Memory Festival

The band struck up a tune during Hope’s Alumni Festival and gave Betty Dowd ’52 Smouse and Ken Smouse ’51 a chance to do something that wasn’t allowed during their student days: dance.

Although campus regulations have changed in 40 years — and much of the campus too, for that matter — Hope is still Hope, as more than 900 alumni discovered during Alumni Weekend. For three days, they had a chance to celebrate where they’d come from with others who understood what that meant because they’d been there, too.

And were again.

More coverage of the weekend is on pages 9-11 and 14-15.
Jane Dickie named HOPE winner

The Class of '96 chose Dr. Jane Dickie to receive this year’s “Hope Outstanding Professor Educator” (H.O.P.E.) award.

Dr. Dickie, a professor of psychology and director of women's studies, was honored during the college's annual Honors Convocation, held in Dimment Memorial Chapel on Thursday, April 25. The award, first given in 1965, is presented by the graduating class to the professor who they feel epitomizes the best qualities of the Hope College educator.

She is the third member of the college's psychology faculty to receive the award. Dr. Jann Breslin, who was also recognized by her peers for the effectiveness of her teaching, for she has often been invited to lead workshops for college faculty on teaching, both at Hope College and for the Great Lakes Colleges Association. Now she has also received the recognition she desired from her students, said Dr. J. E. Nynyns, provost and professor of classics at Hope.

For 24 years, she has challenged and inspired students with her enthusiasm for her subject and her passion for justice. She said, "At the same time, she has nurtured and encouraged students by her total dedication to them as individuals, helping them to realize the potential that she sees in each of them."

Combining feminisms and faith, she has developed a distinctive program in women's studies at Hope College," Dr. Nynyns said. "I rejoice with Professee Dickie at her selection by the senior class for the coveted H.O.P.E. Award."

Dr. Dickie joined the Hope faculty as an assistant professor in 1972, and was promoted to associate professor in 1979 and full professor in 1988. She was named director of women's studies at Hope in 1991, the same year that the college created a minor in the field. For many years previously, however, she had advised students creating personalized composite majors in women's studies.

She served on the Great Lakes Colleges Association's Women's Studies Committee from 1981 to 1988, and again from 1991 through this year. On April 13, the GLCA presented her with a citation recognizing her work in the field of women's studies, including both her service to the GLCA committee and her role in creating the women's studies program at Hope.

Hope's first women's studies major graduated in 1983. The college currently has four students seeking women's studies composite majors, and 13 earning women's studies minors. Some of the program's recent alumni are doing graduate work in law, library science and at seminary; another works with abused women in Kansas City shelter; and another is a psychology professor.

Dr. Dickie developed several courses at Hope, including "Psychology of Women," "Female, Male, Human," "Introduction to Women's Studies," and "Encounter with Cultures." Among the other courses she teaches are "Introductory Psychology," "Child Development," and "Educational Psychology."

In addition to women's studies, her research interests include children's self-concepts, particularly associated gender issues.

She will be on leave during the 1996-97 school year, working with teachers and community leaders on anti-sexism and anti-racism approaches to education at the Center for Adult Continuing Education at the University of Western Cape in Capetown, South Africa. Dr. Dickie has also spent the 1988-89 school year in South Africa, at the University of Capetown.

She was abroad more recently in September, in China as a participant in the United Nations Non-Governmental Organizations Conference on Women. She was a panelist on a program concerning Global Perspectives on Women's Studies.

Jane Dickie and Hollis Pangle '96, president of Mortar Board.

Dr. Dickie has had articles in periodicals and books ranging from The Church Herald to Perspectives to Child Development and Men's Transitions to Parliament. She has also made presentations at several conferences.

She holds her bachelor's degree from Alma College, and her master's and doctorate from Michigan State University.
Campus Notes

HOPE IMPROVEMENT II: For a second time, a Hope College shirt has appeared on the popular ABC sitcom Home Improvement.

Series star Tim Allen wore a gray Hope College soccer shirt on the episode that aired on Tuesday, May 7, at 8 p.m. Allen had worn a blue Hope College sweatshirt nearly 14 months earlier, on the episode aired on Tuesday, March 14, 1995.

Home Improvement is set in the Detroit area, and Allen has worn shirts from a variety of colleges and universities in Michigan since the show premiered in 1991. Hoping to have Hope included among them, a number of people with ties to the college have sent or delivered sweatshirts to the program. Dr. Heidi Dershimer, the computer science faculty and wife Kate had sent the soccer shirt.

RESEARCH RECORD: Five science departments hold multi-year grants for summer student research from the National Science Foundation's "Research Experiences for Undergraduate" (NSF/REU) program.

The departments of biology, chemistry, computer science and mathematics are continuing grants, and the department of physics is in the first year of a new one. It is the fifth consecutive year that at least four Hope departments have held one of the grants, and the first time that Hope has held all five.

"The fact that the physics department has now won an NSF/REU award (to go along with our awards in biology, chemistry, computer science and mathematics) serves to underscore the fact that the foundation recognizes the research programs of our faculty and ratifies our belief that we have one of the premier undergraduate-faculty research programs in the nation," said Dr. James Gentile, who is dean for the natural sciences, and the Kenneth G. Herrick Professor of Biology.

Through the grants, undergraduate students from both Hope and elsewhere are conducting research on a full-time basis with Hope faculty members for eight to 11 weeks this summer, and are receiving stipends as well as support for housing, travel and other expenses. They are with faculty members whose summer research at Hope is being supported in other ways.

MORE GUIDES: Hope continues to earn praise in college guides.

Hope is among 190 colleges and universities in the nation included in the new Top Colleges for Science, released recently by Peterson's Guides Inc. of Princeton, NJ. The college has also been included in Colleges That Change Lives: 40 Schools You Should Know About Even If You're Not a Straight-A Student, by Loren Pope.

Top Colleges for Science is subtitled "A Guide to Leading Four-Year Programs in the Biological, Chemical, Geological, Mathematical, and Physical Sciences." The institutions it includes, which are listed alphabetically, were chosen after Peterson's compared 1,442 colleges and universities in the United States through a survey conducted in the fall of 1995.

Colleges That Change Lives works with the premise that "even 'average' high schools can go to exceptional colleges that will turn them into Achievers." Of the college's profiles, the book notes, "They cut the elite and research universities in producing winners. And they work their magic on the B and C students as well as the A students."

They do a better job because faculty and students work closely together, learning is collaborative rather than competitive, students are involved in their own education, there is much discussion of values and there is a sense of family.

Steelwork is well along on the Haworth Conference and Learning Center (background), providing the building's shape in outline form in this view to the west. At foreground, blackwork is underway for the Cook Residence Hall. Work continues at a fever pitch on both buildings. The Haworth Center is scheduled to open this fall; the residence hall this spring.

PROFS study RCA

We sometimes think of churches as if they were living organisms. We suggest that they have "natural" life cycles, just like animals or plants.

We talk as if they are "born," experience a period of maturation, progress through a time of "active ministry," and then wane in importance.

In a similar fashion, we often think about ministers as experiencing a typical career pattern: they begin in small congregations, are promoted to larger ones, and finish their ministries in "established" parishes. But do these patterns really take place? Or first blush, they may seem to make sense, yet congregations differ widely in their histories. Some grow quickly, reach a peak, and then struggle to maintain their numbers. Others achieve small or moderate membership size, and then hang on with considerable tenacity against all "authorities" who would close them down or challenge them to grow. Some churches boast centuries of continued ministry while others flower for a short generation, and, as quickly as they have been established, they vanish from the scene.

Ministers, too, follow a variety of pastoring patterns. Many jump around, serving six or seven congregations and staying barely long enough to become acquainted with their parishioners. Others settle in for the long haul, serving their entire ministries in one or two places. Still others follow non-parochial callings in social services, education, chaplaincies and elsewhere.

What can be said about congregational and ministerial histories? Are there any discernible, underlying patterns? Can we ascertain which congregations are most likely to have long life and which are likely to go through peaks and valleys of growth and decline? What about ministers? Can we anticipate which ones are likely to make career mobility their principal objective and which ones will find a lifelong church home?

These and related questions serve as the focus of a major study to be undertaken by two Hope sociologists, Dr. Donald Luidens '69 and Dr. Roger Nemeth. Longtime students of the Reformed Church in America (RCA) and other mainline denominations, they will look at 150 years of congregational change and ministerial mobility to address these concerns. Drawing on annual records of more than 1,500 RCA congregations and 3,000 ministers, the researchers expect to be able to respond to these issues with greater insight than ever before.

"We're particularly excited about the prospect of doing historical analysis," Dr. Luidens said. "Much of recent sociology of religion has focused on a short time-span — primarily the post-World War II years. This interval seems to have been a very unusual time in the life of most Protestant churches. Therefore, we need to look at a much longer time period to see what the overall patterns have been."

Their study will be funded by a $371,000 grant from Lilly Endowment Inc. of Indianapolis, Ind. "We are especially pleased that the grant will allow students to play a significant role in some very important research," Dr. Nemeth said. "Hope has a long tradition of joint faculty-student research projects and we are thrilled at the prospect of doing intensive research with a dozen of our students over the next two years."

Dr. Luidens and Nemeth will draw much of their data from the annual reports which are generated by each RCA congregation. These well-documented data go back to the mid-19th century. They show not only the changing size of congregations, but also information about financial contributions to the churches and the paths that members have taken to join or leave them. Additional information will be compiled through intensive case studies of selected RCA congregations from throughout the country.

