of pastoral care and education at Bethesda Hospital and Community Health Center, Denver.

CHARLES L. WALVOORD, M.D. finished two years of active duty with the U.S. Army as an ophthalmologist at Moncrief Army Hospital, Ft. Jackson, S.C. He is in private solo practice in ophthalmology at St. Andrews Eye Clinic in Columbia, S.C.

BONNIE TIMMER '68 AARDEMA is pursuing doctoral studies in counseling psychology at Western Michigan University.

NEW ALUMNI DIRECTORY

The Alumni Association Board of Directors is pleased to announce an arrangement with the Bernard C. Harris Publishing Company of White Plains, N.Y., for the production of a new alumni directory to be released in 1979.

The directory will be a valuable reference volume to help alumni locate classmates and fellow graduates, and it will be useful on campus in planning alumni activities and programs.

The directory is being financed by the Harris Company solely through the sale of directories to alumni (only) at no cost to the College. No distribution will be made to any other individuals or firms. The Harris Company has published over 200 directories for universities and colleges throughout the country.

Work on the directory will begin in early 1979. At that time all alumni will be sent brief questionnaires, which should be completed and returned as soon as possible. Alumni will be listed alphabetically, geographically, and by class year in the directory, with each entry to include name, class, degree(s), home address and telephone, and business or professional information.

LINDA KLOOTE '66, DUNN, M.D., director of perinatology at Temple University Medical Center, is currently doing research at St. Mary's Hospital, London.

RICHARD L. ENGSTROM, PH.D. '68 was named an Outstanding Young Man of America for 1978 by the U.S. Jaycees.

WILLIAM H. YOUNG '68 was appointed assistant vice president and manager of the Breton Village office of Old Kent Bank and Trust Co., Grand Rapids, Mich.

ROBERT J. AARDEMA '69 is employed as a flight department manager for a company operating out of the Kalamazoo (Mich.) Airport. He earned his airframe and powerplant (aircraft mechanic's) license in 1977 from Western Michigan University.

DAVE DE ZWANN '69 is working in a supervisory capacity for Roadway Express in Pontiac, Mich.

THE REV. HARVEY HENEVELD '69 is beginning a new Reformed Church in Canton, Ohio.

BARBARA R. MACKEY '69 is dean of students at Urbana (Ohio) College.

BARBARA TIMMER '69 was the featured speaker at the 56th annual meeting of the Michigan Division of AAUW at Alma College in May. A graduate of the University of Michigan Law School, she is a member of the Women's Commission, International Women's Year-Western Michigan Coalition, National Organization for Women, Business and Professional Women, and serves on the board of directors of Every Woman's Place and Women in Transition.

THE REV. JOHN ZAVACKY '69, pastor of the Queens Village (N.Y.) Reformed Church, taped a series of sermonettes shown on NBC television during April.
BURTON VANDERLAAN ’73 is in residency in internal medicine at Michael Reese Hospital in Chicago. He graduated from the University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine in 1977.

MICHAEL ALEXANIAN ’72 is a Latin teacher at King’s School for Boys in Stamford, Conn.

JUSTINE EMERSON ’74 is working with the U.S. Forest Service in Alaska. This fall she will be returning to NY Medical College to finish her M.S. in the Nursing/Family Nurse Practitioner program.

DEBRA JOHNSON ’74 is relief charge nurse in the intensive care unit at Hinsdale, III. Hospital.

THOMAS KAPRAL ’74 is the manager of quality control for Mallard, Inc., Detroit.

NICK LAM ’74 is a purchasing assistant in the personnel/purchasing department of the City of Portage, Mich.

STEPHEN NORDEN ’74 won the Baker Book House Award for Distinction in the Field of Biblical and Theological studies at Western Seminary’s Awards Convocation. The peace corps volunteer, teaching biology in a private MARA school in Malaysia to students aged 12-17.

THE REV. PATRICK D. SHELLEY ’74 plans to study at the University of Edinburgh, Scotland during the 1978-79 academic year.

