Thank you!
The Class of ’97 expresses appreciation to the families who helped make their education possible.

More graduation coverage is on page five.
Quote, unquote

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

Katherine Peterson, author of literature for children and adolescents, received an honorary degree from Hope on Thursday, April 17, 1997.

While on campus she presented the address "Children of Joyce." These excerpts follow her description of her early years as a child of missionaries in China, and the challenge of being a full-time student at age four.

"The fourth grade was a time of almost unmaitained terror and humiliation for me. I remember now that some of my best writing has its seeds in that awful year, but I can't remember once saying to my nine-year-old self: Buck up, old girl. Somehow you're going to make a mint out of all this misery.

"There were, however, two people that I remember with great fondness from that horrible year. One was the librarian of the Calvin H. Wiley Library, who, I'm afraid, died long before I could know her. The other was Eugene Hammett, the other weird kid in the fourth grade.

"There was a difference between me and Eugene. I was weird through no choice of my own. I spoke English, as my friends in Shanghai had, with something of a British accent. I could hardly afford lunch, much less clothes, so my classmates, would, from time to time, recognize on my back one of their own donations to charity. On December 7th, the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor, and because it was known that I had come from that part of the world, there were dark hints that I might be one of them. Eugene, on the other hand, was weird by choice. Or mostly by choice. I guess he didn't choose his looks. He was a perfectly round little boy who wore full-moon, steel-rimmed glasses long before John Lennon made them acceptable, and sported a half-inch brush cut. My only ambition in the fourth grade was to become somehow less weird. The only accomplished was to become a ballet dancer. In North Carolina, in 1941, little boys, even well-built or skinny little boys, did not want to be ballet dancers when they grew up.

"Now sometimes outcasts despise each other, but Eugene and I did not. We were friends for the rest of fourth grade and all of the fifth, sixth, and seventh grade. During my public school career, Calvin H. Wiley was the only school I went to for more than a year, and by the time Eugene and I were in the seventh grade, I had fulfilled my modest ambition and became one of my class's two ballet dancers. Eugene continued to march, or should I say, dance, to a different drummer.

"I moved that summer. I grew up at last and had a full, rich life in which people loved me and didn't call me names, at least not to my face. But from time to time over the years, I would think of Eugene and worry about him. Whatever could have happened to my chubby little friend whose consuming passion was to become a ballet dancer?

"Decades pass. There are a lot of scene changes. We are living in Norfolk, Virginia, and our son David has become, at 17, a serious actor. But in order to get the parts he wants, he realizes he has to take dancing lessons. There is, however, a problem. Even in 1983, boys in Norfolk, Virginia do not generally aspire to become ballet dancers.

"He asks me to find out about lessons he can take without the rest of the soccer team knowing about it. My friend Kathryn Mortmon's daughter takes ballet, so I say to Kathryn, 'David needs to take ballet lessons, but he's not eager for all his buddies to know about it. Do you have any recommendations?'

"'Well,' says Kathryn, 'it's really serious. Gene Hammett at Tide Water Ballet is the best teacher anywhere around. Of course, you may find him a bit strange, but—'

"'W-w-w-wait a minute,' I say. 'Gene who?'

"'Hammett,' she says. 'He sends dancers to the Joffrey and New York City Ballet and Alvin Ailey every year. He's especially good with young black dancers. Terrific kid on any level, but he's a wonderful teacher.'

"You don't happen to know where he grew up?'

"'Oh, I don't know,' she says. 'North Carolina somewhere I think.'

"Next time you see him, would you ask him if he remembers anyone named Katherine Womeldorf from Calvin H. Wiley School?

"Some days later the phone rings. 'Katherine,' an unknown male voice begins. 'This is Gene Hammett. I recognized you. Do you remember me?'

"'I even remember a joke you told me in the fourth grade. I asked you why if you were born in China you weren't Chinese. And you said, 'If I were born in China, would it make me an American?'

"'Oh, I was funny back then. And what about you? You danced in New York, and now you're a famous teacher of ballet. It's hard to imagine. You were a little round boy when I knew you.'

"He laughs. 'Well,' he says, 'now I'm a big round man.'

"'I saw Eugene a number of times after that, and he was a big round man. But I also saw pictures of him, leaping like a Baryshnikov from the boards of a New York stage. And even if I missed knowing him when he was slim and gorgeous and at the height of his career, I wouldn't give anything for knowing that it happened as he determined it would, back there when we were both weird little nine-year-olds at Calvin H. Wiley School.

"Eugene died recently, but I will never forget him. He is a mythical hero to me—straight out of the hero stories of ancient days. The unlikely child who with wit and determination outswords dragons and monsters. Against all odds he achieves the prize and then returns to give good things to those about him. Eugene was a child of a great hope who grew up to give other children hope.'
Campus Notes

ENHANCED DISTANCE: Hope and Western Michigan University of Kalamazoo have entered into a 5-year agreement that will see WMU offer graduate programs in business and engineering via Hope's new distance-learning classroom.

WMU will use the room for graduate instruction in the evenings and during weekends, other classrooms at Hope will also be used.

The distance-learning classroom is located on the lower level of Hope's 100 E. Eighth St. building.

IT'S OFFICIAL: Hope College dedicated the Haworth Conference and Learning Center on Thursday, May 22.

A ribbon-cutting on Tuesday, Jan. 21, had marked the facility's opening, but the dedication ceremony and attendant luncheon provided an opportunity to formally recognize many of those who had helped make the building possible.

Those participating in the luncheon program included J. Kermit Campbell, chairman of the college's Board of Trustees, the Rev. Sherwin M. Waterman, executive director of the Synod of the United Reformed Church, and John H. Jacobson, president of Hope College.

Gerrard W. Haworth, founding chairman of Haworth Inc., and Richard Haworth, chairman and chief executive officer of Haworth Inc., participated in the dedication service outside the building included the Rev. J. Ben Patterson, who is the Hinsburgersma Dean of the Chapel, and Matthew Haworth, product specialist with Haworth Inc.

Music was provided by Rob Abbott '97, pianist; Sarah Wentzloff '97, piccolo trumpeter; the Jazz Chamber Ensemble B and the college's String Quartet.

IN THE OLD COUNTRY: In early May, the choir from the college the Rev. Albertus C. Van Raalte founded in the New World returned to the Old World to sing at one of his early pastores.

The Hope College Choir Chapel began its May tour of the Netherlands and England with a concert at the Gereformeerde Kerk in 's-am-meren, the Netherlands, on Wednesday, May 7. The Rev. Van Raalte became the church's first full-time pastor in 1839, serving until moving on to Arnhem in 1844.

Arnhem was his final posting in the Netherlands before he left for the United States in the fall of 1846. He founded Holland in 1847.


SOCIAL WORK SOCIETY: Hope has established a local chapter of Phi Alpha, a national honor society for social work students.

Hope's new Zeta Theta chapter inducted its first member, seven seniors and six juniors, during a ceremony on Tuesday, Feb. 25.

"It's beneficial to the students for graduate school and their resumes," said Deborah Weiss '75 Sturwane, who is an associate professor of sociology and social work, and also the group's faculty advisor. "The members will also provide leadership within Hope's social work program."

Eligibility requirements for membership in the Hope chapter include being a social work major, having achieved junior status or higher, and having at least a 3.0 overall grade point average and a 3.4 average in the social work major.

The national Phi Alpha Honor Society was formally organized in 1962 with six charter chapters, and today has more than 110 chapters nationwide. The society's purposes include protecting and enhancing the status of students of social work and promoting humanitarian goals and ideals.

SPEAKER TALK: A visit by Oliver North generated lively discussion on the Hope campus as winter turned to spring.

Following a report in the Anchor of February 19 that Student Congress was considering North as a speaker, the faculty drafted a resolution expressing regret that college funds would be used to cover his fee, given that North's "primary renown" was his role in Iran-Contra. The resolution was forwarded to Student Congress, with a note explaining that it is the wish of the faculty that you know what the faculty think, not that we be construed as trying to tell you what to do.

Nevertheless, the issue soon became a debate on freedom of speech, as well as on cost and the speaker's Iran-Contra past, and played out in the local media and on the editorial pages. North even twice featured the controversy on his nationally-syndicated talk radio program.

In the end, Student Congress chose to have North come, and his visit ran from the evening of Tuesday, April 8, to mid-morning on Wednesday, April 9. His fee was covered by a combination of private gifts and a presidential discretionary endowment designated to support events such as the Student Congress speaker series.

Dr. Annie Dandavati has been presented the 33rd annual "Hope Outstanding Professor Educator" (H.O.P.E.) award by the Class of '97.

Dr. Dandavati, an assistant professor of political science, received the award during the college's annual Honors Convocation, held in Dimnent Memorial on Thursday, April 24.

As it happened, she'd already been scheduled to give the last lecture that most of the seniors would hear as undergraduates. Earlier in the year, Dr. Dandavati had been chosen to deliver the address during the college's 1997 Commencement exercises on Sunday, May 4 (Editor's Note: Commencement coverage appears on page 14). The H.O.P.E. 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.

"Professor Dandavati has made a very fine mark as a teacher, scholar and advisor to students during her time at Hope," said Dr. John H. Jacobson, president of Hope College. "She is a very promising and exciting young faculty member, and one of whom the institution is very proud."