Among the issues which will be studied are these: If a congregation is "selfish," that is if it spends a sizeable amount of money on itself and its own facilities and programs, will that lead to membership growth? Or does self-sacrifice "pay" on the church growth front? Does a pattern of "membershiy exchange" take place when new congregations are introduced into a community, so that older congregations lose members while new congregations grow? What is the relationship between age of the congregation's membership and its future? Can predictions be made about the likelihood of a congregation closing if we know how many children are in its Sunday school classes 10 or 15 years before it closes?

Since 1972, Drs. Luidens and Nemeth have been involved in numerous studies of the RCA, including three nationwide surveys of RCA laity, clergy, and seminarians. These studies have allowed the sociologists to draw a careful portrait of the denomination in the last quarter of the 20th century.

NFHC June 1996
Knickerbocker Theatre

Downtown Holland at 86 East Eighth Street

The Knickerbocker Theatre, open Monday through Saturday, features a variety of art, foreign and classic films, and a number of live events.

Admission to the theatre's films costs $4.50 for adults and $3.50 for senior citizens and Hope College students. For more information about any Admissions events, please call (616) 395-4950.

25th Season Opens Wednesday, June 12.

Rags

The moving musical saga by Joseph Stein, Charles Strouse and Stephen Schwartz that takes up where Fiddler on the Roof left off. (July 5 - August 4)

Babes in Arms

A musical romp by Richard Rodgers and Lorenz Hart that captures the fun and spirit of summer stock theatre. (June 21 - August 3)

The Glass Menagerie

Tennessee Williams' classic drama of tenderness, charm and beauty. (July 19 - August 21)

As You Like It

William Shakespeare's celebration of the triumph of love and laughter over greed and bitterness. (August 1-22)

Chaps!

Limited encore performances of last summer's hit cowboy musical by Janice Beecham and Malcolm Hillgartner. (June 12 - July 5)

Forever Plaid

Features the "Do, Re, Mi, "Chair Gang," "Doe-O," "Moments to Remember" and "Sixteen Tons" are only a few of the songs featured. (July 10 - August 16)

Specific show times and dates may be obtained by calling the ticket office, located in the theatre lobby of the DeVos Center, at (616) 395-7980. The office is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, and noon to 5 p.m. Saturday.

25 years and counting

Hope Summer Repertory Theatre's 25th season opens on Wednesday, June 12. The season's productions appear elsewhere on this page. Please call the DeVitt Centre theatre ticket office at (616) 395-7890 for additional information.

Alumni & Friends

Regional Events

Grand Rapids, Mich., Golf Outing—Monday, June 17, Crystal Springs Golf Course

Holland, Mich., Golf Outing—Monday, July 8; Holland Country Club

New, Mich., Golf Outing—Saturday, August 3, Links of Novi

Community Day—Saturday, Sept. 7

Homecoming—Friday-Sunday, Oct. 1-3

Parents' Weekend—Friday-Sunday, Nov. 1-3

Alumni Weekend—Friday-Sunday, May 21-23

For additional information concerning alumni events, please call the Office of Public and Alumni Relations at (616) 395-7850.

Football

Saturday, Sept. 7 VALPARAISO, IND. (Community Day), 1:30 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 14 at Illinois Benedictine, 1:30 p.m. CST

Saturday, Sept. 21 at DePauw, Ind., 1:30 p.m. CST

Saturday, Sept. 28 at WABASH, IND., 1:30 p.m. CST

Saturday, Oct. 7 at Adrian (Homecoming), 2 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 14 at Albion, 1:30 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 21 at Alma, 1:30 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 2 at Kalamazoo (Parents Day), 1:30 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 9 at Olivet, 1:30 p.m.

Summer Sports Camps

Soccer Camps

Day Camp—three camps: June 10-14, 17-21, 14-18 (ages 6-11) (Please call (616) 395-0101 for additional information)

Lacrosse Camps—two camps: July 7-22, 14-19 (ages 12-18) (Please call (616) 395-7850 for additional information)

Girls Basketball Camps

Intermediate Skills—July 22-25, mornings (sixth-eighth grades) (Registration deadline is July 1)

Boys Basketball Hoops Camp—July 8-19 (ninth-twelfth grades) (Registration deadline is July 1)

Boys Basketball Camps

Varsity Camp—July 8-11

J.V. Camp—July 15-18

Registration deadline is June 15

Hope College Football Camp—July 26-31 (ninth-tenth grades) (Registration deadline is July 1)

Except for soccer (noted above), additional information about the above programs may be obtained by calling (616) 395-7850.

Instant Information

Information Lines (including sports): (616) 395-7863 or (616) 395-7888
Singing the wondrous story
The Chapel Chimes have their voice restored

It was a prophetic message from the past.

As restoration of the Chapel Chimes began, music was still on their "roll player" (which holds paper rolls, like a player piano) in a forgotten corner of the Dimnent basement. It was, quite possibly, the last selection ever played by the Chapel Chimes, nearly 30 years ago: "I Will Sing the Wondrous Story."

Sing again the chimes did; sing again they do.

The chimes were built by J.C. Deegan Inc. of Chicago, Ill., and were dedicated on June 17, 1929. The company built about 50 sets of the college's variety of chime, known as a tubular bell carillon, between 1916 and 1957. Hope's chimes can be set to play automatically, or can be performed via a keyboard that stands near the chancel organ.

The systems today are quite rare, according to William T. Pugh of Top Rung, Tower Chime and Organ Service of Lawrence, Kan., which is reconditioning the college's chimes (although they're functioning again, they still need a thorough going-over). In addition, according to Pugh many of the systems that do still exist no longer function because they often failed to receive regular maintenance, as was the case at Hope.

The college's chimes were donated in memory of Ida Sears McLean by her husband, Charles Myron, and their four sons, Sears R., James E., Paul and Harold P. McLean. Charles Myron McLean, as vice president of the college's Board of Trustees, had also laid the chapel's cornerstone on Oct. 12, 1927.

Period newspaper accounts place the original cost of the chimes at $10,000 to $12,000 (the entire chapel cost $40,000). They were praised for their beauty and versatility.

"No city in Michigan outside of Detroit has a set that will equal these," announced The Holland City News in a page one story on Oct. 13, 1927.

In addition to McLean, the May 4 ceremony included Cook; a historical overview of the chapel and chimes by Dr. Ethel Leestma '33; a community concert by the A.C. Van Raalte Institute for Historical Studies; and Dr. John H. Jacobson, president of Hope College.

The event culminated with a performance of the chimes, finishing with the "Alma Mater," by Dr. Haw R. Lewis, associate professor of music, chair of the department and college organist.

The chimes now deliver the classic "Westminster" peal every 15 minutes, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Reflecting on his quest to have the chimes restored, Cook called the effort a way of giving back. "My grandpa always says, 'If you like a community, try and do your best and give back to that community,' and I hope I've followed in his footsteps with the Chapel Chimes," he said in an interview with local NBC affiliate WOOD-TV. "It's something that should be around for a good many years."

He also made a point of crediting others with the project's success—both those who helped support the renovation with gifts, and Hope staff members Gerald Rodemaker (physical plant) and Todd Schulling '84 (development).

"It's great feeling, seeing something that I set out to accomplish happen," Cook said. "It's also great knowing that I had such great support—people who helped me. It was a combined effort!"
Mathematics honors

This is a story about mathematics, so let's be particularly precise.

John Krueger '96 of Hamilton, Mich., didn't just finish in the top one percent in the country in this year's William Lowell Putnam Mathematical Competition. At 16th out of the 2,468 students nationwide who took the test, he finished in the top 0.482982 percent.

He was the best individual finisher in either the Great Lakes Colleges Association or the state. The students ahead of him came from institutions like Cornell University, Harvard University and Harvey Mudd College.

Krueger's outstanding performance combined with strong showings by Joshua Levy '96 of Grandville, Mich., and Andy Lorenz '96 of South Haven, Mich., to earn Hope a 21st-place, three-person team finish in the event. Hope had a total of 14 students take the exam this year, with more finishing in the top 513 than any other school in the GLCA or from Michigan.

In addition, Krueger's was the best individual finish by a Hope student in the 86-year history of the annual competition. The Krueger-Levy-Lorenz team's finish was the best in Hope history as well, topping the previous Hope record of 35th place, which the same three students had set last year.

The Putnam competition's 2,468 participants came from 405 institutions around the country and Canada.

The six-hour exam features 12 mathematics problems of exceptional difficulty. The participants took it on their individual campuses in early December; scoring took more than three months to complete—an indication of the problems' complexity.

The Putnam finish wasn't the only mathematics milestone for Krueger, Levy and Lorenz this year. In February, they won the Lower Michigan Mathematical Competition. It was the third year in a row a Hope team won the event, and the second consecutive victory in the annual event for the three-student team.

The Lower Michigan Mathematics Competition presented 10 challenging problems that the competitors were to solve within three hours, with the scoring based upon their success. A total of 28 teams, including five from Hope, competed.

The Hope participants in both the Lower Michigan Mathematics Competition and the William Lowell Putnam Mathematical Competition were organized by Dr. Leonard Van Wyk, assistant professor of mathematics.