T. BRUCE USHER ’74 is a systems analyst with Mobile Oil (M2) Ltd. in Wellington, New Zealand.

JOYCE R. BARG ’74 is with the Peace Corps in Libya, teaching science to secondary students.

PAUL CORNELL ’75 won the Penn State Intramural Wrestling Tournament in March. He is working toward his doctorate in engineering psychology at Penn State.

STEWARD W. FLEMING ’75 has been promoted to branch manager, Standard Federal Savings and Loan Assn.

JANE GOEMAN ’75 is an applications representative for Eutectic Corp. in Detroit.

HOWARD HIRSCH ’75 has been in management with Burger King since 1976.

KRIS JACOBUSSE ’75 is enrolled in the physician’s assistant program at Western Michigan University.

SHIRLEY JOUSMA ’75 is teaching multi-handicapped students at Elm Christian Schools in Palos Heights, III.

MICHAEL KINCHLOE ’75 is attending Lutheran Theological Seminary in Gettysburg, PA. He will be interning at Penn State University this fall.

ROBERT J. LUIDENS ’75 has been awarded a fellowship by the Fund for Theological Education, Inc.’s North American Ministerial Fellowship Program for the 1978-79 academic year. The Fellowship intends to encourage deeper concern for the Church and active participation in Christian ministry.

SUSAN M. MICHEL ’75 is seeking employment as an archiological field instructor in Athens, Greece, where she recently completed her master’s degree in classics.

The Rev. MARK ’75 and SUSAN GLERUM ’75 have moved to Watertown, N.Y. where Mark will be rehabilitation counselor for the Jefferson County Association for Retarded Children.

PARENTS OF INCOMING THIRD, FOURTH AND FIFTH GENERATION HOPE FRESHMEN:

Your son or daughter was sent a questionnaire in late June regarding his or her status as a generation student.

Please make sure that your son or daughter has correctly filled out and returned the form. If you haven’t received the form, contact the Office of College Relations and one will be sent to you.

This is the only method we use to determine who are our generation students. Proper completion of the form and its return before August 15 will insure that your son or daughter is featured as a generation student in the fall issue of News from Hope College.

DEBRA DOWLYN ’75 VIVIAN has finished her internship at Hackley Hospital, Muskegon, Mich., and is a medical technologist at Mercy Hospital in Cadillac.

SUE VINCENT ’76 CURETON graduated from Southampen (England) School of Technology.

KAREN J. EVANS ’76 has accepted a position as a case manager with Inland Counties Developmental Disabilities Services in San Bernardino, Calif.

RUBEN FERROL ’76 has been accepted into the U.S. Naval Flight Officer program. He began OCS school in Pensacola, Fla. in June.

SCOTT ’76 and LYnda RICE ’76 FIELD are living in S. Hamilton, Mass. where Scott is a second-year student at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. He is associate pastor at PeaBody (Mass.) Church of the Nazarene. Lynda is teaching at North Shore Day Care Center in Peabody.

MARK E.P. MC CULLOUGH ’76 is completing his fourth season with the Ridgewod, N.J. Gilbert and Sullivan Opera. This summer he will be playing the part of "Spike" in the operetta, "Ophelia's Bride," in the Catskills. He is operating a ventilation maintenance concern and describes himself as "the sparkplug of three ace softball teams."

JAMES VANNICE ’76 will begin doctoral study in pharmacology at Stanford University this fall.

CRAG VAN TUYEN ’76 is a member of the class of '81 of the College of Human Medicine at M.S.U., working toward his M.D. degree.

JANE K. CHAPMAN ’77 is teaching severely emotionally disturbed children at Forum School in Waltham, N.J.

JOHN D. DYKEMA ’77 teaches 5th grade at Bangor (Mich.) Public Schools.

DONALD G. ELSFINK ’77 has graduated from recruit training at Coast Guard Training Center, Alameda, Calif.