Dr. Dandavati, who has been a member of the Hope faculty since 1992, teaches courses including "National Government," "Comparative Governments," "China and Japan," and "Latin American Politics." She has also led three-week Hope May Term courses in Mexico and Washington, D.C.

Her activities at Hope include serving as faculty advisor for the college's chapters of the Alpha Phi Omega national service fraternity and Amnesty International. She has served terms as the department of political science's freshman advisor, and also on a variety of committees at Hope. She was faculty advisor for the 1993 Hope College Model United Nations, which is coordinated by Hope students and attended by high school students portraying the roles of representatives to the United Nations.

Dr. Dandavati's primary research and teaching interests are women and politics, social movements, development and democratization, and she is the author of a book that combines them: The Women's Movement and the Transition to Democracy in Chile (Peter Lang publishers, 1998). The book explores the way in which women who were concerned with questions of justice and survival on a personal level eventually united to become a major force for political and social change.

She has made a variety of presentations—on topics including the subject of her book, and also human rights in China—during professional conferences as well as on-campus.

Dr. Dandavati holds a bachelor's degree from Jesus and Mary College, a master's degree from Jawaharlal Nehru University and a doctorate from the University of Denver. She and husband Mantesh have a three-year-old son, Arman.

This year's winner of the Hope Outstanding Professor Educator (H.O.P.E.) award is Dr. Annie Dandavati of the political science faculty (at left). Also pictured is Mortar Board President Laura Listenberger '97 of Niles, Mich.

TENNIS AWARD: Karen Page, director of tennis at Hope's DeVitt Tennis Center, received the 1997 Western Michigan Tennis Association's "Distinguished Service Award" on Wednesday, April 30.

The award is given in recognition of outstanding leadership of, and service to, the Western Michigan Tennis Association (WMTA).

Page's activities have included coaching Adult Women USTA Travel Teams at the DeVitt Tennis Center; coaching varsity boys' and girls' tennis at West Ottawa High School; serving as president of the Michigan High School Tennis Coaches Association; and serving the WMTA as district endorser for girls and as chair of the USTA Travel League Grievance Committee. She is a Certified Tennis Teaching Professional with the United States Professional Tennis Registry (USPTR).

(See "Campus Notes" on page 14.)

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Happy Birthday, Holland!

Holland's many sesquicentennial highlights include a number of events at Hope...

...like Community Day, which will feature a picnic at Windmill Island and other activities on Saturday, Sept. 13.

For more about college-related sesquicentennial activities, and on how to obtain a brochure about the sesquicentennial, see the list elsewhere on this page.

Alumni & Friends

Regional Events

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Holland Golf Outing—Monday, July 7
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Includes reunions for the Classes of '87, '88 and '92.

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

Holland's Sesquicentennial

Several activities have been scheduled in conjunction with Holland's sesquicentennial celebration of its 1847 founding. Here are those sponsored by Hope:

Dutch American Studies Conference—Thursday-Friday, June 13-14

"The Sesquicentennial of Dutch Immigration: 150 Years of Ethnic Heritage," the 11th biennial conference of the Association for the Advancement of Dutch American Studies. Please contact the Joint Archives of Holland at (616) 395-7798 for additional information.

Community Day—Saturday, Sept. 13
The day will include a parade at 2 p.m., a picnic on Windmill Island at 4 p.m., a home football game at 6 p.m., and fireworks at Holland Municipal Stadium following the game.

Netherlands Chamber Choir—Thursday, Nov. 6
A Great Performance Series event at 8 p.m. in Dimnent Memorial Chapel.

Exhibition Basketball—Friday, Nov. 14
Hope's Men's Basketball Team versus the Northern Netherlands All-Star Team at 7:30 p.m. in the Holland Civic Center.

For a copy of the brochure detailing all of the Sesquicentennial activities, please call the Holland Sesquicentennial Office at (616) 394-0338.

Traditional Events

Pall—Saturday, Sept. 27, 7:30 p.m.
Hope will be marking its 100th fall with the venerable tug-of-war, first held in 1898, with a special celebration.

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Ready for the next step

Commencement speaker Dr. Annie Dandavati encouraged Hope's newest graduating class to use the power of the education they'd received wisely as they begin their post-college lives.

Dr. Dandavati, an assistant professor of political science, delivered the address "Be Careful What you Swallow" during the college's 132nd commencement exercises, held at Holland Municipal Stadium on Sunday, May 4.

Approximately 4,000 attended the event, including parents from throughout the United States and as far away as India, Israel, and South Africa. About 537 Hope seniors participated.

Dr. Dandavati acknowledged that commencement addresses, and speakers, are seldom long-remembered.

"Not having been raised in a culture that has a tradition of commencement addresses, I solicited assistance from classmates," said Dr. Dandavati, who is from India, "who were quick to point out research that concludes that graduating seniors not only forget what their commencement speaker said, but in some cases have a hard time remembering who the commencement speaker was."

She, correspondingly, related her message to the college's name—something, she noted, that the graduates would not forget.

"Throughout your years at this institution, you have seen the word 'Hope' dissected and bisected. You have seen it emblazoned on sweat shirts, painted on the cheeks of the more ardent football fans and included in your prayers on the night before your organic chemistry final," she said. "Although you might well forget who delivered your commencement address, you will always remember that you graduated from Hope."

"On this important day of your life, I have the final opportunity to again lend these letters some meaning," Dr. Dandavati said. "Use the power of Hope to lead your life, with humor, with open-mindedness, with passion and with a commitment to education."

Of maintaining a sense of humor, she said, "Even though you will fail up— as I have done, as everyone does—you will make this world a much better place if you do not take yourself too seriously, and if you learn how to handle adversity, with the plucky grace of good cheer."

She encouraged open-mindedness not only to other cultures, races, and experiences, but also to other ideas—and coupled with critical thinking and "a healthy skepticism." "Travel, challenge yourself, do not sit this one out, take some risks, so that the world doesn't move ahead of you, leaving you behind," she said.

Concerning passion, she said, "Do something not just for the love of money, but because it makes your heart beat and your blood flow."

Of education, Dr. Dandavati said, "the truth of the matter is that your learning has only just begun."

"We have gotten you started, both inside and outside the classroom, but in the years ahead you will be called to wear many a hat: you will be a spouse, a partner, an uncle, aunt, a mother or father, maybe a supervisor and worker in addition to being a son, daughter, brother, sister and friend," she said. "Perform these roles with grace and passion, hoping to consistently balance a family life with a career. Daily and constant learning will assist you in living life to the fullest."

She closed with Dr. Sextus' tale of Uncle Tervilliger and the art of eating popovers, which notes, 'To eat these things, said my uncle, you must exercise great care. You may swallow down what's said... BUT... you must spit out the air.'

Dr. Dandavati added a rhyme of her own: "And Class of 1997, as you partake of the world's bill of fare, that's damned good advice to follow.\/*Do a lot of spitting out the hot air.\/*/And be very careful what you swallow."

The Rev. Dr. Louis E. Lotz, who is senior pastor of Morningside Reformed Church of Sioux City, Iowa, was the baccalaureate speaker earlier in the day, presenting "Singing the Lord's Song in a Foreign Land."

He based his sermon on Psalm 137:1-4. The verses discuss the way that the Israelites' captors taunted them while they were in enslaved in Babylon by forcing them to sing their beloved songs—and how difficult the Israelites found it to do while present far from home.

The key to facing such travels and travails, he said, is to possess a faith that transcends comfortable places and circumstances alike.

"The question is, 'Can you sing happy songs when you're feeling gloomy?'" Dr. Lotz said. "'The question is, 'Do you have a faith that can travel when your circumstances change?'

'Do you believe that God reigns everywhere?' he asked. 'Or is your God a local deity who is bound to your personal Jerusalem, whatever that may be?'

Dr. Lotz identified three thoughts for the graduates to keep in mind as they worked to develop and maintain such a transcending faith.

'Number one: think about the God in whom you believe,' he said.

"Is there anywhere where you can go and be where God isn't? Is there some Babylon that's beyond God's dominion," Dr. Lotz said. "The Bible says there is no such place. Whatever foreign land you go when you leave here, God is there for you. You're not going anywhere where God isn't."

"Secondly, think about what God is like," Dr. Lotz said. "The Bible says that God is the same—yesterday, today and forever," he said. "God's love for us doesn't change in times of adversity, no more than the sun stops shining just because it happens to be a cloudy day."

 Parade of faculty marshals. Dr. Horsilla Alvarez-Ruf and Dr. Donald Luindens '69 lead the Class of '97 through campus enroute to the Baccalaureate service.

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"And finally, think about your faith," he said.

"Is your faith something basic and controlling and at the core of your life, or is it kind of a hedge against disaster?" Dr. Lotz said. "Or is your faith kind of a self-serving faith—a means to an end? Some people think that if they have faith in God, that God will take care of them, and that good things will happen, and that they will be blessed."

The lessons, Dr. Lotz said, applied to the graduates' situation as they found themselves leaving the familiar and comfortable environs of college to pursue their lives elsewhere.

