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 Dimmott 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. Dickie has often been recognized for the effectiveness of her teaching, for she has 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 due from her students, said Dr. Jacob E. Nye, provost and professor of classics at Hope.

"For 24 years, she has challenged and inspired students with her enthusiasm for their subject and her passion for justice," he 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 feminism and faith, she has developed a distinctive program in women's studies at Hope College," Dr. Nye said. "I rejoice with Professor 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 1990, 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 art; some works with abused women in Kansas City, 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 Culture." 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-sexist 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 had 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.

"Quote, unquote"

Quote, unquote is an eclectic sampling of things said at and about Hope College.

Dr. Donald Williams, professor of chemistry, participated in a Smithsoninan Institute-organized tour of the history of the atomic bomb last summer. The tour included visiting the Trinity Site in New Mexico—30 years to the second after the first test bomb was detonated there.

Smithsonian tours are quite thorough, and this one included opportunities to learn about the area's people and history, and even an interview with one of the scientists involved with the Manhattan Project. Dr. Williams's experience was informed by his own scholarly expertise in matters nuclear.

During a spring seminar, "Faculty-Staff Luncheon," he shared some particulars of the tour, the history of the Manhattan Project and some reflections. Some of the latter follow.

"For the people my age. Remember the headlines? The New York Times, 50 years ago. First atomic bomb dropped on Japan. Missile equal to 20,000 tons of TNT, Truman warns foe of a reign of terror."

"We interviewed one of the bomb makers—an older gentleman; it seemed like he was using his last breaths. And maybe that added extra drama. I can't impart the drama to you second-hand."

"But he was asked about his legacy. And in a rather hushed and forced voice he said, 'My legacy was to end a war mercilessly and quickly, and I feel that I saved many Allied lives, and I saved many Japanese lives. I'm not sure about the second bomb, but I have no doubts that I am ashamed of the rest of the legacy. And I want no part of it to be mine—the next 70,000 nuclear weapons were built and the 40 years of secrecy. I am ashamed of the secrecy.'"

"Well, you can argue a long time about 70,000 nuclear weapons and whether they brought sustained world peace (although we had to live with a peculiar [duck and cover] psychology). But I've thought a lot about the part he's most worried about: the secrecy. "And that brings me to the lingering lessons.

"I don't know why 50 years to the second was important, but it was emotional. It helped me get into those people's heads and to experience their motivation.

"I think I might be able to teach as much or more science by way of history of science as I do just by straight science.

"And I listened to that man's legacy, and I listened to Francis Collins (a leader in the current Human Genome project) when he was here [for Critical Issues '94], and I'm thinking how important openness and the citizen involvement in our science process are. And such involvement is going to call for extensive education.

"If you ever were an educator who didn't say, 'We need more education'"

"We have a tremendous task ahead of us. In my view, the Human Genome Project is the next science technology breakthrough— it has to be. On the same level, we've got Francis Collins, and many, many scientists are involved, and a Frankenstein-like monster is unlikely."

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**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.

**RESEARCH RECORD**

Five science departments held multi-year grants for summer student research from the National Science Foundation’s Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU) program.

The departments of biology, chemistry, computer science and mathematics are continuing grants, and one grant, in 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 of the grants.

"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 reafirms 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 Kenneth H. 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, N.J. 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 Lauren 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 schoolers can go to exceptional colleges that will turn them into achievers."

Of the college’s profiles, the book notes, "They outdo the Ivies 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 in collaborative rather than competitive, students are involved in their own education, there is much discussion of values and there is a sense of family.

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**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, blockwork 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.**

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**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.

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 untypical period in the life of many 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 $337,000 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 "memberships 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.

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**NFHC June 1996**
Events

Academic Calendar

Summer Session—June 17 - July 26

Summer Sessions—July 29 - Aug. 2

(See separate section, following.)

Fall Semester

Aug. 23, Friday—Residence halls open for new students, 10 a.m.
Aug. 23-26, Friday-Monday—New Student Orientation
Aug. 26, Monday—Residence halls open for returning students
Aug. 26, Monday—Late registration, 3:30-4:30 p.m., Maas Center auditorium.

Aug. 27, Tuesday—Classes begin, 8 a.m.
Sept. 2, Monday—Labor Day; classes in session
Sept. 24-25, Tuesday-Wednesday—Critical Issues Symposium

Oct. 4, Friday—Fall Recess begins, 6 p.m.
Oct. 5, Saturday—Fall Recess ends, 8 a.m.
Nov. 1-3, Friday-Sunday—Parents’ Weekend
Nov. 28, Thursday—Thanksgiving Recess begins, 8 a.m.
Dec. 2, Monday—Thanksgiving recess ends, 8 a.m.
Dec. 6, Friday—Last day of classes
Dec. 9-15, Monday-Friday—Semester examinations
Dec. 15, Friday—Residence halls close, 5 p.m.