Grads earn awards

Recent Hope College graduates have received two of only 11 graduate fellowships awarded nationwide for 1996 through the Pew Younger Scholars Program.

Amy Estelman '96 of Deerfield, Ill., and Anna-Lisa Cox '94 originally from Holland, Mich., have received the fellowships for graduate study. They were chosen from a field of 100 applicants, of whom 21 were interviewed as finalists at the University of Notre Dame in January.

The $36,000, three-year fellowships are portable to top-ranked Ph.D. programs in the humanities, the social sciences and the theological/biblical disciplines. Students from more than 200 Christian liberal arts colleges and seminaries are eligible for the fellowships.

Estelman, a psychology major who intends to obtain a doctorate in social psychology, is particularly interested in teaching psychology, particularly social psychology, at the college level and conducting research in the area of prejudice.

Cox is in a one-year master's program in social anthropology at the University of Cambridge in England. She plans to return to the United States to pursue a doctorate in American social history, continuing her interest in material culture and women's history, in addition to African American history.

The Pew Younger Scholars Program seeks to nurture the next generation of Christian intellectuals by encouraging talented students from a select list of Christian colleges and seminaries to pursue scholarly vocations. The program is supported by The Pew Charitable Trusts of Philadelphia, Pa., and is one of several initiatives funded by them designed to strengthen religious scholarship.

Other institutions with 1996 fellows include E. Nazarene College, Gordon-Conwell Seminary, William Jewell College, Wheaton College and Wheaton College/ Westminster Seminary.

Cheerleaders place

A pair of Hope College cheerleaders placed second in the inaugural Christian Collegiate Cheerleading Competition, held at Wheaton College in Illinois on Friday and Saturday, March 29-30.

Tyler Smith, a senior from Okemos, Mich., and sophomore Emily Lalonde of Sanford, Mich., competed with six other pairs in the competition's "partners stunts" section. The two-day event also featured "team" and "quad" (four-person) competitions.

The competition fills a void for cheerleaders from smaller institutions, according to Wes Woolley '89, cheerleading co-coach at Hope. Although there are other such events, he noted, they include competitors from Division I and Division II schools, many of whom are on scholarship to cheer.

Smith, who captured the college's basketball cheerleaders this year, noted that the competition at Wheaton was stiff without such larger institutions being included.

"Preparing the routine, we didn't know what to think," he said. "We just made it as difficult as we could."

"When we got there, we were really impressed," Smith said. "There was some really good competition."

Lalonde and Smith were accompanied to Wheaton by junior Travis Halliwell of Hudson, Mich., who served as a "spotter" during their routine.

A team from Indiana Wesleyan University placed first in the partners stunts section, a team from Campbellsville College in Kentucky finished third. Also competing in the section were teams from Anderson University and Wheaton College.

Wooley noted that short notice prevented the cheerleading squad as a whole from participating in the Christian Collegiate Cheerleading Competition, but that he hopes to have the team compete next year.

Hope's cheerleading squad has done well competing elsewhere in the past. In August of 1995, the team placed fourth at Division II schools during a Universal Cheerleading Association camp in Milwaukee, Wis.
"You were good"

Try for the best, but recognize that not every success needs to be a home run.

That was the advice of Dr. John Shaughnessy, professor of psychology, during Hope College’s Commencement exercises on Sunday, May 5. “I am urging you today, both to strive to be excellent and to affirm the good work that you do,” he said.

Approximately 2,000 attended the college's 131st Commencement, held in the Holland Civic Center.

The weather was a mixed blessing. The sun shone brightly as the 3 p.m. ceremony began (although the clouds did return), moving Hope's president, Dr. John H. Jacobson, to quip during his opening remarks, “The dean of the chapel, Ben Patterson, said to me, ‘Weather is God’s way of keeping us humble.’ And I think that would be a very appropriate lesson for this day.

Commencement is otherwise held at Holland Municipal Stadium, which permits a larger audience, typically of 4,000. To help accommodate the overflow, the ceremony was carried on Continental Cablevision Channel 6. About 200 watched via a feed to the college's Knickerbocker Theatre.

Approximately 355 Hope seniors participated in this year’s Commencement exercises. Parents from throughout the United States and as far away as Russia, Japan and India were present.

The title of Dr. Shaughnessy's address, “You Were Good,” came from the film Field of Dreams. In the movie, baseball players from the past have a chance to play a dream game in the present day. One of them is the younger form of a player who, feeling he had only a limited future in baseball, gave up the game and went on to a long career as a small-town family physician.

The dream game gives him another chance, and he holds his own with the former Major League greats. When he eventually leaves, one of the other players, not given to hyperbole, praises him with, “You were good.”

Dr. Shaughnessy acknowledged that the foundation for his talk was less well known than “If you build it, they will come,” a phrase from the same film that found its way into popular culture.

“I have chosen this less familiar quotation because today I want to try to explore connections between accomplishments and dreams—the past we are celebrating today and the future you are contemplating today,” he said. “I want to make what I believe is an important distinction between what we strive for—what we dream—and what we recognize in our accomplishments.”

He urged the graduates not to underestimate the value of “good”—that while seeking spectacular excellence is laudable, the sustainable, day-to-day achievement more likely to be the norm shouldn’t be viewed with regret.

“Please understand that I am NOT advocating that we strive for or accept mediocrity,” Dr. Shaughnessy said. “What I am advocating is that you affirm the good work that you and others do.”

“After all, most of what all of us do most of the time is good work and not great work,” he said. The good work each of us does allows businesses, schools, churches and communities to do good and even great things.

Dr. Shaughnessy also suggested that the graduates devote their energies to work they enjoy—and work that matters.

“It is passion for work that sustains us better than accomplishment does,” he said. “My continuing hope for you is that you will find work that you can do well and that you also love to do.”

“Hope College certainly expects that its graduates will do good work, but we expect something more—we expect our graduates to do work that is good.” Dr. Shaughnessy said. “There is something that sustains us and our work even more than accomplishment and passion. That something is compassion.”

“Passion can transform a job into a life-work. Compassion can transform a life-work into a vocation,” he said.

“My dream for you today is that you will have lives not only filled with the satisfaction of accomplishment, but also abundant with the joy of touching and being touched by others,” Dr. Shaughnessy said. “I feel secure in my dream because, ‘You Are Good.’”

The Rev. Dr. L. John Hesselink’s Baccalaureate sermon, titled “Life Means...,” and delivered earlier in the day, challenged the graduates to consider what the meaning in their lives will be. Dr. Hesselink is both the Albertus C. Van Raalte Professor of Systematic Theology at Western Theological Seminary and president of the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America (RCA).

He based his sermon on Philippians 1:12-26: “In the passage, Paul, who is or scientific research aimed at curing a disease. “The question still remains as you look to the future, are you ready to say: ‘Life means research’ or ‘Life means music’ or ‘literature’ or whatever?” he asked.

He cited contemporary examples of individuals who had found meaning beyond an interest or activity. He mentioned tennis great Chris Evert, who explained her decision to retire from the game by noting “There’s more to life than tennis”; University of Colorado football coach Bill McCartney, who resigned from coaching and co-founded Promise Keepers; and BBC broadcaster Malcolm Muggeridge, who had found fame, success, pleasure and fulfillment hollow.

He also returned to the example of Paul, and in the end left the graduates to consider their own responses.

“For the Apostle Paul the answer was simple: ‘Jesus Christ’; but he didn’t come by that answer simply,” Dr. Hesselink said. “It’s up to you now to fill in the blank.” He said. ‘Don’t evade the question. Your life depends on it.”

A light moment during the Commencement exercises. The ceremony's move inside because of rainy weather did little to dampen the enthusiasm of those present.

“"The good work each of us does allows businesses, schools, churches and communities to do good and even great things."

— Dr. John Shaughnessy

A happy moment during graduation day.
President receives honorary degree

John H. Jacobson, president of Hope College, received an honorary degree from Empire State College in Saratoga Springs, N.Y., on Thursday, April 11.

The award, doctor of humane letters, recognized Dr. Jacobson's distinguished service to innovative higher education and to the founding of Empire State College.

The degree was presented in conjunction with the 25th Anniversary All College Conference of Empire State College, which was founded in 1971 and is part of the State University of New York (SUNY) system.

Dr. Jacobson was provoked and vice president for academic affairs at Empire State immediately prior to becoming president of Hope in 1987. He was responsible for Empire State's academic program and the coordination of planning and day-to-day operation.

He joined the Empire State faculty in 1972 as dean of the college's center in Rochester, N.Y., and became vice president for academic affairs in 1974 and provost in 1980. He twice served as acting president of the college for a year.

Dr. Jacobson has also been appointed to a 10-member committee on organization.

In addition to teaching at Hope, he directs the Contemporary Movements Dance Company.

Elliot Tani, professor of mathematics, has received a Distinguished Service Award from the Michigan Section of the Mathematical Association of America.

The award was announced on Friday, May 10, during the Michigan section's annual meeting at Siena Heights College in Adrian.

Because Dr. Tani was in Japan co-leading the college's Japan May Term, the honor was presented in absentia. It was accepted on his behalf by Dr. Leonard Van Wyk, assistant professor of mathematics.

Dr. Tani served a three-year term on the Michigan Section of the Mathematical Association of America, from 1986 to 1988, and later also served on other committees.

In May of 1992, the section presented him with its first annual "Award for Distinguished College or University Teaching of Mathematics."