"Members of the Class of 1997; your circumstances are just about to change. Everything's going to be different," he said.

"As you leave here, I wouldn't blame you for feeling a little insecure," Dr. Lotz said. "You are faced with keeping the wolf from the door, and what do they give you to do it with? A sheepskin.

"But this much you can be sure of," he said. "Wherever you go when you leave here, God will be there for you."

"Whatever foreign land you are going, you can sing there the Lord's song," Dr. Lotz said.
You can go home again

Others change, places change, we change, and there’s a conventional wisdom that says it doesn’t work to go back to the past. But...

At the same time, those people and those places remain a part of us, and we a part of them, no matter what the future brings. And it’s fun, from time to time, to return, catch up, and enjoy sharing where the journey has led, and remember where it began.

More than 800 alumni returned to share memories during Alumni Weekend ’97, which ran Friday-Sunday, May 2-4. Through 11 class reunions, a come-as-you-are Alumni Festival and other activities, they shared who they are now—with people and at a place that helped start them on the way.
1932/1937 Reunions


1937—Row 1: Lillian Van Raalte Lampen, Catherine Kellogg Wyngarden, Dorothy Parker Luyendyk, Phoebe Sargent Van Dragt, Mina Becker '36 Buys; Row 2: Andrew Lampen, Russell VanTatenhove, Eugene Osterhaven, John Wyngarden, Ekdal Buys, Bill Luyendyk, Charles Steketee

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1952/1957 Reunions


1957—Row 1: Marilyn Luidens Timmer, Bob Barr, Norm Boeve, Carole Boeve, Harvey Van Farowe, June Brink Van Farowe, Carol DeVries Hoffman, Vem Hoffman '56, Ethel Van Lare Brown; Row 2: Gord Hondorp, MaryLou VanZuilen Hondorp, Peter Bylenga, Norma Damstra Bylenga, Mike Van Doomik, Marilyn Gupker '56 DeVree, Carl DeVree, Joann Kaper Hickman, Alyce Weener Osborn; Row 3: Donald Stotts, Jan Evert, Donald Van Lare, Lois Hoeksema Van Lare, Jaye Miller, Pat Bom Miller, Dan Meuwissen, John Van Iwaarden, Donna Van Iwaarden, Elsie Vande Zande Redeker, Jerry Redeker '56; Row 4: Robert Quisenberry, Ronald Bulthuis, Lois Weeks DeFriece, Dick DeFriece, Susan Shuler Verduin, Rob Verduin, Sue Underwood Ten Hoeve, Tom Ten Hoeve '56, Reda Rynbrandt Santinga; Row 5: Sammie Pas '56 Birdsell, Fred Birdsell, Maurice Loomans, Elizabeth Vander Jagt '59 Baker, James Baker, Jan Petty, Neil Petty, Ann Bloodgood Rowell, Brenda Lyness, Jim Lyness.

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1962/1967 Reunions

1962—Row 1: Shirley Prins Weener, Dee Beimers, Judy Wiley Moeuwisse, Sybil Brown Gretz, Richard J. Gretz, Marie Geerlings Blauwkamp, Adrian Blauwkamp, Donna Fisher Post, Ruth Flikkema Eisanger; Row 2: Doris Taylor Brumels, Mary Frying White, Sherwin Weener, Bruce Beimers, John DeKorte, Carolyn Meindertse DeKorte, Janet Koopman Van Dyke, Barbara Lowing Bank, Anita Tam Su, George Su, Pat Winchester Vanderbilt, Bill Vanderbilt '61; Row 3: Bruce Brumels '59, David White '60, Renetta Dykstra, Alice Abrahamse Van Dombik, Carol Van De Graanberg, Lars Granberg, Sharon Norris Flynn, Jeff Flynn, Nancy Sonneveldt Miller, Philip Miller '65; Row 4: Gwen Anderson, Jim Anderson, Mary Ann Magan, Michael D. Magan, Norma Van Der Laan '65 Wagner, George Wagner, Paul Dalman, Carol Cronk '64 Dalman, Betty Roters '63 Holleman, Bill Holleman; Row 5: Paul Grotenhuis, Tori Grotenhuis, Keith Nykerk, Diane Iwema, Rod Iwema, Ruth De Beer Wilson, Mary Spaan '63 Evert, Lance Evert, Sara Van De Poel Van Nekken, Jim Van Nekken

1972/1977 Reunions

1972—Row 1: C. David Buchanan, Diane Buchanan, Rick Hine, Mark Van Oostenburg, Julie Marcelius '75 Van Oostenburg, Ken Grolow, Kevin Holleman, Lynne DePree '76 Holleman; Row 2: Jan Baxter Atwood, Andy Atwood '70, Richard Fancher, Susan Buckman, Sandy Goddesen Bruinschat, Marvyn R. Younger, Latheme Becailori, Joel Slaeger, Barbara Nelly-Slaeger, Mike Boelens; Row 3: Donna Huizenga Nelson, Douglas K. Nelson, Nancy Burke Berry, Steve Berry, MaryLynn Dzurina 73 Lammers, Keith Lammers, Craig DeScipio, Barb Kory Bauer, Bill Bauer 71, Tom Davelaar, Gene Haulenbeek, Susan Sinclair '73 Haulenbeek; Row 4: Susan Wallace Paauwe, Barry Brugger '74, Ann Lemmer Brugger, Nancy Weinert, Mark Paul Weinert, Chris Hahn, Michael Bondi, Fernando Alban, Kim DePree, Tom Davelaar, Gene Haulenbeek, Susan Sinclair '73 Haulenbeek; Row 5: Joyce Pruiksma Conley, Diane Fugitt Terrero, Deborah Vaughn Smith, Karin L. Hansen Jaros, Nancy Sterk, Kelsey Lindemann, Donna Howitt Lindemann, Linda Draft, Barb Kory Bauer, Bill Bauer 71, Tom Davelaar, Gene Haulenbeek, Susan Sinclair '73 Haulenbeek; Row 6: Lynn Klaasen Hillegonds, Gail Parker Westerhof, Kathryn Page Camp, Laurel Dekker VanHattums, Sue Rutledge Viel, Julie Marie Sweers, Mary Schmidt Deenen, Marlyn Ray Brown, Mary Emily Mouw, Lois Butterworth Miles, Nancy Wallenda Bassman; Row 7: Gale Aldrich Stoner, Ken Dykhuis '70, Kathy Nykyforchyn Dykhuis, Jean Maring Luyendyk, Kathy Mulder-Sheridan, Joyce Drolen Budge, Rich DeFouw '73, Debbie Karle DeFouw, Mary Jo Brown Kiefer, Russ Kiefer; Row 8: Laurie Schlangen Hollendonnef, Jan Hageman Harris, Lynne Castetter Hall, Martha Corbin Whiteman, Shellee McIvaine Coo, Gary Hayden, Doug Iverson, George Bennett, Kay Nordskog Scott, Bob Scott, Jerry Keizer


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Hope claims All-Sports trophy

Conference championships, individual accomplishments and record performances during the spring sports season all contributed to another all-sports year at Hope College.

Hope won the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association (MIAA) championship for a record 20th time. The all-sports award goes to the MIAA member school with the best cumulative performance in the 18 conference sports. Hope sponsors nine athletic teams for women and nine for men. Each program contributed equally to the college’s 13th all-sports championship in 18 years. Hope finished with 101 all-sports points, 81 by the men’s program and 80 by the women’s. During the year Hope crowned seven MIAA champions. In women’s athletics there were championships in golf, volleyball, swimming and tennis, while the men’s program crowned champions in soccer, basketball and baseball.

Spring sports highlights included single-season records for baseball and men’s tennis victories, the first-ever invitations to Hope athletes for the NCAA women’s golf championships and an All-America performance in men’s track.

Baseball Wins Championship; Posts Record 24 Victories

The Flying Dutchmen enjoyed a record spring which included its fifth MIAA championship since 1990. Coach Stu Fritz’s Dutchmen put together a 10-game winning streak at mid-season en route to a league record 16-2 conference record and 24-14 overall mark. No Hope baseball team had ever won 20 games in a season.

Six players were voted to All-MIAA baseball teams. First team honors included sophomore shortstop Dean Estes of Hudsonville, Mich., junior third baseman Chad Ruby of Humboldt, Iowa, sophomore pitcher Adam Labbe of Cadillac, Mich., and sophomore pitcher Matt Vriesenga of Grand Rapids, Mich. Second team honors included junior catcher Mike Meuwse of Grand Rapids, Mich., and sophomore second baseman Matt Klein of DeWitt, Mich.

Ruby and Labbe were also named to the Mideast All-Region NCAA Division III first team. They were the first Hope players to achieve all-region baseball honors since 1990. Ruby became the 12th Hope player to bat .400 or better in a season. His .423 average is the fifth best in school history.

Labbe pitched seven consecutive victories after suffering a loss in his season debut. Ruby was voted the team’s most valuable player, while freshman outfielder Ben Fellows was voted the team’s rookie of the year.

Veterans, Seniors Contribute To Women’s Tennis Championship

For four years the Hope women’s tennis scene has been dominated by two players. As the 1997 season began, there was little doubt that seniors Audrey Coates of Holland, Mich., and Becky Lucas of Kalamazoo, Mich., would again make their mark on a conference and national level. The big question entering the season was who else would step forward.