Spring Semester

Jan. 5, Sunday—Residence halls open, noon
Jan. 6, Monday—Registration for new students, 3:30-4:30 p.m., Maas Center auditorium.
Jan. 7, Tuesday—Classes begin, 8 a.m.
Feb. 7, Friday—Winter Recess begins, 6 p.m.
Feb. 12, Wednesday—Winter Recess ends, 8 a.m.
March 14, Friday—Spring Recess begins, 8 a.m.
March 24, Monday—Spring Recess ends, 8 a.m.
March 28, Friday—Good Friday; classes not in session, but not an official holiday.
April 24, Thursday—Honors Convocation, Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 8 p.m.
April 25, Friday—Spring Festival; classes dismissed at 1 p.m.
April 26-28, Monday-Thursday—Semester examinations
May 2, Friday—Residence halls close for those not participating in Commencement, 5 p.m.
May 3, Saturday—Alumni Day
May 4, Sunday—Baccalaureate and Commencement
May 4, Sunday—Residence halls close for graduation seniors, 7 p.m.

Summer Seminars

Six courses are available for one hour of undergraduate credit, in some cases for two hours of undergraduate credit or for one hour of graduate credit, or on an audit basis. The courses will run Monday-Friday, July 29-Aug. 2, from 9 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. The courses are:

From the New Deal to Newt’s Deal: The Changing Consensus in American Political Culture
Great Women Mystics
The Practice of Writing Poetry
It is a truth universally acknowledged...: Jane Austen’s novels are enduringly beloved!
Your Turn: Writing the Short Opinion Article
The Organic Architecture of Frank Lloyd Wright

For additional information, please call David James ’76, program director, at (616) 395-7830.

Admissions

Campus Visits: The Admissions Office is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays, and from 9 a.m. until noon on Saturdays. Tours and admissions interviews are available. Appointments are recommended.

Visitation Days offer specific programs for prospective students, including transfers and high school juniors and seniors. The programs show students and their parents a typical day in the life of a Hope student. The 1996-97 dates are as follows:

Friday, Oct. 11—Friday, Jan. 31
Friday, Oct. 25—Friday, Feb. 14
Friday, Nov. 8—Friday, Feb. 26
Friday, Nov. 22—Friday, April 4
Friday, April 18—Saturday, April 19

For further information about any Admissions Office event, please call (616) 395-7850, or toll free 1-800-395-7850 or write: Hope College Admissions Office, 60 E. 10th St., PO Box 9000; Holland, MI 49422-9000.

Knickerbocker Theatre

Downtown Holland at 86 East Eighth Street
The Knickerbocker Theatre, open Monday through Saturday, features a variety of art, foreign and classic films, and a number of live events.

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

Summer Repertory Theatre

25th Season Opens Wednesday, June 12

Rags

The musical comedy saga by Joseph Stein, Charles Strouse and Stephen Schwartz that takes up where Fiddler on the Roof left off (July 5 - August 24)

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 23)

The Glass Menagerie

Tennessee Williams’s 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 Janessa Beecham and Malcolm Hillgartner. (June 12 - July 5)

Forever Plaid

Extends the “30s, 40s, and 50s Standards” theme of Previous Summer Repertory Theatre productions. The musical revue features the hits of the George and Ira Gershwin and Richard Rodgers and Lorenz Hart songbooks. (July 9-29)

Library Exhibition

“Prospero’s Tools: Printed Scientific Books Change Worlds”—Sept. 2-Nov. 2

Important scientific and mathematical texts from the rare book collections of Kalamazoo and Hope colleges will be on display in the Van Wylen Library. Admission is free.

Traditional Events

Full tug-of-war—Saturday, Sept. 21

Critical Issues Symposium—Tuesday-Wednesday, Sept. 24-25

Topic: “The Role of Media in American Culture”

Nykerk Cup Competition—Saturday, Nov. 2

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 DeWitt center 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, Aug. 7; Links of Novi

Community Day—Saturday, Sept. 7

Homecoming—Friday-Saturday, Oct. 11-12

Parents’ Weekend—Friday-Saturday, Nov. 1-2

Alumni Weekend—Friday-Saturday, May 24-25

For additional information concerning alumni events, please call the Office of Alumni and Public 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.

Tuition—12—ADRIAN (Homecoming), 2 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 8 ....... at Albion, 1:30 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 25 ....... at ALMA, 1:30 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 2 ....... at Kalamazoo (Parent’s Day), 1 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 9 ....... at Olivet, 1 p.m.

Summer Sports Camps

Soccer Camps

Day Camp—three camps: June 10-14, 17-21, 24-28 (ages 6+)
Elite Camps—two camps: July 7-12, 14-19 (ages 12-18)

(616) 395-6010 for additional information.

Girls Basketball Camps

Intermediate Skills—July 22-25, mornings (sixth-eighth grades)
Beginning Skills—July 22-25, afternoons (second-fifth grades)

(Registration deadline is July 1)

Boys Basketball Hoops Camp—July 8-19 (ninth-twelfth grades)

(Registration deadline is July 1)

Boys Basketball Team Camps

Varsity Camp—July 8-11
J.V. Camp—July 15-18

(Registration deadline is June 15)

Hope College Football Camp—July 22-31 (ninth-twelfth grades)

(Registration deadline is July 1)

Except for soccer (noted above), additional information about the above programs may be obtained by calling (616) 395-7890.