Kathy Winnett-Murray of the biology faculty and Gail Van Gendemen '88, a teacher from the West Ottawa Public Schools, presented a workshop during the National Science Teachers Association's (NSTA) National Conference in St. Louis, Mo., on Thursday, March 28.

The title of the workshop was "SCIENCE: School Yard Ecology for Elementary School Teachers."

Both Van Gendemen and Dr. Winnett-Murray have been involved in a nationwide project funded by the National Science Foundation designed to help elementary teachers view their school yards as teaching laboratories. Prior to their presentation in St. Louis, Van Gendemen and Winnett-Murray conducted workshops for area teachers at Hope, Grand Valley State University and the Michigan Science Teachers Association's (MSTA) state conference.

During the NSTA convention, more than 15,000 science teachers, scientists and education leaders worldwide exchanged ideas about effective ways to teach science to students of all ages. Attending teachers participated in a variety of hands-on workshops, short courses, demonstrations and area study tours.

Founded in 1944, the National Science Teachers Association is the world's largest organization dedicated to improving science education at all levels. The association's membership of more than 30,000 includes science teachers, scientists, business and industry representatives, and others actively involved in science education.
50-Year Circle/1936 Reunion


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1951/1956 Reunions


More openings, more shows:

Who could blame her?

After so many years (25) and so many productions (118), who could fault Mary Schakel '69, if, for just one minuscule moment, her cerebral cortex blew a memory gasket and a few shows and seasons began to blend together in a mind-boggling mesh-mash? Anything Goes on The Road with a few shows and seasons that began to blend together in a mind-boggling mesh-mash. Anything Goes on The Road

But for Schakel, the producing director of the Hope Summer Repertory Theatre (HSRT) which is celebrating its silver anniversary this summer, it would never happen. Never could Schakel's theatre savvy be matched only by her undisguised chutzpah. While a member of the HSRT company for 25 of its 25 years, Schakel has heard more lines than a supermodel in a singles bar and watched the progression of more scenery than a retiree on a bus tour. And she remembers it all. Schakel's life has quite happily, quite necessarily, become one needle-skipping refrain of Kiss Me, Kate's "Another Opening, Another Show."

But, of course, those shows aren't opening in Philly, Boston, and Baltimore, as that Kat song goes on to chorus. They all open on the continuously thrust stage of the main theatre in the DeWitt Cultural Center and the found space of Snow Auditorium in Nykerk Hall. What has been traveling nationally, however, is HSRT's reputation as one of the country's most prestigious summer theatres. Though there are no tangible shiny statues or impressive wall plaques to point to the distinction, what HSRT does have is a regard "in the business" as a top stage with top talent. (For those who insist on some proof-positive of this claim, turn on a television and an HSRT alum can be found on each of the three major networks: CBS's Kim Zimmer '77 on Guiding Light; NBC's Joe Flaherty on Saturday Night Live; and ABC's Richard Kien on Home Improvement and Michael Haydon on Murder One.)

The actors, directors, and technical designers who come to HSRT each year know that they are joining a company which is a solid member of the nation's summer stock pantheon. From the first week of June to the last week in August, in about 85 performances of five to six plays, HSRT produces professional theatre which one recent audience member gushed as rivalling the best of Broadway for overall quality. Hyperbole, may be, deep satisfaction and appreciation, definitely.

"We have developed over the years," says Schakel, "the philosophy that you hire good people to do their best work so the product keeps getting better and better." In her office on the second floor of the DeWitt Center, Schakel sits amongst a sizable HSRT museum, and every curator's nightmare. Costumes, props, playbills, t-shirts, scripts, and musical scores appear in simultaneous display and disarray. Past years' production photos and publicity posters cover the walls like unpatterned wallpaper and help to line Schakel's memory with stick-on images of new worlds come to life. While discussing seasons past, she'll point to one of the 24 posters with the loving concentration of a 12-year-old boy reviewing the back of his favorite baseball card.

It's not that she has forgotten any pertinent information or statistics, it's just that a quick glance helps her recall with assured accuracy, "I need the posters to remind me because I remember the seasons by their big musical," she admits. The "big musical" is HSRT's staple and starting point, the rest of the season its outstanding supporting cast. Schakel and David Colacci, HSRT's artistic director since 1992 but a company member since 1996, get down to what Colacci calls "the heart-wrenching decision-making of show selection" every fall, when they pore over stacks of scripts and musical scores. "We like to say that we never choose a play, we choose a season so that there's a balance of comedy, drama, world literature (translation: Shakespeare), and music," says Schakel, who, though a history major at Hope, continued on with graduate work in costume design at the University of Minnesota. "It also has a lot to do with timing. Shows we weren't interested in two years ago, all the sudden we might find interesting. It has a lot to do with what's resonating with us. I think we pretty much do important pieces that have some impact. We've learned that we're not going to sell a lot of tickets if it's simply a pleasant evening."

"We assume our audience trusts us," adds Colacci, a freelance actor and director during the winter months. "They sense that we want to do plays that are excellent in many ways, plays that have heart."

So an HSRT season blends the classic and contemporary, the familiar and the new. That's also a good way to describe the HSRT company. Fresh-faced college interns, seasoned Actor Equity Association performers and directors, and up-and-coming freelance actors and technicians make up a company of up to 100 artists. Many are new to the HSRT stage, but many are also returnees who stabilize a young, spirited group.

Schakel and Colacci find their cast and crew at college-campus and theatre-conference auditions in New York, Boston, St. Louis, Louisville, Memphis and Dallas each winter and spring. They estimate that they try out about 2,000 performers, taking a very selective one percent of them back to Holland. "We always try to hire the same type of people every year — incredibly talented ones," Schakel says. "One of the things we try to do is say, "There is someone who is really special. They have talent, they have skill, and they have a certain maturity." And you know, there are not that many out there."

But Schakel and Colacci consistently find their share. It must be because of their demanding "hiring policy." In a statement as oxymoronic as calling HSRT "wonderfully" being keen on only "hillbilly" types. You have to be both, just like this (she overhands her fingers) for 13 weeks. We that family anymore.

K.V. Tamminen, HSRT's past chair of Hope's department of theatre, opened the first HSRT season at the fall of 1971. Tamminen had been in the summer theatre play-ground, so he initiated the Hope Summer Repertory Theatre.
years “that had profound effects beyond the needs of the immediate moment.” One of those early decisions was knowing “that no theatre company should be dependent on one person,” Tammi explains, because that one person will eventually need a vacation.

Schakel’s arrival into HSR T theatre management came when Tammi decided to do what most fathers do in the summer — take his family on a vacation. So, in 1979, after no professor in the department of theatre wanted Tammi’s summer job and after spending a year away from HSR T herself, Schakel was asked to return as the managing director, a seasonal position. She stayed in that role until 1984 when she was named producing director, a year-round position. Though Tammi returned as one of three artistic associates for a few seasons after his ‘79 hiatus, he now only returns to direct an occasional show. As HSR T continued to flourish and gain respect, it became clear that the transition of leadership between Tammi and Schakel was as smooth as a backstage cue.

While the rest of the country has experienced a sharp decline in theatre attendance over the past five years, especially among that frazzled thirtysomething age-group, HSR T has continued to grow. Ambition and high standards are the reasons why. Schakel inspired the opening of a second, smaller stage in 1987 (with Billy Bishop Goes to War, a one-man show which starred Colacci, in the DeWitt Studio Theatre, though the remaining small-scale plays have been staged in Snow), collaborated with Hope’s department of theatre to produce a joint professional/amateur Christmas show in 1990 (Nutcracker: The Play), and intends to expand the Children’s Performance Troupe’s outreach this summer. That has all made for many 80-hour work weeks and a good command of organizational skills. If all the world’s a stage, then Schakel usually gets a two-week intermission sometime in January, “It’s so boring not to bring work home, though. I just love my job,” she says.

But when budgetary, publicity, scheduling, and speaking demands become too great, when Schakel misses her sanity, when the going gets tough, this tough one gets — a 1,000-piece jigsaw puzzle. “I’m addicted. I like them because they are difficult but solvable.”

Schakel’s avocation is actually not unlike her vocation. In both cases, it’s comforting for her to know that, though the elements are many and the task overwhelming, the complex pieces will fit together and, in the end, the big picture can be breathtaking . . . and very, very memorable.

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The envelope, please

Hello, ladies and gentlemen, and welcome to the 25th only “Hony” Awards, the ceremonial ranking of past Hope Summer Repertory Theatre (HSRT) favorites. Based on an HSRT survey conducted during the 1993 season**, approximately 1,000 audience members, many of whom were long-time season-ticket holders, ranked their past favorites.

Here are their top 20 responses*, David Letterman-style:

20. Oldahoma! (1975)
17. I Do! I Do! (1990)
15. The Boys Next Door (1991)
12. The Nutcracker: A Play (1990-92)
11. Steel Magnolias (1990)
8. The Foreigner (1987)
7. Oliver! (1991)
6. The Music Man (1990)
4. Wills (1992)
2. 1776 (1992)

*A couple noteworthy observations: Fourteen of the top 20 shows produced by HSRT were musicals, and four of the five shows from 1987 made the Top 20 list.

**Obviously, the last two seasons did not make the survey, but ticket-sales and critical review make best-sellers, Chaps, and The Nerd likely additions.
1961/1966 Reunions


NFHC June 1996
Alumni Board names new member, officers

During its May meeting, the Alumni Association Board of Directors chose its officers for 1996-97 and appointed one new member.