Coates and Lucas achieved as anticipated, each winning conference singles crowns and then combining to win in doubles. Coates received a bid to play singles in the NCAA tournament for a fourth consecutive year, and the doubles team of Coates and Lucas headed for nationals for a third straight year.

There are predictable factors that contribute to the outcomes of a season—the schedule, injuries and the weather, to name a few. And the weather, to name a few. But a science experiment? For two weeks at mid-season the Flying Dutch were without Coates, who joined other Hope engineering students in a NASA project in Texas. (See accompanying story.)

It meant coach Kathy VanTubbergen had to shuffle her lineup. Included during this stretch were key matches with rival Calvin and defending league co-champion Kalamazoo. The Flying Dutch responded with victories, and when Coates returned went on to win the conference tournament and Hope

Shining on-court and off

In four years of outstanding tennis play, no one could ever accuse Audrey Coates of not having her feet on the ground.

This spring, in the middle of her senior year, it was easy to excuse Coates for wanting to lift not only her feet, but her entire body off the ground. Coates was one of five Hope engineering students invited by NASA to conduct research using zero-gravity conditions created by the acrobatics of an aircraft at the Johnson Space Center in Houston, Texas. (See page 24 of this issue for a feature on the program.)

Participation in the program meant Coates would have to miss a key part of the tennis season. Coach Kathy VanTubbergen said she didn’t hesitate for a moment when Coates approached her about the NASA program.

"That’s what makes Hope a special place," said VanTubbergen. "Several of my players have special interests that extend beyond their athletic abilities, be it musical gifts or academic opportunities. Athletes don’t drive their lives."

Hope kept on winning in Coates’ absence, and upon her return went on to win a conference championship. Coates made a fourth consecutive trip to the NCAA tournament and ended as Hope’s winningest tennis player.

And others saw even another gift in this player. She was voted the outstanding sports-woman in the conference, and for the second year received the regional Arthur Ashe Sportsmanship award.
A family tradition

When Hope College senior Daniel Bannink achieved NCAA All-America status at this year's Division III track and field championships, he continued a family tradition of accomplishment in athletics.

Bannink culminated an outstanding senior year in which he received all-conference honors in both cross country and track. He went into the record book as one of the year's premier small-college distance runners, finishing eighth in the nation in the 5,000-meter run.

Even more impressive was the extension of excellence in athletics by the extended Bannink family. It started in the 1960s when Dan's father, Jack, was an outstanding runner at Calvin College, where he received All-MIAA honors in cross country. Jack and Merrie Bannink sent their children to Hope for their college education.

Jilanne Bannink '91 Misiewicz was an All-MIAA athlete in cross country and swimming. She achieved NCAA All-America swimming honors six times during her career. Jeff Bannink '93 was also an All-American swimmer who was a member of a national-champion, 800-yard freestyle relay team in 1991. Jeff's wife, Marcia Vandersall '93 Bannink, was an NCAA All-American in both cross country and track.

The excellence goes beyond the field of competition. Jeff was an NCAA Postgraduate Scholar. This spring, Daniel was presented the Otto van der Velden All-Campus Award for outstanding overall contribution to the college. And there's more to the story. Cindy Bannink, who just completed her sophomore year at Hope, is a member of the cross country and swimming teams. She earned All-MIAA second team recognition in cross country and was on a league championship freestyle relay team in swimming.
Social work accredited

The college's social work program has received accreditation from the Council on Social Work Education.

The Council awarded Hope's program accreditation to 2001, effective for graduates from 1994 forward. The accreditation follows Hope's first attempt for the designation; the process began in 1992.

The recognition is good news for students and graduates as an indication of the Hope social work program's quality, according to Professor Piers, '69, professor of sociology and social work and program director. "Accreditation means that the educational body has positively evaluated the program, its goals and objectives, and its curriculum, and has found that it meets national standards," he said.

That social work program was originally established to more specifically prepare students for the helping professions," he said. "We chose to establish our social work program because we believed that we could do a more thorough and comprehensive job of preparing students for beginning professional social work practice with a baccalaureate degree."

The program's five emphases include social welfare policies and services; human behavior in the social environment; social work practices; research in the field; and a capstone internship of at least 400 hours in local community human service agencies. The major also requires that students take courses in biology, mathematics, political science, psychology and sociology.

The social work faculty consists of Professor Piers and Deborah Weiss '75 Sturtevant, who is an associate professor of sociology and social work and the program's director of field. Approximately 45 students are majoring in the program at any given time.

Founder's statue dedicated

The new statue of the Rev. Albertus C. Van Raalte, founder of Holland, Mich., and Hope College, was unveiled during a May 1 dedication ceremony in Holland's Centennial Park.

The nine-foot, bronze statue stands near Central Avenue at Graves Place (11th Street). Facing toward the Hope campus, the project was coordinated by Hope and funded through a donation from Peter Huizenga '60 of Oak Brook, Ill., who is a member of the college's Board of Trustees.

Participants in the ceremony included Huizenga, Hope President Dr. John H. Jacobson; Albert McGeehan '66, mayor of Holland; and Dr. Jacob E. Nyenhuis, Hope's provost, who oversaw the project. Invited guests included representatives of the foundry that cast the statue: Johnson Atelier of Mercerville, N.J.

The installation completed, in conjunction with Holland's on-going 150th anniversary celebration, a failed effort to construct such a statue in commemoration of the city's 75th anniversary.

The statue was based on a design rendered in anticipation of the 1922 anniversary by Leonard Crunelle of Chicago, Ill. Johnson Atelier chose sculptor James L. Gafgen Sr. of Bucks County, Pa., to render the new version, working from the only known depiction of the original: a photograph of Crunelle's work, although its facial features and expression are based instead on a painting of the Rev. Van Raalte.

Pictured with sculptor James L. Gafgen Sr. (center) are: Dr. John H. Jacobson; Peter Huizenga '60; Dr. Jacob E. Nyenhuis; and Albert McGeehan '66.
OUTSTANDING IN DANCE: Nicole Flinn '97 of Ionia, Mich., has been named a 1997 "Outstanding Dance Educator" by the National Dance Association (NDA). The association presented several of the awards to students from around the United States on Saturday, March 22, during its annual meeting, held in St. Louis, Mo. The recipients were chosen from a pool comprised of nominees from each institution—from participating colleges and universities.

According to Maxine De Bruyn of the dance faculty, qualifications for the award include overall enthusiasm for education and the ability to teach dance in a K-12 setting. De Bruyn noted that Flinn has well demonstrated both.

“She has tremendous potential as a teacher. She has great enthusiasm, and the ability to use concepts and theories in innovative ways. She also has the ability to integrate dance and other curriculum,” De Bruyn said. Her enthusiasm and confidence have resulted in the development of a curriculum to alleviate children's self-consciousness about dance.”

JAPANESE SPEECH: Brandon Hayashi '97 of Kaneohe, Hawaii, won first place in the highest level in the Michigan/Ohio Division of the Japanese Speech Contest sponsored by the Japanese government.

The contest was held in Detroit, Mich. on Saturday, March 22. Hayashi was one of 100 students competing in a category for college students who have been studying the language for more than one year.

“He did a wonderful job,” said Andy Nakajima, assistant professor of Japanese. "Brandon has studied Japanese for only two years at Hope and one year in Japan.”

It was the first time that a Hope student competed in the contest, which according to Professor Nakajima is traditionally dominated by large schools.

The students chose their own topics, speaking and answering follow-up questions from the judges in Japanese. Hayashi presented "The Special Day," describing how his interest in the Japanese culture and language had developed.

The fourth generation of his family to live in the United States, he became interested following a talk with his great-uncle, who shared stories of his family's Japanese history.

ARAB-MODEL HONORS: For the ninth year in a row, Hope students have won "Best Delegation" honors during the Midwest Model League of Arab States, held this year on Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 27-March 1, at Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Mich.

The Hope students, comprising two delegations, won the event's two "Best Delegation" awards for their portrayals of Palestine and Jordan. In addition, seven of the 13 Hope students who participated were individual award winners, and the group's long-time advisor, Laurie Engle, received special recognition for her contributions to the model league.

The purpose of the model is to introduce students to the Arab world, to highlight the important issues in the region, and to generate understanding about the patterns of cooperation and conflict within the Arab world and with the international community.

STUDENT SINGERS: A total of six voice students taught by two members of the Hope faculty earned honors during the statewide National Association of Teachers of Singing (NATS) Student Auditions held at Michigan State University on Saturday, April 5.

The honorees included four Hope freshmen (who are now sophomores) and two area high school students. The awards included a sweep of first, second and third place in the First-Year College Women division, first place in the First-Year College Men division.

Approximately 250 students from around the state, from high school age through the graduate level, competed in a variety of divisions. A total of 18 high school and college students of Hope music faculty members Laura Sutton Floyd and Dr. Stuart Sharp participated.


GOLDWATER SCHOLARSHIP: Katie Drake, a senior from Rochester Hills, Mich., has received a prestigious Goldwater Scholarship for the 1997-98 academic year.