Instant Information

Information Lines (including sports): (616) 395-7863 or (616) 395-7988

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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 Dinkman 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.

Senior Ryan Cook of Grand Rapids, Mich., who spearheaded the drive to restore the chimes, speaks during the May 4 re-dedication ceremony.

Hope held a re-dedication ceremony for the chimes during Alumni Day on Saturday, May 4, culminating a two-year quest to restore their voice. About 100 attended the event, including Charles Myron McLean '34, a grandson of one of the chimes' original donors (and son of another).

The restoration effort was spearheaded by Ryan Cook, a Hope senior from Grand Rapids, Mich. Cook started investigating the possibility after attending the college's May Term in London in 1994, when he was impressed by the many church bells he heard.

Although no written record of when the Chapel Chimes went silent has been located, it is known that they played through the late 1960s. The college's December, 1967, Christmas Vesper program notes that the chimes were used to perform traditional Christmas carols; no such reference appears in the program for 1968.

Why did they fall silent? Some on staff at the time recall the cost of maintenance and the complaints of neighbors bothered by the noise as reasons.

The chimes were built by J.C. Deagan Inc. of Chicago, Ill., and were dedicated on June 17, 1929. The company built about 50 sets of the college's variety of chimes, known as a tubular bell carillon, between 1916 and 1937.

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., C. 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 $400,000). "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. Elton Bruins '31, director of 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. Huw 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 Radermaker (physical plant) and Todd Schulling '84 (development).

"It's a 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."

Among the 200 hearing the chimes ring for the first time in nearly three decades was Charles Myron McLean '34 (center foreground) a descendant of the chimes' original donors.

First-year reflections

Ethel Lentz '33 Scotts joins Hope freshmen during the first full year the chimes were operational. In response to the August, 1995, news from Hope College story about the restoration effort, she sent the following recollections:

"I was in the first class to have been blessed by those thrilling chimes."

"Dr. Dimnent and Dr. Nykerk impressed upon us often the prayer that the chimes ring out, coming from London's Westminster Abbey. Each 15 minutes had one line of the prayer:

'The Lord our passphrase,
Be Thou our Guide,
That by Thy power
No foul may slide.'"

"Can you not imagine the effect this can have on the campus and city? We all loved the chime-prayer! Even though one may not consciously speak the words each time, the message was there subconsciously.

"Sometimes, we'd see students stopping wherever they were and look up at the beautiful tower and listen. It was wonderful to be a part of that for four years."
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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 0.6482982 percent.

His was the best individual finish 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 Lorenzo '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 56-year history of the annual competition. The Krueger-Levy-Lorenzo 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 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 Lorenzo 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 Eschelman '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.

Eschelman is a psychology major who intends to obtain a doctorate in social psychology. Her career goals include 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 fellowships include E Howard University, Gordon-Conwell Seminary, William Jewell College, Wheaton College and 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 Wooley '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 last season 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 the 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 2,700 attended the college’s 131st Commencement, held in the Holland Civic Center.

The chilly on-again/off-again rain that plagued the morning and early afternoon had prompted the college, after consideration throughout the day, to move the ceremony indoors for only the second time since 1982. The last time was in 1991, also on a May 5.

Ironically, the skies cleared and 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 2,000 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 undervalue 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 livelihood 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. J. 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

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.

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— Dr. John Shaughnessy

imprisoned, pledges himself in life or death to the cause of Christ. Later, Paul even states that death to one who lives in and for Christ is a gain, because it will bring closer fellowship with Christ.

Dr. Hesselink discussed some of the other options that are sometimes used—such as career success, money, sex or power. He described them as inadequate.

“All such quests, I can assure you, will ultimately not satisfy and will prove disillusioning,” he said.

He also considered some relatively higher causes, such as scholarship, the arts, 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 response.

“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 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 provost 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 programs, 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 organizational effectiveness and future direction for the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

NCA-CHIE membership includes about 1,000 institutions in the 19-state North Central region. The organization has its headquarters in Chicago, where the committee held its first meeting in late January. Evaluation of the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education will be a two-year project and will probably involve two or three meetings a year.

He has served as the Commission’s consultant-convener since 1992.

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 “SYEFSIST: School Yard Ecology for Elementary School Teachers.”

Both Van Gendern 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 Gendern 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 educators in the United States 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 100,000 includes science teachers, scientists, business and industry representatives, and others actively involved in science education.
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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 micaceous 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 would quite happily, quite necessarily happen. Never could. The Music Man for All Seasons. RomeosulfuricMudBathandHateHamlet.

So many characters, so many plots, so much eloquent dialogue. It would be understandable, forgivable even from Jane Q. Theatregoer's point of view, to fall into a millennium of historic confusion. 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 is 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 Kate 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 Nyack Hall. What has been traveling nationally, however, is HSRT's reputation as one of the country's most prestigious summer theatres.