The board also made several reappointments, and it has been appointed president, succeeding

Janet Lawrence '80 of Schenectady, N.Y. Claire Vander Meulen '75 Gibbs was elected vice president, which was Liggett's previous position. Bryan Bush '84 of Anaheim, Calif., was reappointed secretary. The board's new member is Kara McGillicuddy '98 of Okemos, Mich., as Junior Class Representative.

Four alumni received awards during Alumni Weekend. Pictured from left to right are Gord Brewer '48, who received a Meritorious Service Award, and this year's three Distinguished Alumni Award recipients: the Rev. Dr. Robert Bedingfield '56, Dr. James Neckers '23 and John Dryhout '54.

Alumni honored

The Alumni Association presented a Meritorious Service Award to Professor Gord Brewer '48 of Holland, Mich., during the college's Alumni Banquet on Saturday, May 4, in addition to presenting three Distinguished Alumni Awards.

The Meritorious Service Award recognizes a person's contributions to Hope and its alumni through notable personal service and long-time involvement with the college. Brewer presented its first Meritorious Service Award in May of 1993.

Brewer was a member of Hope's physical education faculty from 1956 to 1988, when he retired. He joined the college as an assistant professor, was promoted to associate professor in 1973 and was promoted to full professor in 1983. For a 25-year period, from 1960 to 1980, he was Hope's athletic director, directing all facets of Hope sports. His leadership spanned the planning and construction of the Dow Health and Physical Education Center, which opened in 1978.

Professor Brewer coached the men's track team throughout his years on the faculty, finishing in the top half of the MIAA in all but three seasons and winning the league championship six times. He was also football assistant and basketball coach at Hope.

In 1982, his book...But How You Played the Game! A History of Intercollegiate Athletics at Hope College, covering through 1955, was published. It organized a reunion of Hope student-athletes from the 1950s that was held during the college's fall, 1995, Homecoming celebration.

The college's alumni H-Club honored him during its Homecoming luncheon in 1987, and Hope named its track in his honor in April of 1991.

Professor Brewer and his wife Lorraine Bull '48 Brewer reside in Holland. They have four children: Robert '72, Lawrence '75, Daniel '80 and Susan Hayes.

Those honored with Distinguished Alumni Awards during the May 4 banquet were: Dr. James Neckers '23 of Carbondale, Ill., the Rev. Dr. Robert Bedingfield '56 of Grand Rapids, Mich., and John Dryhout '54 of Windsor, Vt./Cornell, N.Y.

Alumni Board of Directors

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Janet Lawrence '80, President, Schenectady, N.Y., Jennifer Liggett '80, Vice President, Kalamazoo, Mich., Bryan Bush '84, Secretary, Anaheim, Calif.

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Lisa Eberspacher '96 Schaap, Surprise, Ariz.
Andrew Van Eden '97, Holland, Mich.
Richard Webster '84, Sterling, Va.

Michael Yantis '96, Co-Manager, Mich.

Liaison

Lynne Pomer '86, Alumni Director
John Geary ’46 of West Sayville, N.Y., works for the New York Statesea guard at BIP MacArthur Airport.

Dale Stogalski ’68 of Seattle, Wash., writes, “We have moved to the Pacific Northwest. I am active in the Interfaith Ministry of Washington.”

David Will ’96 and Donald Walchenbach ’97 chaired the World of Hope 50th anniversary celebration, held in September at the Alumnae Grand Plaza Hotel in Grand Rapids, Mich.

Jim Brewer ’48 of Holland, Mich., received a Distinguished Alumni Award from the Alumni Association on Saturday, May 4. For more information, please see the story on page 16. He will be recognized on May 4, 1996, for 50 years of marriage on May 4, 1946. A dinner for family and friends, hosted by their daughter, Barbara Van Hatten ’44 and Glen Van Hatten ’94 of Waukega, Ill., and wife Ruth organized 21 Carroll College students on a month-long independent study program to Kenya in January of 1996. He taught an Elderhostel course on Japan and China in Tokyo, Japan, where he is based.

George Zutemin ’49 was the featured speaker during Hope College’s ‘Business and Industry Breakfast on West Michigan’ March 22, 1996, in Grand Rapids. "Health Care in the 90s: Are We Leading or Being Led," he said.

Robert Bedingfield ’56 of Grand Rapids, Mich., received a Distinguished Alumni Award from the Hope College Alumni Association on Saturday, May 4. A photograph of this year’s three recipients is on page 16.

Richard Decker ’56 of De Pere, Ill., retired from Abbott Laboratories on March 19, 1996, after 25-year career. At his retirement, the director of alumni president called him the “father of Abbott’s reaghted career in the medical field,” the major part of Abbott’s business for 23 years.

Carl Faller ’56 of Grand Rapids, Mich., was recognized on May 4, 1996, for his distinguished career as the President of the Life’s Hope Committee of Michigan’s Field Meeting in Palm Springs, Calif. Lincol Ralph McCall and Tom D. Deiter of Michigan’s education was recognized recently at Lincoln College’s President’s Trophy and Builder’s Trophy event in Palm Springs, Calif. The event featured an exchange of fine arts and crafts and commemorative plaques for the R.O.M.’s 1995 performance.

Ronald J. ‘56 is professor of practical theology and missionology and director of the Center for Mission Studies in Holland, United States. He is also the director of the Center for Mission Studies in Holland, United States. He is also the director of the R.O.M. and has a distinguished career as the author of several books on the subject and has contributed to various publications and conferences on the subject.

James Neveel ’56 of Wappingers Falls, N.Y., had a distinguished career as the author of several books on the subject and has contributed to various publications and conferences on the subject.

Meryl Gwens ’56 of Vanessex, Iowa, has completed 15 years as organist at St. John’s United Church of Christ in Vanessex, Iowa. She is also a member of the American Guild of Organists and has served on the board of directors for several church music organizations in Los Angeles and in Palos Verdes, Calif.

William G. Smith ’51 of Kennebunk, Maine, is a part-time church organist and directs two choirs in Florida.

Eloise Hinkamp ’51 of Vanessex, N.Y., was a newspaper publisher in New York City with KTNK, an accounting firm, since 1985. She is also a member of the American Guild of Organists and has served on the board of directors for several church music organizations in Los Angeles and in Palos Verdes, Calif.

John Walchbach ’57 of Pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Fort Walton Beach, Fla., on March 17, 1996, was featured in the local Daily News in an article that ran in the "Local" section of the paper. The story, "A Florida Day in the Life of a Musician," was written by a reporter who interviewed the musician at several venues around the city. The article highlighted the musician's passion for music and his contributions to the local community.

Sharon Hayman ’58 Visscher was named "Teacher of the Year" by her peers in the Constan College Education Association. She is retiring at the end of the school year.

Daryll Hodges ’60 of Palm City, Fla., is teaching reading and language arts at the Hidden Oaks Middle School in Palm City. She is also a member of the Florida Association of Teachers of English.

Douglas R. ’62, retired after 23 years with The Equitable Life and 13 years with the Presbyterian Synod of the North. He plans to continue to do private consulting with churches.

Hope online
Here are some ways to reach Hope College through cyberspace.

To send notes from Hope College alumni, you need to update your address of change, etc. via internet.

To reach the Hope College home page on the World Wide Web:

http://www.hope.edu

Hope’s Web site includes events and alumni news listings, as well as academic and administrative departmental pages. Like the rest of the Web, the Hope’s site is ever-evolving and growing.

To receive the daily Hope Sports Report, simply provide your e-mail address (the only required ask) and provide your e-mail address at the news from Hope College International Web site.

To put yourself or someone you know on the Hope admissions mailing list via Internet, write:

ADMISSIONS@HOPE.EDU

(Not all school offices respond to the above address; the office requests the name of the person doing the submitting; the name of the student [if not the same]; and the student’s home address, phone number, academic interest and year of graduation.)

To write:
the New Zealand National Youth Sport Forum in Auckland. He is a senior associate dean for faculty in the College of Education at Ohio State University.

Diane Sliyter ’50 Wells of Sycamore, Ill., was one of four artists selected for the Sycamore Artist Recognition Program, and was a guest of honor during a reception on April 13 at the Sycamore Artists Association. She is also a registered member of the Art Audubon Society, and is one of the artists who owns a small electronics plant in Poland.

Calvin Bruins ’51 of Paradise Valley, Ariz., returns to his high school alma mater as the new director of the Sycamore Art Center. He is becoming more active in Wisconsin farming during the summer, and has also traveled in Russia and Israel.

William Drake ’51 of Huntington, N.C., is semi-retired after 33 years of high school teaching, Spanish, and as an administrator. “Very happy with wife Pamm outside of Charlotte, N.C. I have NOT lost my love of Spanish or teaching. We are planning on going back to China.”

Priscilla Estell ’51 of Holland, Mich., has been a volunteer librarian at Christ Memorial Church in Holland.

Nancy Malnitz ’61 of Hinuma, N.Y., notes that her three children hold or are contesting a total of 20 doctorates in education, psychology, and congregational care with Second Reformed Church in Kalamaazoo.