The scholarships were awarded by the Board of Trustees of the Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation to 282 undergraduate sophomores and juniors for the 1997-98 academic year. The Goldwater Scholars were selected on the basis of academic merit, from a field of 1,164 mathematics, science and engineering students who were nominated by the faculties of colleges and universities nationwide.

Drake is a chemistry, mathematics and physics triple major. Her primary academic and research interest is in the field of chemistry and physics, and she has been working with other researchers in nuclear physics at Hope since her freshman year.

NSF FELLOWSHIP: Joshua Levy '97 of Grandville, Mich., has received a graduate fellowship from the National Science Foundation (NSF). The fellowships are awarded to students pursuing doctorates in the sciences, and Levy received one of approximately 40 in mathematics. The fellowships pay tuition and fees of up to $9,500, and a stipend of $15,000 each year for three years.

Levy majored in mathematics and computer science and physics. This fall, he will enter the Ph.D. program in mathematics at the University of California, Berkeley.

NAVY SCHOLARSHIP: Ashin Khodaram Afarin '97 of Ft. Wayne, Ind., has received United States Navy Health Professions Scholarship in support of his medical school program.

The highly competitive medical school scholarship was awarded by the U.S. Navy through the Armed Forces Health Professions Scholarship Program. As a scholarship recipient, Afarin has also been commissioned as an ensign in the U.S. Navy Reserve.

He will be attending Indiana Medical School.

MISSION WORK: Three students were named Western Fellows to do mission service during the summer of 1997.

Matt Kuiper, a senior from Lansing, Mich., will spend the summer in Indonesia; Mark LaChonie, a senior from McBain, Mich., will be in Kazakhstan; Tracy McArthur, a junior from Holt, Mich., will be in Siberia. Western Fellows are supported by the Samuel L. Western Foundation of Bloomfield Hills, Mich.

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“We are thrilled to have these three deeply committed students to be able to serve others throughout the world,” said Lori Fair, director of student outreach at Hope. “They bring a faith and an enthusiasm for mission work to each of their assignments.”

A multi-tiered cake for the 500-plus graduating seniors who attended this year's Graduation Banquet on Thursday, April 3, was parent Gloria Smith's way of helping son Aaron '97 celebrate his graduation. The cake took 22 hours to bake.

First place in the First-Year College Women division, Holly Vaughn of Traverse City, Mich., earned third place in the First-Year College Women division.

PARENT GLORIA SMITH OF CHARLOTTE, MICH., GAVE THIS YEAR'S SENIOR BANQUET AN ADDED PERSONAL TOUCH.

Smith's son Aaron was on the committee of graduating seniors that planned the event. She volunteered to bake a cake if they were interested in having one—and stuck with her decision. She was thrilled that the guest list would hold 500-600.

The multi-tiered cake featured miniatures of the mortar board and the flag—appropriately snorkeled in blue—climbing stairs toward the cake's peak. Orange-and-blue trim, and the graduate's final name around the base, completed the contest.

Smith, a day care provider who has baking been a hobby, spent 22 hours baking the cake at home, and several hours on the frosting. She then loaded the components into the station wagon and carried them to Holland for assembly and decoration in Phoenix Hall's dining room, site of the April 3 banquet.
Alumni Board makes appointments

During its May meeting, the Alumni Association Board of Directors chose its officers for 1997-98 and appointed six new members.

The board also made three reappointments. Jennifer Liggett ’80 of Kalamazoo, Mich., has been appointed to a second year as president, and Claire Vander Meulen ’75 Gibbs of Melbourne, Fla., to a second year as vice president. Michael Percy ’86 of Mentor, Ohio, has been appointed secretary, succeeding Bryan Bush ’84 of Anaheim, Calif., whose service as a board member will continue.

The board’s new members are: Bruce Brumels ’59 of McBain, Mich.; Northern Michigan Region; Ruth Anne Hascup ’80 of Flanders, N.J. (New Jersey Region); John Hensler ’85 of Canton, Mich. (Michigan Region); Karen Gralow ’75 of Moline, Ill. (New York Region); Dan McCue ’89 of Bexley, Ohio (Junior Class Representative); and Megan Mulder ’97 of Holland, Mich. (Most Recent Graduating Class Representative).

Reappointed to the board were Vicky Ten Haak ’81 of Hawkwood of Bexley, Ohio; Doris Kellom ’80 of New London, Conn. (New England Region); and Martha Curbin ’72 a Whittier College of Bemidji, Minn. (Central Region). Julie McGillicuddy ’98 of Okemos, the current Junior Class Representative, was appointed Senior Class Representative.

In addition, five board members have concluded or will soon conclude their service to the board. John Broadbent ’79 of West Olive, Mich.; Ken Dulaw ’64 of Ocean, N.J.; Valerie Fache ’64 of Holland, Mich.; Andrew Van Eeden ’77 of Holland, Mich.; and Kay Moores ’76 Walker of Traverse City, Mich.

Brumels retired in June of 1996 after 37 years at McBain High School, where he served as athletic director and principal. From 1965 to 1984 he also worked in the summer as a seasonal park ranger at Mitchell State Park in Cadillac, Mich.

He has been a deacon and elder of Rehoboth Reformed Church of Lucas, Mich., in addition to serving on numerous church committees. He also served the Northern Michigan Classis of the Reformed Church in America (RCA), as a member and chair of the Administration and Finance Committee, and as president.

He and his wife, Doris E. Taylor ’62, Brumels, were active in the college’s Alumni, the Future in campaign. All three of their children are Hope graduates: Blaine Brumels ’85, Kirk Brumels ’88 and Joy Brumels ’90 Zomer.

Burgener is an eighth grade resource center teacher with the Washington Township Schools in Long Valley, N.J. She is the special education unit leader for all the special education teachers in the middle school, and has served on the Executive Committee of the Washington Township Education Association.

She has attended alumni events in New Jersey, participated in the Alumni Chapel Choir during Homecoming Sunday at Hope, and has also made calls to prospective students. Her father, Jack Hascup ’53, was Alumni Association president from 1975 to 1977.

She belongs to Long Valley Presbyterian Church, and has also served as a vacation Bible school volunteer. She has two children: Katie, age seven, and Christopher, age three-and-half.

Hensler is an accountant executive with TRC Communications Inc., a marketing communications company.

He had been a member of the Hope admissions staff for three years, covering upstate Michigan and New York. While on the staff he was advisor to the Social Activities Committee (SAC), of which he had been activities coordinator as a student.

He received a master’s in science in environmental education and communication from the University of Michigan in 1991. He was a member of the university’s 1980 Solar Car Team, which won the USA race and came in third in the World Solar Challenge.

His community and volunteer activities include the “Brush-Up Flint” program (cleaning up the Flint area), and various MS Society and U of M Solar Car fund-raisers.

Gralow has been a special education teacher at the middle level in the Niskayuna Central School District for the past three years, after an eight-year leave to stay at home with her three daughters. She was also with the district from 1975 to 1986.

In addition to attending local Hope events and activities, she assists Hope in its admissions efforts as a representative at college fairs and was a caller when the Hope phonathon operated on volunteers regionally.

Her community activities have included being a deacon in the Lynwood Reformed Church, a Sunday school teacher, a member of the Junior League of Schenectady, a volunteer in a shelter for battered women, and “Next-to-New Shop,” and a homeroom mother.

She has three daughters: Heather, Amber, and Kara. Niece Jennifer Gralow of Guilderton, N.Y., is a Hope sophomore.

McCue is a French language arts composite major who plans to become an elementary teacher after student teaching this fall. She is working with Hope’s CASA program this summer.

She is a member of Pi Delta Phi, the French honorary society, spent the fall of 1986 studying in Paris, France, and has tutored French. Her activities at Hope have also included the Delta Phi sorority, of which she was president this year. She was a member of the Homecoming Court in October of 1994.

She served as a caller with the college’s Phonathon while a sophomore, and was a member of the Senior Alumni Fund Committee.

Her parents are Dr. Ronald ’65 and Sandy Cady ’65 Mulders of Malone, Ill. Several aunts, uncles and cousins have also attended Hope.

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

The Alumni Association presented a Meritorious Service Award to Vern Schiper '51 of Holland, Mich., during the Alumni Banquet on Saturday, May 3, in addition to presenting seven Distinguished Alumni Awards.

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

Schiper was a member of the Hope staff for more than 16 years. He joined the college as director of the Build Hope Fund in August of 1973. He was subsequently appointed associate director of college relations for alumni affairs, and served as associate director until 1986, when he moved to the college's advancement staff as a regional representative. He retired in August of 1988.

He was active as a volunteer on the college's behalf before joining the Hope staff. He has also been active as a Hope volunteer since retiring. The Alumni Association presented him with a "Resolution of Recognition and Appreciation" in May of 1986.

Schiper was formerly a teacher in the Holland Public Schools, and for a time served as director of adult education and community service in Holland.

His community involvement has included serving as a member of the Board of Directors of the Holland Area Chamber of Commerce and Resthaven, the latter of which awarded him a plaque of appreciation in 1986. He also served on the Board of the Theological Education of the Reformed Church in America (RCA), vice president and chairman of the Holland Classis of the RCA, and is a member of Christ Memorial Church.