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 Joely Slottnik on The Single Guy; 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 riveting the best of Broadway for overall quality. Hyperbole, maybe; 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 stable 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 and refer 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 statistic, it's just that a quick glance helps her recall with assured accuracy. "I need the posters to remind me because I remember the shows by their big musical," she admits. The "big musical" is HSRT's staple and starting point, the rest of the season's outstanding supporting cast. Schakel and David Colacci, HSRT's artistic director since 1992 but a company member since 1986, 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 is 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 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's 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 "awfully good being kept on only thirty dollars a week. You have to be wild like this (she elevate fingers) for 13 weeks."

That family atmosphere is the hallmark of Hope's departmental opening of the freshly-upgraded K.V. Tammi HSRT, Department Chair of Hope's department of English, in the fall of 1971. Tammi's brand-new, 500-seat hangout and reconstruction of an outdoor play-ground, the new summer theatre. The director of the beloved summer season, Schakel and Colacci, are the fulcrum of the new theatre's growth.
years “that had profound effects beyond the needs of the immediate moment.” One of those early decisions was knowing “that no theater company should be dependent on one person,” Tammi explains, because that one person will eventually need a vacation.

Schakel’s arrival into HSRRT 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 HSRRT herself, Schakel was asked to return as the managing director, a seasonal position. She stayed in that role until 1981 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 HSRRT 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, HSRRT 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.

The envelope, please

Hello, ladies and gentlemen, and welcome to the 25th only “Hony” Awards, the ceremonious ranking of past Hope Summer Repertory Theatre (HSRT) favorites. Based on an HSRRT 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. | Oklahoma! (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) |
| 2. | 1776 (1992) |

* A couple noteworthy observations: Fourteen of the top 20 shows produced by HSRRT 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 ‘Strider’, ‘Chaps’, and ‘The Nerd’ likely additions.

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. Jennifer Liggett ’80 of Kalamazoo, Mich., has been appointed president, succeeding Janet Lawrence ’80 of Schenectady, N.Y. Claire Vande 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 Tara McGillicuddy ’98 of Okemos, Mich., as Junior Class Representative. Reappointed to the board were Marianne Dykema ’81 Griffin of Fort Worth, Texas (Southern Plains Region); Lawrence (New York Region); Michael Percy ’86 of Mentor, Ohio (Ohio Region); Jane Terpstra ’82 of Minneapolis, Minn. (North Central Region); Andrew Van Eden ’97 of Holland, Mich., (formerly Junior Class Representative), was appointed Senior Class Representative. In addition, Michael Yantis ’95 of Portage, Mich., concluded his three-year tenure on the board.

McGillicuddy is a music major with an emphasis on vocal performance. She has been involved in the Nykerk Cup competition plays, and also Hope College Theatre productions, and is a member of the Hope College Chapel Choir. She is also a member of the Dorian sorority, of which she will be vice president next year.

She is a 1994 graduate of Okemos High School, and the daughter of James and Susan McGillicuddy of Okemos.

All of the appointments and term endings are effective July 1.

Gift brightens science halls

Several wildlife photographs given to Hope by photographer Clayton Borgman ’52 of Midland, Mich., are brightening the offices of the Peale Science Center.

The photographs depict several creatures, from eagles to bighorn sheep to grouse to bears. Borgman is a wildlife photographer and retired from the faculty of Delta College as an associate professor of biology.

A reception honoring Borgman’s gift was held at the Peale Science Center on Thursday, April 4. The photos were available for viewing in the building’s main first floor display through the end of the school year; they are subsequently decorating the walls of faculty offices in Peale.

“We routinely have a variety of materials in the display case. This set of wildlife photos is the most exciting display in several years, and has generated a number of comments from folks who really enjoyed and appreciated the wildlife photos,” said Dr. Paul Van Faassen ’56, professor of biology and chair of the department. “They exhibit a different type of appreciation of biology than can be generated in our classes. They show a deep love and respect of the photographer for the subjects. We are having fun with the and Rick Webster ’94 of Sterling, Va. (Mid Atlantic Region). Andrew Van Eden ’97 of Holland, Mich., formerly Junior Class Representative, was appointed Senior Class Representative.

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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 Bednfield ’56, Dr. James Necker ’23 and John Dryhurst ’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 and long-time involvement with the college. Hope presented its first Meritorious Service Award in May of 1993.

Professor 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 30-year period, from 1960 to 1990, 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 an assistant football and basketball coach at Hope.

In 1992, his book But How You Played the Gemel: A History of Intercollegiate Athletics at Hope College, covering through 1955, was published. He 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 built ’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 Necker ’23 of Carbondale, Ill., the Rev. Dr. Robert Bednfield ’56 of Grand Rapids, Mich., and John Dryhurst ’64 of Windsor, Vt.

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1920s

James Neekers '23 of Carbondale, Ill., received a Distinguished Alumna Award from the Hope College Alumni Association on Saturday, May 6, 1994. A photograph of this year's three recipients is on page 16.

1930s

Ruth Vanderslice '31 Cotts of R. Lauderdale, Fla., is librarian at Hidden Oaks Middle School, Hackensack Reformed Presbyterian Church. Her work includes organizing and leading Christian education tours to the Bible in hope or the area of Israel 12 times. One year she took a four-credit graduate course at the American Institute of Holy Land Studies.