DOUGLAS IROON ’77 spent a month in Florida caddying on the Professional Golfers' Tour. He is now a management trainee at Boardmans Ltd., Guiderland, N.Y.

JIM ’77 and WENDY SMITH ’76 LAMPERT are living in Columbus, Ohio, where Jim is landscaping for Buckeye Landscaping, Inc., with plans to become a foreman.
JAN and BARBARA MOOLENAAR '77 MAC DOUGALL will be directing a Presbyterian church camp on Cape Breton Island this summer. In the fall Barbara will be teaching 7th and 8th grade at Faith Christian School in Roslyn, Pa.

MICHAEL K. MICHAELS '77 is working in the quality control and analytical dept. of Mallard, Inc., Detroit.

JODY L. MUTSCHLER '77 is a youth worker at the Genessee Settlement House in Rochester, N.Y.

ELIZABETH SCHLEGEL '77 ROBYN has been teaching at Sussex (N.J.) Christian School. She and her husband will soon be moving to Helena, Mont., where her husband will be the principal of a new Christian school and she will be a teacher.

DAVID H. SMITH '77 was accepted into the Navy's Nuclear Power Program. He will attend OCS in August, stationed at New Port, Rhode Island. Upon completion, he will be commissioned an officer aboard a nuclear ballistic missile submarine.

SUSAN J. VAN DELLEN '77 is a medical technologist in a Kentwood (Mich.) osteopathic hospital.

KEITH ZILINSKI '77 is employed by the graphics department of Napco Industries in Hopkins, Minn.

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SUSAN AHLGRIM '78 is a staff auditor for Morton F. Swift & Co., Chicago.

SUSAN ALSDORF '78 is doing research in the field of schizophrenia with Dr. Herbert Wage-maker in Louisville, Ky.

KENNETH APPELL '78 has a research assistantship in chemistry at Purdue University.

PHYLIS ATHEY '78 plans to attend Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary.

MARK BAEVERSTAD '78 plans to attend Indiana University School of Law.

GARTH R. BALDAUF '78 is a chemist at LSI/ASD in Zeeland, Mich.

JAMES BEDOR '78 plans to attend the University of Michigan Dental School.

WILLIAM BERGSTROM '78 has a teaching assistantship in chemistry at the University of Illinois.

STEPHEN BISHOP '78 plans to attend Wayne State Medical School.

DAVID BLASCH '78 plans to attend Syracuse University.

NANCY BOERS '78 opened a women's apparel store.

JEFFERY BOES '78 has a teaching assistantship in computer science at the University of Pittsburgh.

KATHLEEN BOSCH '78 plans to attend Upstate Medical School, Syracuse, N.Y.

DALE BOSS '78 has a teaching assistantship at Purdue University.

BRIAN BRADLEY '78 has a graduate assistantship in bionucleonics at Purdue University.

DVAIS BRAS '78 is working in the Hope College business office.

JAN BROCK '78 plans to attend graduate school in California.

JAMES BRUGGINK '78 plans to attend Northwestern University.

WILLIAM BRYKER '78 has a teaching assistantship in chemistry at the University of Nebraska.

SANDRA BURKE '78 has a teaching assistantship in management information systems at the University of Arizona at Tucson.

DOUGLAS BURNS '78 plans to attend the University of Virginia.

NANCY ANN CAMPBELL '78 plans to attend Mayo Clinic, School of Physical Therapy.

ROBERT CEBELAK '78 has a graduate fellowship at the University of Wisconsin at Madison.

KEN COOK '78 plans to attend Western Theological Seminary.

JOHN CRISCUOLO '78 is working at H.E. Styler Mfg. Co., Point Pleasant, N.J. He plans to attend Monmouth College.

JANET CROSS '78 is working for Drier Industries as an east coast sales representative.

DENNIS L. CUPERY '78 plans to attend Western Theological Seminary.

PHILLIP DAVID '78 plans to attend Grand Valley State Colleges.