Schiper served with the U.S. Navy and U.S. Army during World War II and the Korean Conflict. He earned the Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Republic of Korea Medal, the United Nations Medal, the Combat Infantryman's Badge and theatre ribbons.

In addition to earning his undergraduate degree at Hope, he earned a master's degree from Westminster College.

Those honored with Distinguished Alumni Awards during the May 3 banquet were: Dr. Harvey Doorenbos '55 and Margaret Doorenbos '56 of Doreenbos, Lois VanderMeulen '56 Elliott and Janet Lawrence '60; Back Row, Dr. Charles Votaw '51, Dr. Harvey Doorenbos '55, Dr. James Hawkins '64 and Vern Schiper '51.

Two years prior to his 1999 retirement from the Delta College faculty, Schiper was awarded the patent for "an improved motor home." He has four colleagues co-authored an introductory biology textbook. In addition, he co-authored a book on "Phyllis Ann Lenz '52 Demo reports that daughter Pat—" who is married and has two boys, ages seven and 10—" has become "a San Diego City firefighter."

Bob Dennison '52 and Liz Schmidt '52 Dennison, who have a young son, Todd, has presented them with their son's "St. Patrick's Day parade."

Lavinia "Daisy" Hoogveld '52 of Grandville, Mich., didn't have "The Bishop's House" on Broadway, "Nevada" in February and March. She ended up with two surgeries and two units of blood at Mayo Clinic/St. Luke's Hospital in Rochester, Minn.

John Nynflat '52 reports that he has enjoyed serving as "reverend pastor" for three Christian Reformed congregations since retiring in 1998.

Graige Prichard '55 of Greenville, N.C., has three grandchildren, ages one, three and free.

Herbert Wegmayer Jr. '52 of Point Vedra, Fla., is a psychiatrist. His latest book concerns schizophrenia and bipolar illness, which he notes is often mis-diagnosed and mistreated.


Elsie Lou Lower '57 of Hamrick of Ocala, Fla., has received an "eminent alumna" for elementary schools. She reports that she is enjoying this time of her life having time for herself, family, community involvement and travel.

Ruth Vandenberg '58 of Holland, Mich., and Judith Willey '62 of Muncie are co-presenters in "At home: Messengers of joy." She works not only in the home, but in the home: organizing/inspirational/spiritual programs each month.

John E. Brower '52 retiring effective July 1, 1997, and has purchased property in the country south of Ossau, Wis. During his 25 years in ministry, he has served four appointments in United Methodist Church, in Wisconsin: one at Albion/Hallie, and the other at Neillsville/Corton.

The Vietnamese Institute will be a Reformed Church in America., where he was employed for 34-and-a-half years before retiring in 1992. The book-senior book is just under 500 pages long.

Marian Holman '49 and husband Oscar have moved from Kentucky to San Antonio, Texas. They are still traveling around the United States in their motorhome, a "north Texas" and a "south Texas." She continues to play the piano with her husband and his family, and enjoys playing piano for her friends and family in her area. She is also responsible for organizing an "inspiration and spiritual program each month." The group is called "Messengers of joy." Ruth Vandenberg "saw it and loved it."

Marcia Jordan '52 Raub and husband Albert moved into a new home in New Castle, Ind., in May.

Dudal Rayburn '62 of Solon, Ohio, is the president-elect of the National Association of the American College of Clinical Chemistry, and vice president of Solon Music Parents.

Barbara Van Houten '62 of Sacramento, Calif., has written the children's story "Megan, Mirror," which will be heard in one of the 1997 editions of "For the Love of Kids: Author's Slideshow." She is also responsible for organizing an "inspiration and spiritual program each month." The group is called "Messengers of joy." Ruth Vandenberg "saw it and loved it."
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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, it is ever-growing and ever-evolving.

To receive the daily Hope Sports Report free via Internet: You need only send your e-mail address to: alumnus@hope.edu

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

To reach John S. Whitten, director of the Office of Alumni and Parent Relations: (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, school, major, and year of academic interest and year of graduation.)

Alumni participation level in jeopardy

With the fiscal year ending on June 30, the college is working hard to reverse an apparent decline in the percentage of alumni supporting the college through gifts to the Annual Fund.

Such a drop, beyond the alumni gifts missed, has a negative effect on the college's reputation generally and on the perception of the college by prospective gift seekers who include foundations and corporations, according to Barb Arneson, '68 Osburn, director of the college's Annual Giving Division.

"From Hope means something because employers and graduate schools think highly of the college, and many organizations that I talk to regularly look to Hope to create comparative rankings--like the U.S. News and World Report Best Colleges guide--look at alumni satisfaction in making these calculations," she said. "And it happens, the percentage of alumni providing financial support is one way they measure that.

"Plus, corporations and foundations are always looking at alumni participation when thinking about supporting colleges like Hope," Osburn said. "In fact, we only received one of the major gifts for the recent classroom redemption because alumni participation was high.

Hope has long been admired for its level of alumni participation. That level was recognized in the Alliance, offering the New America's Education Fund's Media Award for National Excellence in Broadband programs, the Michigan Public Purchasing Officers Association. It is currently preparing the purchasing director for the College of Kalamazoo.

Thomas Stahl '72 is employed with the U.S. Agency for International Development, working in international development in the West Bank and Gaza. Kurt Pugh '87 is in advertising in Louisville, Ky. Cari Brown-Kiefer '72 has just completed her Ph.D. in literature from Michigan State University.

The late Brad Williams '73 is remembered through a retrospective exhibition at the Baltimore Institute and the Denver Art Museum. The University of Connecticut's Depot Campus in Storrs, Conn. The exhibition opened on Monday, April 26, and will run through mid-May. To 5 p.m., and Saturdays and Sundays from noon to 5 p.m., and admission is free. Brad, who held a master of fine arts degree from the University of Kentucky from July 17, 1997, from injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

Robert Bruinooge '74 of Hammondsport, N.Y., is a staff writer for the Schenectady (N.Y.) City School and a Hope researcher in training for reaching recovery-early intervention for first graders. She is a research assistant for the Research on Teachers of the Year.

Mary Jo Brown-Kiefer '72 and Ruth Kiefer '72, directors of the college's Office of Alumni and Parent Relations, have been active in the college's office and have also been a visiting member of the Hope College's Office of Alumni and Parent Relations, participating in a variety of workshops for teachers at local, state, and regional settings. In addition, she is a member of the board of directors of the Michigan Public Purchasing Officers Association. She is currently preparing the purchasing director for the College of Kalamazoo.
Deb Nitch '78 of Ray Brook, N.Y., is wilderness director at Vermont for the summer. John Vander Kolk '79 of Grand Rapids, Mich., was general chair of the Michigan Dental Association's 40th Annual Session, held in Grand Rapids, Mich., in April. He is a past president of the Michigan Dental Association.

Jeffrey D. Cordes '80 of Plano, Texas, has been promoted to president and chief operating officer of Pillowworks Studio, where he previously served as executive vice president and CFO for the corporation. He oversees the general operation of both the Pillowworks and Beacon Divisions, and retains his responsibilities as the company's chief financial officer. Robert Miller Jr. '80 of Farmington Hills, Mich., has two children; Matthew (age six) and Andrew (age one). He is a sound designer/audio engineer with Producers Color Service of Southfield, Mich.

Brent Slater '80 and wife Indra have worked with CB International in Uganda since 1984. Brent currently serves as Uganda director and writes adult leadership training materials. They have two children: Luke (age six) and Garrett (age one).

Mike Dalman '81 is principal at Central Elementary School in the Grand Haven (Mich.) Public School system. This is the same school Dr. Lamer Dirske '53 was at and used for many illustrations in his books," he writes. Mike and Susan live in Zeeland, Mich., and have three children: Lindsay (11), Malores (11) and Abigail (six). Mike also is a real estate sales agent for ERA Select Homes, and has been the top producer for the last five months. He'll soon be relocating to Indianapolis, Ind.

Gretchen Keeler '83 of Grand Rapids, Mich., is a social worker with Wedgewood Christian Youth and Family Services.

Tim Laman '83 of Cambridge, Mass., wrote, and did photography for, "Bronson's Strongest Figures," an article featured in the April 1997 issue of National Geographic. He is a biologist with Harvard University.

Bonnie Corson '84 Glades has been elected president for 1997-98 by the Detroit (Mich.) Chapter of the American Advertising Federation (AAF). In May, she represented the Detroit Chapter at the National World Leadership Training Conference in Orlando, Fla. Dianna Dreibelbis '84 of Southfield, Mich., is employed at Parkos-Davis, discussed his work during the Chemistry Club's "Careers in Chemistry" held at Hope College; on Wednesday, April 9, 1997. He was one of five speakers featured during the event.

Barbara Kneip '85 guided the Chaska School to its second consecutive California Interscholastic Federation-Southern Section (CI-SF) soccer championship. In April 1997, team captain of the year.

Kathy Hogenboom '85 of Rogers, Minn., who is employed at the U.S. Laborer's discussed her work during the Chemistry Club's "Careers in Chemistry" held at Hope College on Wednesday, April 9, 1997. She was one of five speakers featured during the event.