Evelyn Heffron '36 is proud over the Foreign Intelligence Service Council for his final senior year in the service. She was awarded a member of that council for a seven-year term by Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist of the Supreme Court. She was recommended for his service on the court at a luncheon held at the Supreme Court Chambers in Washington, D.C. Attending were the Chief Justice, Attorney General, Deputy Attorney General, Director of the Office of Regional Intelligence officers, as well as the full membership of the seven judges of the Foreign Intelligence Council.

1940s

Eloise Boynton '41 Bosh of Lake Wylie, S.C., and Robert A. Boynton of Highlands Ranch, Colo., have four grandchildren, each of whom has the distinction of having a shell from Arabia named after them. She is a member of the 1940s Alumnae Award from the American Ambassador to Muscat, Oman, in 1995 for exceptional contributions to Oman-American friendship and understanding.

John De Vries '41 of Palo Alto, Calif., in retirement manages a solar energy service project, Medco Perc, through which volunteer workers produce solar panels for donation to Third World missions.

1950s

Eloise Hintzamp '51 Van Heest of Holland, Mich., in February received the Life Achievement Award from the Association of Presbyterian Educators, presented to educators who have had a major influence on church education.

Robert Visscher '51 of Holland, Mich., retired as pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, where he is now a consultant in church music and church organizations in Las Cruces and in El Paso, Texas.

Catherine Sharp '51 Kaanendoom of Whiting, N.J., in a part-time church organist and directs two choirs.

1960s

John Visscher '65 of Middleburg, Va., and wife Elizabeth Dowd '62 Snouffe have sold their home of 35 years and are building a new (small) dream house, which they designed.

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Hope's Web site includes events and alumni news listings, as well as academic and life style departmental pages. Like the rest of the Web, Hope's site is ever-growing and ever-expanding.
2000s

Robert Branch '70 of Rowley, Mass., is a photographer and photographic editor of the Boston Globe. His work is noted for its comprehensive reporting on the war in Iraq.

He has two children and two grown stepsons.

Concerto '70 has just published Kirkpatrick as Religious Thinker with Cambridge University Press, England. He is an associate professor of philosophy at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst.

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, the famous composer, will return to the main stage at the Orchestra Hall in Chicago, Illinois. His work is celebrated worldwide for its beauty and complexity.
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 1979 she also portrayed Mother 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 in May her bandstand and choir papers presented their “Ninth Annual Tulip Time Handbook Convert.”

Jeanne Hutchinson ’76 Petkus of Bellefonte, Calif., and husband Pete Petkus ’76 celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary in January. Daughter, Jennifer, is a Hope alumna. Father, John Petkus, is a junior in high school. “We have enjoyed, spending our summer vacations at Traverse City,” he said.

Gretchen VanderKlip ’76 Schleicher is a sales representative with ITT Automotive. She has two children, Rachel, age 14, and Tommy, age 9.

Linda Vanderberg ’74 Scherief of Ann Arbor, Mich., works in a elementary school in Saline, Mich., teaching Russian children to speak English.

Kay Moores ’76 Walker of Traverse City, Mich., hosts journalism, public speaking and beginning video production, writes grants, and coordinates service-learning and public relations projects. She is still active in her alma mater’s network.

David Whitehouse ’74 of Chicago, Ill., has transferred to St. Mary’s Episcopal Church in Barrington, Ill., where he is organist/choir director.

Kerry Wissens ’77 of State College, Pa., in December traveled to China to adopt daughter Gabrielle.

Sharon Adcock ’78 of Manhattan Beach, Calif., was elected president of the San Diego Chapter of the National Speaker’s Association. She is also member of the Los Angeles chapter, and is actively involved at the national level of NSA.

Allan Hayes ’78 of Dallas, Pa., has been appointed program coordinator for the Lower School parent school network at Westminster Seminary in King of Prussia, Pa. She is overseeing the development of a network of parents to assist in the marketing of the Lower School’s programs to families throughout the region.

Paul Toth ’78 and wife Patricia Muykkens ’76 moved to Iowa City, Iowa, with their two daughters, in August of 1994 after five years in Bloomington, Ind., where Paul earned a doctorate in counseling psychology. He is an assistant professor at the University of Iowa.

Chris Petersen ’78 of Walker, Mich., has been working for 14 years at Hackley Hospital’s Nottoway Notary Center in Muskegon, Mich. He is a past winner of Hackley Hospital’s “Service Award for Excellence.”

Jen Van den Berg ’78 of Naperville, Ill., has announced her resignation as director of the Kevin Van Genderen Foundation, a local organization.

Peter Rany ’78 of Ambridge, Pa., writes, “I’m a writer and computer geek, the forum manager of the Journalism Forum on The Microsoft Network.” He and wife Elizabeth have two sons, Thomas, three, and Daniel, one, and another child expected in November.