L. Jean Korytkowski ’55 of West Des Moines, Iowa, one of the featured performers in the Newbury Recordings Inc. compact disc (NBR 709). Complete World of Voice Winner at the American Choral Festival. Louise Marsdill ’51 of Chelsea, Mass., reports that her first grandchild, Sangay Ayala, was born, and that Judi and Jeff Ayala, who have been baby sitting in a loving Buddhist community.

James ‘61 Grum of Grand Rapids, Mich., reports that, after 23 years of a busy OB/GYN practice (he delivered 8,000 babies), he has decided to limit his practice to gynecology.

Constance Kregg ’54 of Essex Junction, Vt., is retiring in June 1995 after being involved in public education for 30 years, most recently as a special education consultant.

Ronald Snyder ’61 of Evinon, Wis., is a social worker, and has made several contributions to defining the role of social worker in Washington State’s model public health plan. He is also participating in educational work in barrio partnerships in the local community. His local and state leadership in relation to special needs children continues.

Barbara Amos ’61 of Steigton and Gordon Steigton ’51 just returned from three months in India, where they taught English language and science at Bishop Heber College.

William Vanderhiel ’61 of Holland, Mich., is executive director of MSU’s Community Foundation of the Holland/Zeeland area.

Lou Van Dusen ’61 and Harold Wood Jr. ’53 of Locust Grove, Va., have two grandchildren, Tim, age one, and Jordana, under one.

Helene Bosch ’61 Zwylguhelen of Clynor, N.Y., has had two books published by Baker Book House of Grand Rapids, Mich. “Children in War,” a noted critic, has sold more than 4,000 copies in less than two years, the second, Living Children in War, was scheduled for release early this year.

Paul Henshaw ’51 was the guest expert on the program with the Portland Symphony Orchestra in Las Vegas, Nev., on April 21 for the world premiere performance of Newer Bartok’s “Concerto for Harpichord and Orchestra.” The concerto was written in 1925 for the Spanish harpichordist, Raled Puga, for an unknown date, and was never performed. Bartok died in 1973 at age 39 of leukaemia. In late June, Mr. Henshaw will record the work with the members of the Bratislava Symphony Orchestra in Slovakia for eventual release on a compact disc featuring works of Neumann, Gershwin, and Bartok. A member of Nevada School of the Arts, he is a community school and Nevada’s only member of the National Guild of Community Schools. He is also an adjunct member of the music faculty at the University of Nevada Las Vegas, where he has taught for 10 years.

John Dryobost ’60 of Windsor, Vt./Cornish, N.H., received a Distinguished Alumnus Award from the Hope College Alumni Association on Saturday, May 4, 1996. A photographer of this year’s three recipients is on page 16.

Mary Gallaher ’50 of Grand Rapids (Mich.) Christian High School was selected by the Grand Rapids Foundation as an Outstanding Educator.

Charles Vander Kolk ’56 retired from the University of South Carolina and is now in private practice as a consultant in Asheville, N.C., and in South Carolina.

Bosworth ’61 of Boiling, Mich., is chair of their local chapter of the Michigan School Psychologist Association.

Zelde Pikey ’61 of Kalamaazoo, Mich., delivered a lecture at Hope for the department of music. At the request of the president of the International Orchestra, he practices law in Chicago. His law firm is Kushiwak, Chymmero, Plystto, Reznit & Ruffino of Chicago.

1970s

Robert Branch ’70 of Rowley, Mass., is head photographer and photographic editor of the Village Advocate of the Compton Community College in Compton, Mass. He has two grown children and two grown stepsons.

Rockefeller ’70 has just published Kirkspade as Religious Thinker with Cambridge University Press, England. He is an associate professor of philosophy at Trinity College, Connecticut.

Keith Crossland ’71 of Chicago, Ill., has been appointed to the staff of Arlen in New York. He has been selected as a tennis official for the 1990 Olympics in Atlanta. Rockefeller has been on the faculty of the Gallery of Fine Arts at the National Guild ofredentials in 1995 and 1993, and also played violin and viola in Austria last August.

Richard Koster ’66 of Boiling, Mich., is an executive road driver based out of Bridgewater, Va. The National Points of the Holland, Mich., reports that his first grandchild, Sangay Ayala, was born, and that the Khalsa baby being raised in a loving Buddhist community.

Ruth Stryka ’56 of Ludhers of Sendy, Utah, is the executive director of the Arts Utah, an educational affiliate of the J.F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C.

Mary Hakken ’66 of Madison, Ky., purchased the largest collection of Faure’s organ music and has played an important role in Faure’s music history throughout the world.

Tom Haff ’66 of Louisville, Ky., reports that his first grandchild, Sangay Ayala, was born, and that Judi and Jeff Ayala, who have been baby sitting in a loving Buddhist community.

Mary Merriford ’71 of San Bernadino, Calif., teaches second grade “Chicago Math” in her classroom, and also plays in a local band. Teaching brings many challenges and benefits. Her round-school schedule is a bus ride, and she has an excellent job opportunity to travel. She has spent nearly four weeks in England and Scotland and is looking for a job there. Her husband, a Chicago, Illinois, and a travel agent, is responsible for the economic development of approximately 44 communities.

Brent Barnard ’71 of Traverse City, Mich., is back in the classroom, teaching eighth grade language arts and journalism at East Junior High School. He is also a part-time consultant for Michigan State University.

Merry Beth Merford ’71 Grindal of San Bernadino, Calif., teaches second grade “Chicago Math” in her classroom, and also plays in a local band. Teaching brings many challenges and benefits. Her round-school schedule is a bus ride, and she has an excellent job opportunity to travel. She has spent nearly four weeks in England and Scotland and is looking for a job there. Her husband, a Chicago, Illinois, and a travel agent, is responsible for the economic development of approximately 44 communities.

Ralph Johnson ’71 of Minneapolis, Minn., is president of the Alumni/Student Contact Program.

Davie Sizemore ’61 of Jackson, Mich., is continuing to build his dental practice and pursuing his interest in Near Eastern Studies.

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churches in Illinois and West Michigan in addition to providing an educational program for schools in Michigan. She has given handful demonstrations to the Holland Chapter of The American Guild of Organists and The Fellowship of United Methodists in Music and Worship Arts. In November of 1970 she also presented Musical Superior as a guest artist for the Holland Public Schools’ production of The Sound of Music, earning a standing ovation for each performance of "Climb Every Mountain." During Tulip Time she and her husband Rutland traveled to the Netherlands and England. She is now retired in high school. We have enjoyed spending our summer vacations at Knoy's Grove in southern Michigan.

Merrill Grossman ’50 of Kalamazoo, Mich., is an assistant from 1996 to 2005 in the manager of George Mason University.

Bruce Mulder ’64 of Garner, N.C., will be attending Western Theological Seminary this fall. He and wife Elizabeth have two sons, Thomas, three, and Daniel, one, and another child expected this summer.

Kim Westfall ’79 Caps of Richmond, Va., is on the board of directors of the Richmond Chapter of the National Society of Professional Communicators. She is also working on a master’s in training and development through George Washington University. She oversees communications and development for Schrader Engineering Associates.

Mark Sisti ’84 of Holland, Mich., and wife Karen have joined Southwestern Family Medicine in Grand Rapids. Family practitioners after leaving the U.S. Navy.

Bob Karl ’85 is on staff at Calvary Reformed in Oregon, Ore., as minisiter of youth and young adults. He is entering Fuller Seminary this summer. "Where is my roommate?" he writes National Salvation Fellowship. He is a junior of the University of Iowa, and teaches kindergarten for the West Ottawa Public Schools. She married recently (see "through family," and has three children, Chast, eight, Kenzie, age seven, and Cassidy, age five.

William Macklin ’85 is the chief residence in plastic and reconstructive surgery at Albany (N.Y.) Medical Center.

Jon DeVogel ’86 has been promoted to manager in sales at Lotte Industries. He lives in Minneapolis with his wife, Linda, and four children. In May, age two, and Miles, under a, and two dogs, Chaucer and Borsa.

Mark Strawser and Margo Bisselin, Calif., reports that after nearly nine years at WLUK AM/FM (Chicago) as a radio producer/air personality in 1991 of the Chicago station.

Doug Ruch and Jennifer VandenBerg '81 of Chicago, Ill., have joined the 16 Grand Rapids neighborhood business districts through the national, marketing and development support.

Ken Gibbs ’82 of Holland, Mich., has joined the firm for the sale of Michigan's business. He is also a professor of the State of Michigan’s Business.

Doug Ruch ’81 is president and chief executive officer of SawWorks Furniture Co., based in Holland, Michigan. He oversees the marketing of a network of partners to assist in the marketing of the saws. His programs to families help (see "throughout the region.

Paul Toth ’79 and wife Patricia Muyksens ’69 moved to Iowa City, Iowa, with their two children, in August of 1985 after five years in Bloomington, Ind., where Paul earned a doctorate in counseling psychology. He is an assistant professor at the University of Iowa. He is also a resident of the Department of Psychology.

Chris Petersen ’78 of Walker, Mich., has been working as a management consultant at the University of Michigan’s Department of Transportation. He is a past president of Walker’s Hospital’s "Service Award for Excellence."

Karen Rockwell ’81 of Traverse City, Michigan, has been promoted to the position of director of marketing and the logo for the university. He also is the assistant director of the university’s human relations program. He is a senior partner in the firm of Rockwell, Rockwell, and Rockwell, which is a full service insurance agency.