DAVID DE BELL '78 plans to attend St. Georges University School of Medicine.

JOEL DE VETTE '78 is a Vista/Peace Corps volunteer.

CAROL DONOHUE '78 plans to attend Western Washington University, Bellingham, Wash.

MICHAEL DRAHOS '78 plans to attend Colgate University.

JUDY DUNLAP '78 plans to attend Hackley Hospital Medical Technology School, Muskegon, Mich.

JEFFERY DYKHOUSE '78 is working at Isle Royale National Park in Lake Superior this summer. He plans to attend Central Michigan University in the fall.

JAMES DYKSTRA '78 plans to attend Western Theological Seminary.

BECKY ELDRENKAMP '78 is a junior accountant at a Chicago CPA firm.

LARRY B. EVANS '78 has been accepted by the University of Michigan School of Dentistry.

CHARITA FORD '78 is working at the Cary (Miss.) Christian Family Services.

DAVID FOWLER '78 is working for Info-tronics, a Holland, Mich. computer services firm.

CARLA GAINFORTH '78 is teaching English in the Reformed Church Taiwan summer program.

BEVERLY GIBSON '78 BAKER plans to teach in an English-speaking school in Bahrain.

MARY GRANT '78 has a Baker scholarship at Northwestern University.

JOHN GRAY '78 is traveling in Australia.

BRIAN GUTH '78 has a scholarship at the University of California at San Diego.

JIM HAMMOND '78 plans to attend Northwestern University.

PAUL HANSEN '78 plans to attend Western Theological Seminary.

TODD HARBURN '78 plans to attend medical school.

K. GARY HASEK '78 plans to attend the Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminaries.

PAUL HAYES '78 plans to attend Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary.

CANDACE HOEKSEMA '78 will be teaching in Illinois.

PAULA HOUGHTON '78 BOES has an industrial chemistry job in Pigsburg, Pa.

REINHART HUG '78 plans to teach English in Austria.

ROBERT L. HUNT '78 is a sales associate for Westdale Co., Holland, Mich.

KEVIN KELLEY '78 has an assistantship at Ohio University.

JEFF KIBBEN '78 will go to Quantico, Va. in August to obtain a commission in the U.S. Marine Corps.

BRADFORD KIRK '78 plans to attend Northwestern University.

AMY JO KLAPP '78 is working for Marsilje Travel Agency, Holland, Mich.

MARK JEANNE KLAUTHOR '78 is working for Old Kent Bank, Grand Rapids, Mich.
IN ABSSENTIA
A bachelor of arts degree was awarded in absentia to Senior Steve Kubacki who has been missing and feared drowned in Lake Michigan since the middle of February.

Kubacki disappeared south of Holland where he had gone cross country skiing the weekend before winter break. A land and air search was conducted without success after his cross country skis and backpack were found along the Lake Michigan shoreline and footprints were believed leading out into ice packs.

Kubacki, 23, who lived off-campus, told friends he was going cross country skiing on Saturday, Feb. 18. His skis and backpack were found by snowmobilers early in the afternoon of Feb. 20 near Saugatuck, Mich.

College officials, using a charted plane, and a state police helicopter, launched an immediate search of the area. Police and Coast Guard officials continued the land and air search through the following week and have periodically searched the area since the disappearance.

Kubacki is the son of John J. Kubacki of South Deerfield, Mass. and Irene F. Pegg of Hadley, Mass.

KEVIN KORT ’78 plans to attend graduate school in Chicago.

JOHN KOSTISHAK ’78 plans to attend Wayne State Medical School.

DAVID KRAFT ’78 plans to attend Western Theological Seminary.

KATHRYN KUHVLA ’78 has a research assistantship in oceanography at the University of Washington.

THOMAS LENNOX ’78 is a computer applications engineer at Honeywell Avionics in Minneapolis.

JOHN LINDOWER ’78 is with the Cambridge Barr Summer Theatre, Cambridge, Ohio.