Kim Westfall ’79 of Richmond, Va., is on the board of directors of the Richmond Chapter of the National Association of School Broadcast Communicators. She is also working on a master’s in training and development through Georgia’s University of Georgia,出血 communications and development for Schrader Engineering Associates.

Marita Winn ’79 of Dewey, Wash., teaches third grade at Kerrdale Elementary in Woodbridge. She is also pursuing a master’s degree in educational administration at George Mason University.

Bruce Mulder ’81 of Garner, N.C., will be attending Western Theological Seminary in Grand Rapids, Mich., beginning in July of 1996, and will be working toward his divinity degree.

Mark Sild ’84 of Holland, Mich., and wife Karen, have joined Southwestern Michigan College in Kalamazoo, Mich., as family practitioners after leaving the U.S. Navy.

Bob Karek ’85 is a staff Calvary Reformed in Bishop, Minn., as youth minister and adult部.

Dr. Peter Johannes ’69 of Sheboygan, Wis., teaches kindergarten for the West Ottawa Public Schools. She married recently (see below) and has three-year-old children, Chase, axle, Kaylee, and Cassidy, age five.

William MacKinnon ’85 is chief resident in plastic and reconstructive surgery at Albany (N.Y.) Medical Center.

Sandra Hutchison ’86 of Superior as a Hope University student.

Jeffrey is a junior in high school. “We have enjoyed, spending our summer vacations at Traverse City,” he said.
Jim Louts '91 has accepted a position teaching biology at Phillips Exeter Academy in Exeter, N.H., starting this fall.

Brian Morehouse '91 has been named coach of the women's basketball team at Hope. He is also an assistant director of admissions and oversight coordinator at the school.

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

Katherine Spannberg '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 Bays '92 of Indianapolis, Ind., has been admitted to the University of Northern Iowa. The collection of papers on the Nineteenth Century published as the winner of Stipes' Ninth Annual Poetry Chapbook Competition. The collection is to be published during his three-year stay in Latin America, during which, the book's biographical sketch notes, he "survived by staying in two day and eating one cent bananas. He traveled from one war zone to the next, mostly working as a reporter, sometimes writing, usually vomiting from a disease or two."

Beth Newell '92 of Polo, Ill., following a maternity leave of seven months, is expecting the birth of her fourth grade teaching position in 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 Wright '92 and Susan Szabo '92: Wright report that they are enjoying life in Austin, Texas, where he is executive assistant, specializing in client-service application development with Benchmark Consulting Inc., and she is a software consultant. They are also traveling abroad, and have recently added the Birkenstock and FjallRaven to their wardrobe.

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Annie Alvensio '92: Alvensio and Calvin Hodgson '92 were part of a team that played against members of the Detroit Lions in a youth basketball tournament for the Harlem Youth Athletic Association on Thursday, March 21, 1996. Amy is to follow her high school graduation with a four-year degree in business and foreign language at the University of Minnesota.

Dr. Karyn S. Safran '92 of Troy, Mich., is a school social worker in the Utica School District.

Brian Smith '92 of Westfield, N.J., is a microbiologist in clinical pathology at the University of Pennsylvania.

Aliza Silverman '92: During the summer of 1996, she will be director of the Traverse City (Mich.) Junior Women's VolleyballProgram.

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Jennifer Weaver '96

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 gift fund. "It seemed like all after the college has given me that I ought to give something back," she said. "Those 'gifts' from Hope included grants and scholarships — aid that helped make attending possible — but also something more: experiences that she already realizes have helped shape her future. She benefited from "great professors and great staff," she complemented her major certification with internships at Herman, Michigan In, and WZZM, TV 13, and she was active in the Social Activities Committee, the Dorian sorority and Orientation. "It was also nice to have her land a position in her chosen field even before walking across the Commencement stage. And just two weeks after graduating, 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: I can't say enough good things about the opportunities that I've had here. It was wonderful."

Class of '96

Meg Abaffy '96 will attend Indiana University, majoring in mathematics. She will attend one of the university's volleyball teams. Kelly Anderson '96 is returning home to Muskegon, Mich., and plans to substitute teach and continue full-time in secondary education.

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

Derek Babin '96 will attend graduate school for civil engineering at the University of Michigan. He will attend the University of Michigan at St. Louis.

Laura Jo Baker '96 will attend the University of Dayton, Ohio.

Wayne Barrett '96 will attend Kamenson in the fall, pursuing an M.D. degree at Regent College in British Columbia, Canada.

Jason Bays '96 will attend the University of the Pacific in Stockton, Calif.

Kevin Dahman '96 will attend York College in York, Maine.

Sara Davie '96 has moved to Florida and is planning for a management position in a ski resort in Jackson, Wyo.

Chang Dong '96 has moved to Fort Wayne, Ind., on May 30, and is working at a Latch Key Program in Fort Wayne, Ind. He is the first to attend a ski resort in Jackson, Wyo.

Andrea Hartman '96: Andrea will attend the University of Iowa and major in social work.

Jennifer Deboz '96: Jennifer attended the College of Human

of 1996. She will pursue her master's degree in social work at the University of Wisconsin.