Tom Park ’83 in August began a new job as a management consultant for Doss and Allen and Hamilton Management in Chicago, Ill. He and wife Jane Reynolds ’82 have two sons, Peter Rezny ’84 of Traverse City, Mich., has joined the firm for the sale of state of Michigan’s business. He is also a professor of the State of Michigan’s Business.

Lisa Civiello ’71 Hiltot is a technical marketing manager at Infinace Corporation. She is the manager of the company’s ongoing projects. She is also a member of the Michigan Chapter of the National Society for Professional Communicators.

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Jimbo Louis '91 has accepted a position teaching biology at Phillips Exeter Academy in Exeter, N.H., starting in fall '96. Brian Morehouse '91 has been named coach of the women's basketball team at Hope. He is also an assistant director of admissions at the school.

Elizabeth Parker '91 of Seattle, Wash., is product manager for the Microsoft Developer Network, the Microsoft Corporation's portfolio of programms at the University of Michigan. She will complete the certification process by August, and begin her education by September. She had previously spent nearly three years of her Peace Corps Service in Ecuador.

Katherine Spamberg '91 of Royal Oak, Mich., is finishing her first year of a combined residency in internal medicine and pediatrics at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak.

Matt Buys '92 of Indianapolis, Ind., has had a collection of poems published in the Nithingunean Press. He will be named the winner of Stipsitch's Ninth Annual Poetry Chapbook Competition. The collection is titled The Xylophone Song and was published during his three-year stay in Latin America, during which, the book's biographical sketch notes, "he survived by staying in two dollar a day hotels and eating one cent bananas. He traveled from one war zone to the next, mostly working as a reporter, sometimes traveling, usually vomiting from a disease or two."

Beth Newell '92 of Polo, Ill., following a maternity leave, is currently working in the athletic basin, and coach of the Polo Community Schools.

C. Kevin Clark '92 of Polo, Ill., is completing his third year as a seventh and eighth grade science teacher and seventh grade boys basketball coach in the Polo Community Schools.

Christopher Dwight '92 and Susan Szabo '92 of the Chicago area, write that they are enjoying life in Austin, Texas. "Together, they are working as health consultant, specializing in client-server development with Benchmark Consulting Inc. in West Michigan as a group sales executive with the West Michigan Whitecaps baseball team."

Laura Weer '92 of Kalamazoo, Mich., is a 3-4-5 elementary school teacher in the Kalamazoo Christian School system.

Sarah Leighton '92 of San Diego, Calif., is a microbiologist in natural products discovery at Hewitt Associates Inc. in Palo Alto, Calif.

REMEMBER

We want to publish your news—the more, the better! Engagements, marriages, new arrivals, are excepted. Please send us word of your nuptials after the wedding; we'll be sure the news reaches the right page. If you feel the job for your weddings, just as "births" counts, a new family arrival.

Class of '96

Meg Affal '96 will attend Indiana University, Bloomington, Ind., for the university's volleyball team. She has received an assistantship and will work as an athletic trainer for the university's volleyball team.

Kelly Anderson '96 is returning home to Muskegon, Mich., and plans to substitute teach while looking for a full-time position in secondary education.

Heidi Aronson '96 will be in the master of education program at Washington University in St. Louis.

Derek Babin '96 will attend graduate school for the University of Michigan's master's degree program in athletic training. She has received an assistantship and will work as an athletic trainer for the university's volleyball team.

Karen Batten '96 of Naples, Fla., will leave for Ghana, West Africa, in September of 1996 as missionaries with the mission organization partners. Laura is currently teaching sixth grade social studies at Kennedy Jr. High in Naples, and Michael is the regional director of faith development for both of Downers Grove, Ill. They note that they can reach be online at: http://danny.vsl.net.

Todd White '93 of Alpena, Mich., teaches Internet classes for the Northern Michigan University Library. He will also be publishing a bi-weekly article, covering the Internet, in the Alpena News.

Sandra A. Allison '92 of Midland, Mich., is finishing her second year of teaching at Inland Lakes Elementary in Indian River, Mich. She is pursuing a master's, and is half-finishing at Michigan State University.

Keith Bouws '94 of Holland, Mich., is a mathematics teacher at Holland Christian Middle School.


Christine Cox '94 of Denver, Colo., is completing a 12-month surgical internship in Denver. She plans to attend the University of Colorado school of medicine in the fall of 1992.

Tammy DeWitt '94 of Woodstock, Mich., will be beginning her work on her master's degree in rehabilitation counseling at Michigan State University in the fall.

Cynthia Hinton '94 is pursuing a master's degree at the University of Wisconsin Madison.

Mathew Hoekema '94 of Holland, Mich., is a credit analyst with FML.

Nikole Kracht '94 will begin working at the University of Oregon as the assistant director of chapter relations with the UO Alumni Association on June 1. She has received a master's degree from the University of Oregon's School of Business Administration.

Christopher McManus '94 of Kalamazoo, Mich., is finishing her first year at The University of Detroit Mercy School of Education.

Tim Santor '94 teaches fifth grade at Lakeview School in Holland, Mich.

Shauna Upton '94 of Springfield, Ill., is working for the Illinois State Police as a forensic scientist, in the area of DNA analysis.

Leslie Cooksey '94 of Naperville, Ill., is an activities assistant at H.S.S. of Illinois. I.H.S. is a national company that offers alternative-side bus shuttles for no-fee transportation.

Paulette Greenfield '95 of Hollands, Calif., in May of 1995 will begin teaching at the Kaweah Basin Marine Mammal Laboratory in Honolulu, Hawaii. The laboratory is a dolphin research facility that offers internships with the training of the laboratory's four bottlenose dolphins.

Tara Holladay '95 of Chicago, Ill., is a financial consultant with the Quaker Oats Company.

Brad Knutti '95 was selected to the Michigan Rapids (Mich.) Press as a group sales executive with the West Michigan Whitecaps baseball team.

Laura Weer '95 of Kalamazoo, Mich., is a 3-4-5 elementary school teacher in the Kalamazoo Christian School system.

Karen Weer '96 of Kalamazoo, Mich., is a buyer and planner at Stryker Instruments.

The chance to win a cruise (she didn't) was an incentive, but it wasn't the main reason Jen Weaver '96 contributed to the college through the senior class campaign. "It seemed like after all the college has given me that I ought to give something back," she said.

Those "gifts" from Hope included scholarships and grants—aid that helped make attending possible—but also something more; experiences that she already realizes have helped shape her future. She benefitted from "great professors and great staff"; she complemented her communication major with workshops in Herman, Michigan, and WZZM, TV 13, and she was active in the Social Activities Committee, the Dorian sorority and Orientation.

"I can't think of her land a position in her chosen field even before walking across the Commencement stage. And just two weeks after graduation she started with the public relations and marketing firm of Stern and Associates, working in Grand Rapids, Mich., on the firm's Steelcase account."

"When I came into Hope, the Orientation theme was 'A World of Opportunities'—and it was true day one. I can't say enough good things about the opportunities that I had here. It was wonderful."
**Marriages**

Robert Branch '70 and Judy Peiser, Oct. 6, 1995.

Kenneth Fell '74 and Carolyn Tingler, April 13, 1995, Germania, Md.


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daughter of Dr. John and Ella (Dykhuys) Stine.

At Hope she was a member of the "Seersos" (Sigma Sigma) sorority, played in the orchestra and also was a member of the glee club and violin on special occasions, and toured with many outreach groups called "Gospel Teem." She also taught beginning music students in the grades in Wyoming Park, Mich., for a few years.

After she was married, she taught music part-time in the junior high school in Ann Arbor, Mich., and Lansing, Mich. She sang in church choirs and served as organist and choir director in Reading, Mich., where she helped found a F.T.A. organization.

Lansing was a member and president of Muons Musicale, a club that performed and provided musical scholarships, and was the first president of the State Music Teachers Association of Michigan.

She was also known as a charter member and past leader of the Willard Times. She was also a member and president of the Twentieth Century Club, president of the Willard Memorial Library Board, and a member of the Willard Historic Preservation Board, the Willand Sail Club, the Sandusky Yacht Club and the Sandusky Sailing Club.

Survivors include her husband of 58 years, Mark Brower Jr., a daughter, Dr. Margaret Brower of Lansing, Va.; two grandsons, Kevin D. Brower of Los Angeles, Calif., and Keith D. Brower of Houston, Tex.; three sisters, Margaret Delkin of Rockford, Mich., Eleanor Swart of Holland, Mich., and Ruth Swart of Anguilla, Barbados; and a brother, James Stryker of Midland, Mich.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Connie Brower; and a son, Mark Brower Jr.


He had been employed by Ameritech for the past 16 years. He had also served as pastor in several United Methodist churches.

He had been in the U.S. Army for three years, stationed in Germany. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Saginaw, and he wrote novels.

In addition to his wife, survivors include the children he had with her, a daughter, Karen L. (Craig) DeWitt of Saginaw, the Rev. Lynn F. (Carr) Chappell of Kingston, Mich., and Dr. Stephen C. (Cheryl) Chappell of Austin, Minn.; three brothers-in-law, Mary Platko, of Saginaw, three brothers-in-law, two sisters-in-law, many nieces and nephews, and a special friend of the Chappell family, Joyce Butler of Saginaw.

Lawrence DeWitt '56 of Cincinnati, Ohio, died of complications from lung cancer on Wednesday, Feb. 16, 1994. He was 61.