Paul Harper '86 of Phoenix, Ariz., has been an assistant professor of physics at Grand Canyon University in Phoenix since 1994. Greg Vandermeer '86 has accepted a call as associate professor of mathematics at Cranmore College in Hollis, N.H.

Annette Kingland '86 is a Ziegler at West Bend, Wis., in, and has a daughter, Cari, 12, and an son, William, age one. She moved back to Michigan from Alpharetta, Ga., in November of 1996. After 10 years with her former employer, Conner has taken a position as accountant with Watson Wyatt Worldwide, a benefits and compensation consulting firm in Southfield, Mich. She is working primarily with companies in Michigan, and plans to move to Watson-Wyatt's Grand Rapids, Mich., office within the next few years.

Eric Saltier '87 of Farmington, Mich., and his family have moved to the Denver area. Eric Saltier, age four, and son William, age one, moved back to the Midwest in November of 1996 after eight years in Alpharetta, Ga. Eric is a senior consultant and project manager with Watson Wyatt Worldwide, a benefits and compensation consulting firm in Southfield, Mich. Where he assists organizations with the delivery of group insurance and flexible benefit programs. Eric and his family attended First Covenant Church in Farmington Hills.

Brian Rottell '88 of Holland, Mich., is the assistant branch manager with Old Kent Bank's South Side Branch.

Carrie Green's "Burns and husband Tom are in the final and third year of their diplomatic tour in West Germany, where Tom works in the American Embassy. Carrie served as the hospitality chair on the American Government Association's behalf while she was in charge of welcoming all new American families into the embassy community. She is currently a stay-at-home mother to daughter Kelly. They will return to the States in the spring of 1998."

Janet Gallard '88 Evans is a research and communication specialist with Hasbro's Education Group (HED), which includes secondary research (mainly in cognitive psychology, neuroscience and anthropology), writing and editing. She was named a Department of Management Development Research and Creative Scholar by Western Michigan University's Hasbro College of Business while recently completing her M.B.A. The award is based on her GPA and the publication of two book reviews in the Academy of Management Executive on learning and care in a review of the Fall 1997 issue of the Mid-American Journal of Business.

Christopher Fienna '90 is a section pastor of Fellowship Church in Lombard, Ill.

Mary Rust '90 is teaching at American International College in Springfield, Mass., and is married to Michael Rust, an intern with the student body.

Leslie Schlafler '90 of Scarsdale, N.Y., is in her last year of family practice residency in LaGrange, Colorado. She is employed at Darien Hospital where Dwight Tenbusch '88 is the administrator who was recently married to Leslie. Dwight Tenbusch '88 and Heather Rask '87 Tenbusch and daughter Sophie (16 months old in April) have moved to Chicago, where Dwight is the Director of Human Resources at the PaineWebber Group.

John R. Wyna '88 of Arlington, Va., is a staff editor for the U.S. Congress's Office of Legislative Printing.

Susan Mackie '89 of New York, N.Y., finished her M.A.S.L. at the University of Texas at Austin in 1995, and subsequently worked in the Perry-Castañeda Library and for the Digital Information Literacy Project at UT. She recently began as electronic services and research librarian at the Indiana University's University Library, and is the lead librarian for the Digital Information Literacy Project. The grant for which she co-wrote the proposal, was approved by the Library of Congress.

Karen Kiel '87 of Palm Springs and Stephen Palmer '82 of Kalamazoo are proud parents of Matthew, age two, and Joel Charles, who is under age one.

Kris Smith '88 is an athletic trainer at Kalamazoo College, and is the West Michigan representative to the Educators' Educational Horizons in Sports and Athletic Trainers' Society. She is also head softball coach at Kalamazoo College, and coached the team to a third-place finish in the Missouri Valley Conference, with Hope (still coached by her former Hope coach, Karl Hachen, '77 Wolves).

Chris Pieters '90 is a staff editor at the University of Michigan's Alumni Relations Office where Dwight Tenbusch '88 is the administrator who was recently married to Leslie. Dwight Tenbusch '88 and Heather Rask '87 Tenbusch and daughter Sophie (16 months old in April) have moved to Chicago, where Dwight is the Director of Human Resources at the PaineWebber Group.

John W. Goyne '78 of Asheville, N.C., is a professor of history at the Western Carolina University, and is currently working on a book about the American Civil War. He is a member of the Southern Historical Society, and is a member of the American Historical Association.

In addition to his work as a professor, Mr. Goyne is also a member of the North Carolina Historical Association, and the North Carolina Civil War Association. He has served as the president of these organizations in the past. Mr. Goyne has published numerous articles on the American Civil War, and is currently working on a book about the American Civil War. He is a member of the Southern Historical Society, and is a member of the American Historical Association.

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A great idea gets better

Ever since the first edition appeared in 1951, the Hope College Alumni Directory has been a popular tool for Hope alumni wishing to reach their Hope friends.

In addition to listing mailing addresses and telephone numbers, the new edition will add something new: e-mail addresses. Does Hope have yours?

The 1997 Alumni Directory will be available at the end of the summer, and the college is in the midst of getting it ready. If you suspect that Hope’s address information for you is out of date, please write:

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Holland, MI 49422-9000
or: e-mail us at:
alumni@hope.edu

New from Saturday, April 19, through Saturday, May 17, 1997. Her work combines painting and photography to represent the inner and outer details of the body.

Amy Havens ’92 DeKruyter is associate for Reformed Church of America women’s work. Wade Gogine ’92 is playing professional basketball in Belgium.

Steven Palmater ’92 and Karen Jekel ’99 Palmaster of Holland, Mich., have two children. Matthew J. Van Swinderen ’92 and Stefanie Van Swinderen ’92 are raising a child under age one. Steven is a funeral director with Dykstra Funeral Home in Holland.

Rebecca Foster ’92 is a special education aide, is a cost estimator/translator/sample coordinator with Paladin CRC Corp. in Grand Rapids, Mich.

Sheila Swanson ’92 is a second-year student of teaching English in Prague, Czech Republic, on a three-year scholarship from Grand Valley State University. She is also teaching English to Czech students on this trip to build a house for a Malawian family. She will be moving back to New York during the summer, and will begin pursuing a master’s degree in TESOL at Albany State University in the fall.

Robert C. Cross ’91 of Santa Monica, Calif., is the director of finance for the Private Industry Council in San Luis Obispo, Calif.

Eric Kunkel ’93 in June of 1997 is starting a new position as the district psychologist at Bullock Creek Schools in Midland, Mich.

She is also a volunteer with the Ann Arbor Institute of Massage Therapy in the institute’s year-long clinical study of massage therapy. (It is an intense and demanding study; I love it and I love having people to talk about what I’m learning.) She is also continuing as a youth leader at church, and writes, “We are working toward a year-long mission trip to Northern Canada, where we will be weatherizing and fixing houses for people who don’t have the resources to do it themselves.” Her e-mail address is: REN2612@msn.com

Tammie Nantule ’93 Schoeneman of Sparta, Mich., is doing an internship with her church in Evanston, Ill.

Allison Craig ’93 Solis of Fennville, Mich., is a human resources administrator with Hydro Aluminum Automotive in Holland, Mich.

Laura L. Thompson ’93 Van Huis and Michael R. Van Huis ’93 are living in Acra, Ghana, West Africa as missionaries with the mission organization Pioneers. They are helping to equip Ghanaian Christians to be missionaries to their own people and to other African countries.

Danelle Wells ’93 of Holland, Mich., is a second-year teacher at Allegan High School, where she teaches English. She is pursuing a master’s degree at Grand Valley State University in secondary education.

Julie Ann Norder ’94 Dykstra is an attorney with Dykstra Law Offices in Grand Rapids, Mich.

Tara Tubbaugh ’94 and Karen of Canton, Mich., is a project coordinator for development and communication, with Helzberg Diamonds/Jewelry. Tiffany Steffen ’94 of Lake in the Hills, Ill., is in her third year teaching German at Caty-Cove High School. She plans to complete her master’s degree in education in November.

Leslie Sterling ‘94 of Macatawa, Mich., is an admissions counselor at Hope College.

Laurel Parke ’95 of Holland, Mich., is a medical social worker at Holland Community Hospital’s Home Health Services.

James Kalmestad ’95 of Lansing, Mich., is the assistant to the governor for constituent services for Governor John Engler of Michigan.

Mark Masoor ’95 is a member of the public relations staff for the Toledo (Ohio) Steel Perrymans baseball team, a member of the East Coast Hockey League and the United States Olympic Committee’s Olympic Academy in Lake Placid, N.Y. His responsibilities include fund-raising, charity and corporate relations. Last fall he served as a student consultant for the Pittfield (Mich.) High School football team, which won the Michigan Class B state championship.

Lisa Menga ’95 Rizzuto was named the 1997 managing editor of the Michigan Journal of International Law at the University of Michigan Law School. She served as an assistant for two years on the journal’s 1996-97 term. Her e-mail address is: lmmenga@umich.edu

Rachel Moore ’95 of Alexandria, Va., is a legislative analyst for Multistate Associates, a 50-state government relations firm.

Cowenelynn Berg ’92 of Holland, Mich., is the executive administrative assistant to the president at Biotech in Zeeland, Mich.