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**Births**


Amy Lynn Cook '93 and J. Peter Sturman '95, summer, 1995.


Laura Thompson '93 and Michael Van Huis '93, July 1, 1995.


Rhonda Kuyper '95 and Scott Parcell, March 30, 1996.


Aaron Walker Parker '95 and Christine Ann Grootenhuis, June 14, 1995, Oakes, Okla.

Brian Vander Wege '95 and Adrienne West, Aug. 9, 1995, Kalamazoo.


**Marriages**

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

Kenneth Fell '74 and Dyane Tingser, April 13, 1995, Germantown, Md.


John Selig '84 and Gail Morgan, April 14, 1995, Kalamazoo, Mich.

J. Andrew Pierce '96 and Andrew Wolfe '95, summer, 1995.


Kari McDonald '95 and Kelvin Mckehe, June 9, 1995.

Margaret "Meg" Miller '86 and Gregory Wilke.


Leora Yoder '96 and John Brant, June 14, 1995.

Mark T. Olding '95 and Susan J. Lounsbury, March 13, 1996.

Lisa Thompson '95 and Daniel C. Spreng, May 18, 1996.

Joshua Vanderneut '87 and Terri Wagoner, July 5, 1996.

Elliott Tietze '86 and Terri Zielinski, May 3, 1996.

Linda Zorn '82 and Lloyd Fisher '83, July 5, 1996.

Kelly Armbrust '82 and Amy Adele '82, July 5, 1996.


Daniel Wills '85 and Louise Osborn '82, July 6, 1996.

Derek Keating '95 and Rondall Mornary, July 6, 1996.

Kari Nyvall '95 and Jonathon Osborn '95, July 13, 1996.


Jim Buseman '87 and Amy Dice '89, Summer, Aug. 30, 1996.

Karen Buseman '86 and Raymond "Bud" Buseman, Oct. 4, 1996.


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daughter of Dr. John and Ella (Dykhuis) Springer.

At Hope she was a member of the "Seesong" (Sigma Sigma) sorority, played in the orchestra and served as a member of the chorus. She taught music in the junior high school in Ann Arbor, Mich., and Lancing, Mich. She sang in church choirs and sold her paintings and in Reading, Mich., where she helped found a F.A.T.O. organization.

During World War II she became a member and president of Musette Musicale, a club that performed and provided musical services, and was the first president of the Willard Memorial Library. She was active in the Willard Hospital Board of Trustees, the Willard Golf Club, the Getz Memorial Community Church and the Willard Community Church at its Palm Sunday Cantata.

She had been the women's editor of the Willford Times. She was also a member and president of the Twentieth Century Club, president of the Federation of Women's Clubs, a member and president of the Williard Memorial Library Board, and a member of the Willard Hospital Board of Trustees, the Getz Memorial Community Church and the Sandusky Yacht Club and the Sandusky Sailing Club.

Survivors include her husband of 58 years, Mark Brouwer '35; a daughter, Dr. Margaret Brouwer of Lexington, Va.; two grandsons, Kent and Brad Brouwer of Arizona; two brothers, Brouwer of Los Angeles, Calif.; two step-grandsons, Robert Stewart of Harrisionburg, Va., and Patrick Stewart of New Orleans, La.; three sisters, Margaret Dolfen of Rockford, Mich.; Eleanor Swart of Holland, Mich.; and Ruth Smith of Angier, N.C.; and a brother, James Stryker of Midland, Mich.

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


He held a master's degree in divinity from Duke University, and a master's in education from Boston University.

He had been employed by Ameritech for the past 15 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 MIllstreet United Methodist Church, and he wrote novels.

In addition to his wife, survivors include the couple's three sons, Steven L. of Battle Creek, Mich.; Gregory L. and Carey A. (Mary) Chappell of Saginaw, the Rev. Lynn F. (Carol) Chappell of Kingston, Mich., and Mrs. Carol Chappell of Anzac, Mich., and his mother-in-law, Mary Platho, of Saginaw; three brothers-in-law, two sisters-in-law, many nieces and nephews, and a very 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. 14, 1996. He was 61.

He was born on Dec. 17, 1934, in Holland, Mich., and June 17, 1934. He graduated from the Muskegon Heights Public Schools in 1952; he also attended a music program at the University of Michigan, and he was an accomplished musician in music academic distinction from Indiana University in 1961.

He began his career as a music teacher with the Lowell (Mich.) Public Schools. At the time he was hired, he was also required to drive the school bus as a condition of employment.

He then attended the University of Michigan and was trained in music education at Hiram (Ohio) College. He later went on to Moraine College in Steubenville, Ohio, where he was chair of the music department.

While in high school, college, and at Lowell, he was the president of the local Council of the church organist and chairman. While in the service—he was in the U.S. Army for three years—he was an assistant, playing for various denominational services.

He was a well-known organ soloist. He had performed at Carnegie Hall in New York, N.Y., and as a soloist in the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C., as well as in Europe and Great Britain. In 1967 he moved to Oxford, Ohio, and served as organist at the First United Methodist Church.