He graduated from Muskegon Heights Public Schools in 1952; he also attended the Cleveland Institute of Music, and graduated from University of Michigan, and did a doctorate in music degree with academic distinction from Indiana University.

He began his career as a music teacher with the Lowell (Mich.) Public Schools. At the time he died, he also taught at the school bus as a condition of employment.

He then attended the University of Michigan and received a bachelor's degree in music at Hiram (Ohio) College. He later went on to Marians College in Fort Wayne, Ind., where he was chair of the music department.

While in high school, college, and at Lowell, he was also active in the church and the church organist and chairman. While in the military, he served in the U.S. Army for three years. He was a band instructor, playing for various denominational services.

He was a well-known organ soloist. He had performed at Carnegie Hall, New York City, and National Cathedral in Washington, D.C., as well as in Europe and Great Britain.

In 1978 he moved to Oxford, Ohio, where he was organist of the First United Methodist Church of Oxford. In 1981, he resigned the chairmanship of the church, and continued teaching music at Oxford. He was preceded in death by his wife, Ruth W. DeWitt.


World has been received of the death of Dr. Margaret Brower, of Lansing, Mich., 90. More information will appear in the next issue of news from Hope College.

Alice J. Wehrmeyer '40 Hayward of Holland, Mich., died on Sunday, March 24, 1996, at her home in Fremont, Neb.

Survivors include her husband, Grace, of Fort Collins, Colo.; and three children, David (Lee) Wehrmeyer of Lincoln, Neb., Mrs. Laura (Vern) Derks of Cleburne, Texas, and Dr. James (Susan) Wehrmeyer of Lincoln, Neb.

She was born in Sibley, Iowa, she served in the U.S. Army Medical Corps during World War II.

She was a member of Fellowship Reformed Church and the Women's Bible Study. She also served on the advisory council of Adult Day Health in Evergreen Commons.

Survivors include her husband, her daughter, and her son.

Cynthia Palmer '51 Healy of Albany, Ore., died on Sunday, May 12, 1996. She was 90.

She was born in East Orange, N.J., on March 1, 1906. She attended and graduated from Douglass College in New Jersey.

She was a member of Hope's Second Century Club.

During her career, she served as a news editor, assistant editor of Book Digest, editor for营销 Today and Academic Decathlon, and served on the editorial staff of World Book Encyclopedia.

She was active in AAUW, American Council of Education and Churchill.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph Healy, in 1960.

Donald J. Kramer '41 of St. Louis, Mo., died on Friday, April 12, 1996. He was 73.

A former Holland, Mich., resident, he was born in Carman City. He taught at he University of Missouri in Columbia for 32 years.

He was a member of the Second Reformed Church of the Reformed Church in America.

He had been employed as personnel director for the National Audubon Society, and served on the board of the Audubon Society in New York. He completed his time with the Audubon Society in 1985.

He served as a U.S. Army Air Corps captain in World War II.

He also had been employed as personnel director for the U.S. Department of Labor, and as an employee for the U.S. Department of Commerce.

He served in the Marine Corps, and taught at the University of Wisconsin in Madison. Later he taught and retired from Bentley College in Waltham, Mass. West, where he served as the football coach.

He was a member of the Marine Corps, and the U.S. Army in World War II.

In addition to his wife, survivors include the children he had with her, a daughter, daughter, and a son.

Grace A. Koepp '29 Krumenau of Plymouth, Wis., died on Thursday, March 28, 1996. She was 89.

She was born on Jan. 26, 1907, and grew up in Sturgeon Bay, Wis.

She attended the University of Minnesota and graduated from Minnesota State College in Moorhead, Minn., and attended the University of Minnesota.

In addition to his wife, survivors include the children he had with her, a daughter, and a son.

Leonard C. Kramer Jr. '34 of Pacific Palisades, Calif., died on Saturday, April 13, 1996, in a local hospital.

She was a member of the Second Reformed Church of the Reformed Church in America.

She served on the board of the Audubon Society in New York. She completed her time with the Audubon Society in 1985.

In addition to his wife, survivors include the children he had with her, a daughter, and a son.

She served in the Marine Corps, and taught at the University of Wisconsin in Madison. Later he taught and retired from Bentley College in Waltham, Mass. West, where he served as the football coach.

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Grace A. Koepp '29 Krumenau of Plymouth, Wis., died on Thursday, March 28, 1996. She was 89.

A native of Holland, Mich., he had resided in Citrus Springs, Fla., for 24 years, coming from Hope.

He was a retired school teacher and administrator in public education, and also a frequent speaker of religious themes.

He was an educator for 35 years in Michigan.

He received a number of football awards from Hope alumni, including the National Football League from 1933 to 1936, and received his master's degree from the University of Illinois in 1941.

He also was a member of Community Congregational Church of Citrus Springs and of the Rotary Club.

Survivors include his wife, Grace, and children, Frank Jappings of Ocala, Fla., Jeffrey Jappings of Wisconsin and Jeanne Seidelman of Sauk Rapids, Minn.; and five grandchildren.

He was a former teacher in elementary in 1967 and moved to Holland. He was a member of Third Reformed Church and the Reformed Church in America.

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June 30 is the end of Hope's fund-raising year. We count on the support of alumni and friends to keep Hope College financially strong. Gifts to the annual and alumni funds allow the college to provide opportunities for students beyond what tuition revenue can support.

Your gift can mean the difference between something good and something great.
Sports Roundup

A spring of breadth and depth

Conference championships, appearances in post-season competition, honors for academic and athletic accomplishment and coaching milestones highlighted the spring sports season.

Hope finished regular-season runner-up to Calvin in the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association (MIAA) All-Sports standings. After hundreds of contests in 18 sports over an entire school year, only four points separated the two rivals. The spring sports season was not lacking in team and individual accomplishments. Four of Hope's six spring teams advanced in some form to NCAA Division III championship competition.

The softball team won its second consecutive MIAA title, while the women's tennis team gained a conference co-championship with Kalamazoo College.

Karla Hoensch '93 Wolters marked a milestone in her collegiate coaching career when the Flying Dutch softball team defeated Calvin in an NCAA tournament game. The victory was the 800th coached by Wolters over a 22-year career in five sports: basketball, field hockey, softball, tennis and volleyball.

Three senior members of the MIAA championship softball team earned all-American honors. Third baseman Wendy Moore of Wyoming, Mich., was elected to the first team, while centerfielder Laurie Byington of Portage, Mich., and catcher Amy Moesel of St. Joseph, Mich., earned second team recognition.

Byington, who was also honored as Hope's outstanding senior female student-athlete, was an all-American three times in her career. This spring she led the MIAA in batting for a record third time, and finished her career as Hope's and the MIAA's all-time leading hitter. A psychology major, she was also voted to the GTE all-academic district team.

Hope also had two All-Americans in tennis. Juniors Audrey Coates of Holland, Mich., and Becky Lucas of Kalamazoo, Mich., advanced to the semi-finals of the NCAA Division III women's tennis championships. Coates, who has competed in the NCAA tournament three consecutive years, posted a school-record 25-3 record in single play this spring and with Lucas tied the school record for double victories (20). Voted the MIAA's most valuable women's tennis player for a second consecutive year, Coates was also awarded the Arthur Asche Sportsmanship Award for the Midwest Region.

Women's tennis coach Kathy Van Tubbergen was also honored as she was named the midwest region coach of the year. Coach of the Flying Dutch since 1988, she posted her 100th dual match victory this spring as the Flying Dutch posted a 15-3 record. Her nine-year dual match coaching record is 107-67, including 41-12 against conference opponents.

It was also a good year for the men's tennis team, which gained a first-ever bid to play in the new NCAA regional tournament that determined the national championship qualifiers. The Flying Dutchmen emerged with a 1-1 record, gaining a victory by default over Wooster, Ohio, and bowing to DePauw, Ind. Junior Rich Stumfels of Pacific, Mo., was presented the MIAA's Stowe Sportsmanship award while sophomore Jeff McDonald of Holland, Mich., became Hope's first All-MIAA first team honoree since 1990.

Hope qualified four athletes for the NCAA Division III track and field championships. The best performance came in an untraditional event — the hammer throw. Senior Jen Gillepsie of Dowagiac, Mich., finished 10th in the nation in the event, which isn't part of track's regular season fare and has not been a conference event since 1912. Other qualifiers for the NCAA championships were senior Erik Carpenter of Stamford, Conn., 1,500-meter run; sophomore Julie Holwerda of Wheaton, Ill., 400-meter hurdles; and senior Nick Ward of Port Huron, Mich., hammer throw.

Hope had five MIAA track and field champions — Carpenter in the 1,500-meter run; sophomores Tony Thompson of Otsego, Mich., in the 100-meter dash, and freshman Jannah Thompson of Midland, Mich., in the 200-meter dash.

Senior third baseman Steve Marso of Humboldt, Iowa, was another example of the student-athlete. While leading the Flying Dutchmen baseball team in hitting (.368), he also earned GTE academic all-district recognition as a Spanish and political science double major.

Juniors Becky Lucas (foreground) and Audrey Coates achieved NCAA All-America tennis status by advancing to the national championship semi-finals.

Three-time softball All-American Laurie Byington set new school and conference hitting standards.

Senior Erik Carpenter headed the pack throughout his career, achieving All-MIAA honors four consecutive years.