MARGARET LUBBERS ’78 plans to teach English in Taiwan as an intern for the Reformed Church.

THOMAS MAAS ’78 is working in management at Grand Rapids (Mich.) Asphalt and Paving Co.

MARK MANNING ’78 has a teaching assistantship in chemistry at Northwestern University.

KATHERINE MARTIN ’78 has a scholarship to the University of Detroit Law School.

WENDY MARTIN ’78 plans to attend the State University of New York at New Paltz.

KATHRYN ANN MASON ’78 plans to attend Bowling Green State University.

ROBERT MC BRIDE ’78 is working at American Bank & Trust Co., Lansing, Mich.

CHRIS ANN MC GUIGAN ’78 plans to attend Indiana University Law School.

SHARON L. MILL ’78 plans to attend Roosevelt University Lawyers Assistant School.

SCOTT MOREY ’78 is working for Westminster Engineering Co., Chicago.

CLASS OF ’78 GRADUATION HONORS

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Robert N. Gebelak Grand Rapids, Michigan
Paula S. Dykstra Grand Rapids, Michigan

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James A. Bedor Rochester, Michigan
Stephen W. Bishop Almont, Michigan
Jeffrey Lee Bues Zeeland, Michigan
Dale W. Buss Palos Heights, Illinois
Brian S. Bradley Dearborn, Michigan
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Jeffrey A. Siderius Homewood, Illinois
Jeffrey Smith Holland, Michigan
Kathleen A. Tatz Naperville, Illinois
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Gregory J. Van Heest Delmar, Michigan
Paul G. Van Oostenburg Holland, Michigan
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Thomas Bultman Fremont, Michigan
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Jo-Dea Ann Del Rey South Haven, Michigan
Donald J. DeYoung Kalamazoo, Michigan
Robert D. DeYoung, Jr. Grand Rapids, Michigan
David R. Dingman Thousand Oaks, California
Michael R. Drahos Scotts, Michigan
Kenton J. Drovers Franklin Lakes, New Jersey
Max B. Duncan Spring Lake, Michigan
Judy K. Dunlap Comstock, Michigan
Elizabeth L. Eberhard Holland, Michigan
Stephen George Ellison Groves Pointe, Michigan
Kathryn K. Forman Lansing, Michigan
William A. French South Haven, Michigan

PHI BETA KAPPA
Phyllis Jean Athey Holland, Michigan
Mary Jo Bertch Holland, Michigan
Stephen Willard Bishop Almont, Michigan
Dale William Bos Palos Heights, Illinois
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David Gerald Vander Veld Grand Rapids, Michigan
Gregory James Van Heest Delmar, Michigan
Monica A. Walch Farmington Hills, Michigan
Bryan Lee Weber Wyckoff, New Jersey
Mary Ellen Wernette Midland, Michigan
Jonathan Paul Whitney Harrisburg, Pennsylvania
David Bruce Wissink New Brunswick, New Jersey

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DEBORAH MULCAHEY '78 is working for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

JODY MUTSCHLER '78 HOLLADAY is a youth worker for the Genesee Settlement House in Rochester, N.Y.

MONICA NAINES '78 HOULDITCH plans to attend the University of Alabama Dental School.

ANTHONY JAMES NIEUWKOOP '78 has a National Institute of Health research grant in cellular and molecular biology at the University of Michigan.

MARK OPPENHUIZEN '78 will be a teaching associate at the University of Minnesota.

GARY OSTER '78 will attend Western Michigan University graduate school.

STEPHEN PAFFRATH '78 plans to attend the University of Chicago.

GLEN PETERMAN '78 is on an archaeological excavation this summer.

RICH PETERSON '78 is a buyer for Dykstra Food Service. He plans to attend Aquinas University.

CAROL PETIE '78 plans to attend Syracuse University.

ANNE POWELL '78 is an administrative assistant at Herman Miller, Inc., Zeeland, Mich.