In 1991, he resigned the chairmanship to teach, and continued teaching until his death.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Ruth Woodell DeWitt '56; two sisters, David (Carolyn) DeWitt of Oxford and Jonathan (Angie) DeWitt of Bakersfield, Calif.; his daughter, Kathy Strickland of Rochester Hills, Mich.; his brother Dennis J. DeWitt '63 of Holland, Mich., and six grandchildren.

World has received the news of the death of Chamber Music President Emeritus of St. Mark's Church.

Survivors include his wife, Grace; children, Judd Janning of Ocala, Fla., Jeffrey Janning of Bardstown, Ky., and Joel Janning of North Canton, Ohio; and sisters, Geraldine Good of Farmington, Mich.; and five grandchildren; and nieces and nephews.


He received his master's degree from Western Theological Seminary. He served churches in Ferndale, Calif., N.Y., Albany, N.Y., Philmont, N.Y., Haguenau, Ill., Peoria, Ill., and Kings, Ohio.

He retired from active ministry in 1967 and moved to Holland. He was a member of Third Reformed Church of Grand Haven and Holland; sisters-in-law, Jean Wehmeyer and Roberta Bouman, of all Holland, Mich., and nieces and nephews.

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 Elizabethtown College and graduating 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 McGraw-Hill and as an academic editor and served on the editorial staff of World Book Encyclopedia. She was active in AAUW, American Civil War and Cross and church history.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph Healy, in 1990.

Donald J. Kramer '41 of St. Louis, Mo., died on Friday, April 12, 1996. He was 70.

A former Holland, Mich., resident, he was born in Carson City. He toured with the Buffalo 2 All-Star Unit and a variety of other bands, in the 1950s.

He also served Northwestern University. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army Air Corps, serving in World War II.

He had employed as a professional director for the World Financial Centre Applied Research Corp. in Princeton for 10 years, retiring in 1981. Prior to that, he was employed by Carrier Clinic and the Viking Corp.

A member of the Six Mile Run Reformed Church of Grand Park, N.J., he was an elder and deacon.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Doris, in 1960.

Survivors include his wife, Elizabeth; children, Judith Brown of Sunnseret, and Donna Kramer of Newington, Va.; a stepson, James Liet of Albuquerque, N.M.; a sister, Evelyn Von Otterlo of Holland; eight grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Grace A. Koepe '29 Kreunen of Plymouth, Mich., died on Thursday, March 26, 1996. She was 89.

She was born on Jan. 26, 1907, and grew up in Kalamazoo, Mich. She was a 1925 graduate of Wisconsin Memorial Academy of Cedar Grove, Wis.

She was a dance major at the academy, and at Cedar Grove High School, for 10 years.

She married Curtis A. Kreunen, who survives her; both attended Western Michigan University.

She was a member of Faith Reformed Church in Cedar Grove.

In addition to her husband, survivors include two brothers, William and Ralph Kreunen of Grand Rapids, and two sisters, Scott Smith of Chicago, and Mrs. James Thompson of Southfield, Mich.

She was preceded in death by her father, and six brothers and two grandchildren.

Louis Kiett '33 Lamberts of Tempe, Ariz., died on Sunday, May 5, 1996.

She was a native of Grand Haven, Mich. She held a master's degree from Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill.

She attended the University of Michigan as a student of fine arts and served in the United States as an artist and member of the National Academy of the Arts.

She was a member of University Presbyterian Church in Tempe for 36 years, and was active in many of the church's committees including the Board of Elders and groups. She was married to Harry S. Lamberts, with whom she served in a number of human service and religious organizations, including Habitat for Humanity and the Lyric Theater.

She was the widow of "Jack" Lamberts, who preceded her in death in 1992.

Ralph C. Meiona '21 of Frederickburg, Va., died on April 13, 1996. He was 89.

He was a grandson of Delia Slag, who arrived in Holland, Mich., in 1847 with a group of British and Pennsylvania Dutch.

He married Roelf Steen, who arrived in Holland from the Netherlands in 1854.

He served as a 20-year state legislator. He attended city schools there, and completed Hope Preparatory School. He graduated from Yale College in 1923, having a scholarship from the Yale Club of Chicago.

At Hope, he played center on the Prep School basketball team and sang with the Metaphone Society. He also helped found the Emersonian Society.

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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 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. Five 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 Hoesch ’97 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 100th 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-America honors. Third baseman Wendy Moore of Wyoming, Mich., was elected to the first team, while centerfielder Laurie Byington of Portage, Mich., and catcher Amy Moeckel 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 championship. 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 Ashe 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 Sneedels of Pacific, Mo., was presented the MIAA’s Stowe Sportsmanship award while sophomore Jeff McDermid 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 Gillespie 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 Fort Huron, Mich., hammer throw.

Hope had five NCAA track and field champions. Carpenter in the 1,500-meter run and 1,500-meter run as a senior, Gillespie in the shot put, Ward in the discus, sophomore Amanda Hill 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 (.360), he also earned GTE academic all-region 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.

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

Senior third baseman Wendy Moore received first team All-America recognition as the Flying Dutch won the MIAA softball championship.

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