PAUL PRATT '78 plans to attend Western Theological Seminary.

LARRY REDDER '78 is a computer programmer at Herman Miller, Inc., Zeeland, Mich.

LINDA REDFORD '78 is teaching private piano lessons.

TODD RICHARDSON '78 plans to attend the University of Illinois.

SANDRA RITCHIE '78 will be at John Davidson's Summer School for Singers in California in August.

JEFFREY SCHAFFER '78 plans to attend Wayne State University School of Medicine.

DARYL SCHOLTENS '78 plans to attend Loyola University.

JON SCHROTEBOER '78 plans to attend the University of Detroit.

CRUZ SMITH '78 plans to attend the University of Detroit School of Dentistry.

JEFF SMITH '78 plans to attend the University of Michigan.

ROBIN SCOTT SNOW '78 has an assistantship at Penn State University.

GREGORY STEFFENS '78 plans to attend Syracuse University.

PAUL STEARS '78 is a camp counselor at Camp Geneva, Holland, Mich., this summer.

KATHLEEN STRATTON '78 plans to attend the University of Michigan Dental School.

BRENT UPCHURCH '78 plans to attend the University of Michigan School of Medicine.

MARK VAN ARENDONK '78 has a teaching assistantship at Colorado State University at Fort Collins.

DOUGLAS VAN DEN BURG '78 plans to attend the University of Michigan.

MARIBETH VANDER PLOEG '78 is working at First National Bank, Holland, Mich.

DAVID VANDER VELDE '78 has a fellowship at the University of Illinois.

MARIANNE WALCK '78 has a National Science Foundation three year fellowship at the California Institute of Technology.

SUZANNE WATTERSON '78 plans to attend Central Michigan University.

BRYAN WEBER '78 has a George F. Baker scholarship at Amos Tuck School of Business, Dartmouth College.

RANDY WEENER '78 is director of youth ministries at First Reformed Church, Grandville, Mich.

MARY ELLEN WERNETTE '78 has a fellowship in biochemistry at the University of Wisconsin at Madison.

DONALD WHITE '78 plans to attend Westminster Theological Seminary.

JONATHON WHITNEY '78 plans to attend Eastern Virginia Medical School.

KAREN WOLDMAN '78 plans to teach 2nd grade at Timothy Christian School, Western Springs, Ill.

GARY YAGER '78 plans to attend the University of Michigan's Engineering School.

50 years ago . . .

APRIL 27, 1928 — The annual observance of Arbor Day took place with its usual fanfare. Graduating seniors, garbed in cap and gown, marched in a procession. Margaret Hondekl and Henrietta Kats provided trumpet music, while Paul Nettinga was soloist. Professor Irwin Lubbers gave the address, appropriately titled "Trees."

JANUARY 12, 1928 — A crowd of 150 women students gathered in Winant's Chapel to hear a speech on "Requisites for Popularity." On the "do" list was: be neat and attractive in personal appearance, interested rather than passive, have a sense of humor and be willing to help others. On the "don't" list: gossip, tell one's troubles to others — or study too much!

JUNE, 1928 — The Tercentenary of the Reformed Church was celebrated at Hope College with "The Pageant of the World," a 300-member cast presentation of Church history.

JUNE, 1928 — The Uflils Club presented Shakespeare's "Julius Caesar" in Dutch, with Peter De Ruiter playing the lead role.

SPRING, 1928 — Senior Frank Moser was selected by a Professor's Council of the University of Michigan to receive an assistantship in chemistry.

10 years ago . . .

JANUARY, 1968 — Slater's dominion ended and Saga Food Service was hired by Hope College. An administration-released statement attributed the action to: "student-raised questions about the quality and service of Slater."

APRIL 11, 1968 — Author Saul Bellow lectured in Dimnent Chapel.

MAY DAY, 1968 — Junior Mary Rynbrandt was named May Day Queen.

MAY, 1968 — Veurink's City Kitchen Restaurant moved to the southwest corner of 8th and College, in order to attract "a more varied clientele," said the owner.

news about Hopeites

Please use the space below for news that you'd like to communicate to your fellow Hopeites. Tell us about appointments and promotions, experiences that have been meaningful to you, honors that have come your way, travels, hobbies, or ideas that you think are worth sharing with others. This form should also be used to inform us of marriages, births, and advanced degrees. If you have recently been featured in a local newspaper or other publication, please attach clippings.

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news notes

Send to: Alumni Office, Hope College, Holland, Michigan 49423
births

Larry and Laura Tenkley '62 Cameron, Anara Rochelle, Dec. 30, 1976, Littleton, Colo.
David '71 and Kathleen Lunderman '76 Grosso, Douglas Scott, Nov. 9, 1976, Loren Elizabeth, March 8, 1978, West Hartford, Conn.
Harry and Phyllis Anderson '66 Jones, Sarah Elizabeth, March 6, 1978, Matteson, Ill.
Andrew and Janice Vander Meulen '70 Hoover, Ann Marie, Nov. 29, 1977, Tyler, Texas.
LeRoy and Marilyn Jones '70 Layton, Rachael Lynn, March 7, 1978, Mahwah, N.J.
Nelson '68 and Sandra Murphy, Austin Stuart, June 13, 1977, Ronchon, N.M.
David '70 and Margaret Rigg, Rebekah Catherine, April 12, 1978, Oakland, Calif.
William A. '70 and Susan J. Holmes '69 Tell, Jeffrey Scott, Sept. 14, 1977, Champaign, Ill.
Mr. & Mrs. Mark VanderLaan '70 Matthew Kelly, March 4, 1978, Cincinnati, Ohio.
James '76 and Sandra VanWyk '76 Vannice, Matthew James, April 27, 1978, Westmont, Ill.
Mark Barton and Gail DeBoer '76, June 10, 1978.
Duane Bras '78 and Beth Ann Lenger, May 18, 1978.
Stan Christofferson and Diane Lane '78, May 20, 1978.
Raymond Foster and Laura Eichhorn '73, April 15, 1978, Battle Creek, Mich.
David Fowler '78 and Margo Stevenson, June 7, 1978.
Paul France '77 and Barbara Vander Heuvel, July 8, 1978.
Ken Freestone and Lorna Williams '76, Jan. 22, 1978, West Naycz, N.Y.
Lester E. Hill '76 and Cheryl Booher '77, May 20, 1978, Fort Myers, Fla.
Ronnie Houditch and Monica Naines '78, June 25, 1978.
Dennis Immbrock and Diana Lutterbein '78, July 8, 1978.
Thomas Julien and Deborah Simon '74, June 10, 1978.
Robert McBride '78 and Elizabeth Elliott '77, July 1, 1978.
James Schmidt '76 and Joyce McDermid '78, June 24, 1978.

Gregory Steffens '78 and Tanisen Falkman, July 1, 1978.
Maurie Terpstra '77 and Patricia Nykamp, May 1, 1978, Holland, Mich.
Larry VerMerris and Margaret Day '76, June 24, 1978.

deaths


Dr. Benes, 72, was awarded an honorary degree of divinity degree from Hope College in 1974.

He was editor of The Church Herald from 1945 until his retirement in 1975.

Survivors include his wife, Alberta Kingma '31 Benes; two daughters, Dorothy Benes '57 Weiss and Ruth Roundhouse; two sons, the Rev. Louis Benes, Jr. '55 and the Rev. Paul Benes '59; two sisters, Gertrude Benes '30 Hofstra and Sophia Tysen; one brother, the Rev. James Benes; also 18 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.


She was born in Holland, Mich. and held a master's degree from Michigan State University. Her 36-year teaching career included 28 years with the Lansing school system.

Surviving are a daughter, Barbara C. Crouse; a sister, Mrs. Bruce (Shirley) Goodrich and a brother, Ned. C. Shaw.

THE REV. PETER DE RUITER '28 died recently in Mississippi following a long illness.

He had retired from the ministry in 1966 but was active during his retirement years. In addition to his B.A. degree from Hope College, he held a B.A. degree from Wheaton College and a Th.B. degree from Westminster Seminary.

Rev. De Ruiter is survived by his wife Betty and seven children — Peter, James, Elizabeth, Alton, Barbara, Douglas, and Debbie.

THE REV. JOHN G. GEBHARD '16 died recently in Fort Myers, Fla.

The Rev. Gebhard was pastor of the Reformed Church of Harrington Park, N.J. for 20 years. Of his 50 years in the active ministry of the RCA, 31½ were in the American Arcoit Mission, Madras Presidency, India.

Surviving are his wife, and two sons, David and John.

ELIZABETH VAN BURK '17 LOKKER died on April 21, 1978 in Holland, Mich. after a short illness.

Mrs. Lokker was born in Albany, N.Y. She had served with the Bureau of Social Services in Holland, retiring in 1963. Earlier, she was been active in the launching of Holland's Tulp Time. She was a past president of the Woman's Literary Club and was a member of Hope Reformed Church.

marriages

Bruce Averill and Jeanie Postmus '75, June, 1978.
Her husband Clarence A. '14 died in 1970. A daughter Mary Elizabeth died in 1932, and a son Lt. Col. Clarence J. '40 was killed in action in 1944. Surviving are a son Frank D. '43 of Holland, four grandchildren, and five great grandchildren.

MARY DEAN TELLMAN, long time housemother at Hope College, died on July 2, 1978 in Holland, Mich. after a short illness. She was 71.

A native of Ohio, Mrs. Tellman was a graduate of Oberlin College and taught school in Holland in early 1930's. Her husband, Charles T. Tellman '31, died in 1944 while serving in the Pacific Theatre in World War II.

Mrs. Tellman became the head resident at Voorhees Hall in 1950; later she became resident director of Phelps Hall until her retirement in 1972. For many years before and after her retirement she accompanied the Chapel Choir on concert tours.

She was a member of Hope Reformed Church in Holland. Mrs. Tellman was a certified grapho-analyst, teaching the subject in the Holland community education program.

Among her survivors are two daughters, Sally Tellman '62 Wallace and Joan Tellman '70 Roberts.

The Alumni Office provides "Career Corner," a want ad service for alumni seeking employment. Alumni who are available for permanent jobs are invited to submit up to 50-word ads describing their qualifications. These ads will be printed anonymously and without charge in "News from Hope College" and "The Hope College Magazine."

Prospective employers may respond to the Alumni Office, referring to the ads by number. We will then match the employer with your name and address and also furnish you with the employer's name and address. From there, you're on your own!

The receipt of ads will be acknowledged. Ads will be printed as soon as possible after we receive them. "News from Hope College" and "The Hope College Magazine" are published a total of seven times per year.

Ads will be printed twice until we receive a stop-order. They may be resubmitted.

If you have a job opportunity for any of the following employment seekers please contact the Alumni Office today.

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Mail to: Alumni Office, Hope College, Holland, MI 49423
A schedule of events will be published in September.

Glen Van Wieren, head of the physical education faculty, and the interested runners are encouraged to contact the department for information.

On Saturday, Oct. 2, the Physical Education Department will sponsor a min-marathon for jogging.

On the weekend of Oct. 19 it will be held throughout the weekend.

A number of open houses and special activities in the activities in the area will occur during the weekend.

On October 20, the Dow Center will be held throughout the weekend.

The dedication of the Dow Center will occur on Friday.

The dedication ceremonies for the new Dow Health and Education Center will be held Homecoming weekend.

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nationally recognized spokesmen from the physical education profession. This series will feature several speakers on the state of the profession. These speakers will begin Thursday, Oct. 19 with a visit from the campus and friends are encouraged to participate in the dedication ceremonies for the new Dow Health and Education Center.