Julie Blair ’96 is a reporter at the Philadelphia Inquirer, covering Bucks County, Pa.

Diane Bosa ’96 has returned to West Michigan after playing professional basketball in Soest, Germany last fall. She has been on the West Michigan Women’s Basketball Team Championship. He will be teaching at Grandville Christian School.

Nick Dimack ’96 of Pampa, Okla., is a youth pastor with a United Church of Christ.

Steven Friesen ’90 will pursue a J.D. at the University of Kansas.

Jenni Katterhunthelm ’96 is teaching various subjects at the Ingersoll Christian School, Sioux City, Iowa. She is also leading a youth group at a Methodist Church in Wapakoneta, Ohio.

Katie Koch ’96 is an index editor with Encyclopædia Britannica in Chicago.

Kelly Nye ’96 is in August moving with her husband while pursuing a doctorate in social psychology at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

Kevin Pauw ’93 will pursue a J.D. at the University of Illinois.

Solis of Fennville, Mich., District Library.

Amy Goodey ’97 is an analyst with Ernst & Young in Kalamazoo, Mich.

Brian W. Grant ’97 this summer is studying in Vienna, Austria, serving as his father’s assistant in Dr. Jack Holcomb’s political science "wilderness politics" course, and interning in glassblowing and female sculpture in New York City.

Anya Gurski ’97 is working at Parade & Moran in Southfield, Mich.

Lydia Haddad ’97 will pursue a doctorate in mathematics at the University of California at Santa Barbara.

Sara Janette Hewitt ’97 will finish her degree in social work at Hope in the fall and then move to D. Lauder N. State Hospital. She plans to work in the two-year M.S. program in industrial/organizational psychology at California State University-San Bernardino.

Jean Heggelund ’97 will graduate in May and pursue a career in social work, first working at Michigan Union in Kalamazoo, Mich.

Jennifer Holcomb ’97 is a staffing manager with OfficeTeam, a division of Robert Half International Inc., in Tampa.

Tanya Rezen ’97 will pursue a master’s degree at Calvin Seminary in all aspects of church administration.

Jodi James ’97 is working on the University data collection while she and the other members of a team of Hope students installed knew Vietnam and restoring the reduced greenery environment of the "VietNom Connet" in April. She was offered a research position at Hope for the summer in order to fulfill that goal.

Jason Johnson ’97 is traveling in India through June, and then will study holistic medicine at the hospital at the University of Minnesota.

Matthew Juergen ’97 is a partner in ComfortQuest LLC of Holland, Mich.

Seth Kaper-Dale ’97 and Stepanie Kaper-Dale ’97 are serving as teachers and social workers at the Prince of Peace Home in Cuyahoga, Ecuador, through the Reformed Church in America. They each plan to pursue a master of divinity degree at Princeton (N.J.) Theological Seminary, and Stephanie will also be pursuing a master of social work at Rutgers University in New Brunswick, N.J.

Nancy T. Kennedy ’97 is tournament director at Garland Resort in Lewiston, Mich.

Suyapa Kedlany ’97 will pursue an M.D. at Indiana Medical School.

Chadal Kim ’97 will pursue a master of divinity degree at Calvin Seminary.

William J. Kintz’97 is an entry-level network administrator for Analytical Services Inc., a not-for-profit research facility in Arlington, Va.

Mariana Kissing’97 is a naturalist for the Michigan State Park District.

Christopher Klein ’97 will pursue a master of divinity degree at Western Theological Seminary.

Joshua Koostri ’97 will pursue a doctor of osteopathic medicine degree at Michigan State University’s College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Jennifer Elizabeth Kibbee ’97 is an analyst with Andersen Consulting in Detroit, Mich., area dealing with regulatory and health care issues.

Kase Bremberg ’97 will begin work as an analyst at Andersen Consulting in Detroit, Mich., on Sept. 15, 1997.

Jennifer Ann Krueger ’97 is working at Nate Davis. During a spring-semester internship with Old Kent Bank’s international division, she wrote
George Ralph of theatre dies

Dr. George Ralph, of Holland, Mich., recently retired from the theatre faculty, died on Sunday, May 18. He was 63.

Dr. Ralph had joined the faculty in 1966, and had been a full professor of theatre since 1982. He served from 1987-97 as chair of the Theatre Department. He joined the faculty at the close of the 1966-67 school year due to on-going health problems following a stroke he suffered in February of 1967.

He had wanted a change immediately prior to coming to Hope. He had been with the Chicago City Players, of which he was the founding director, and the organization was doing so well that he was beginning to spend all his time administering, rather than directing and acting.

Not wanting to forego his main interests, he decided to try teaching. One of his former professors at Union Theological Seminary told him that another former student, Jan Malcolm, was about to take a leave from teaching at Hope, and suggested that he apply. Dr. Ralph wasn't sure if he didn't even yet have a department at Hope (and its main stage was the "Little Theatre in Lubbers Hall until the DeWitt Center opened in 1971. He was appointed to the speech and drama, and taught public speaking in addition to courses in theatre.

He didn't escape administration entirely. For one, he played a central role in curriculum development when the department of theatre was created in 1968. He served multiple terms as chair, and was Hope's dean for the arts and humanities during 1974-75.

He also taught, and earned the students’ appreciation for his work with them. The graduating class awarded him the Hope Outstanding Professor Educator (H.O.P.E.) award in 1995 for "his dedication in黃金大道路，尽管他仍然坚持自己的工作，尽管他仍然坚持自己的工作，尽管他仍然坚持自己的工作，尽管他仍然坚持自己的工作，尽管他仍然坚持自己的工作，尽管他仍然坚持自己的工作，尽管他仍然坚持自己的工作，尽管他仍然坚持自己的工作，尽管他仍然坚持自己的工作，尽管他仍然坚持自己的工作，尽管他仍然坚持自己的工作，尽管他仍然坚持自己的工作，尽管他仍然坚持自己的工作，尽管他仍然坚持自己的工作，尽管他仍然坚持自己的工作，尽管他仍然坚持自己的工作，尽管他仍然坚持自己的工作，尽管他仍然坚持自己的工作，尽管他仍然坚持自己的工作，尽管他仍然坚持自己的工作，尽管他仍然坚持自己的工作，尽管他仍然坚持自己的工作，尽管他仍然坚持自己的工作，尽管他仍然坚持自己的工作，尽管他仍然坚持自己的工作，尽管他仍然坚持自己的工作，尽管他仍然坚持自己的工作，尽管他仍然坚持自己的工作，尽管他仍然坚持自己的工作，尽管他仍然坚持自己的工作，尽管他仍然坚持自己的工作，尽管他仍然坚持自己的工作，尽管他仍然坚持自己的工作，尽管他仍然坚持自己的工作，尽管他仍然坚持自己的工作，尽管他仍然坚持自己的工作，尽管他仍然坚持自己的工作，尽管他仍然坚持自己的工作，尽管他仍然坚持自己的工作，尽管他仍然坚持自己的工作，尽管他仍然坚持自己的工作，尽管他仍然坚持自己的工作，尽管他仍然坚持自己的工作，尽管他仍然坚持自己的工作，尽管他仍然坚持自己的工作，尽管他仍然坚持自己的工作，尽管他仍然坚持自己的工作，尽管他仍然坚持自己的工作，尽管他仍然坚持自己的工作，尽管他仍然坚持自己的工作，尽管他仍然坚持自己的工作，尽管他仍然坚持自己的工作，尽管他仍然坚持自己的工作，尽管他仍然坚持自己的工作，尽管他仍然坚持自己的工作，尽管他仍然坚持自己的工作，尽管他仍然坚持自己的工作，尽管他仍然坚持自己的工作，尽管他仍然坚持自己的工作，尽管他仍然坚持自己的工作，尽管他仍然坚持自己的工作，尽管他仍然坚持自己的工作，尽管他仍然坚持自己的工作，尽管他仍然坚持自己的工作，尽管他仍然坚持自己的工作，尽管他仍然坚持自己的工作，尽管他仍然坚持自己的工作，尽管他仍然坚持自己的工作，尽管他仍然坚持自己的工作，尽管他仍然坚持自己的工作，尽管他仍然坚持自己的工作，尽管他仍然坚持自己的工作，尽管他仍然坚持自己的工
Word has been received of the death of Harold Ringenoldus of Holland, Mich., who died on Tuesday, Feb. 25, 1997. Additional information will appear in the next issue of news from Hope College.

He served as an administrator of the Office of Faculty Services (now called County Jail Services Unit) from 1973 until he took a medical retirement in 1986. He wrote the federal law enforcement grant application that created the Jail Services Unit. Before becoming the unit's administrator, he worked in the department's Program Bureau.

He belonged to numerous organizations involved in the criminal justice system, including the National Sheriffs' Association.

He was preceded in death by his father in 1975. Survivors include his mother, Helen Eibanks; his wife, Kari; their two sons, Thad (Elaine Eibanks) and Seth (Eibanks); a foster son, Jerry Oliver; his parents-in-law, James and Millie Tomlin; a brother-in-law, Robert (Leanne) Tomlin; a nephew, Ryan Tomlin; a niece, Kimberly Tomlin, all of Lansing; and cousins.

Word has been received of the death of Stuart Gross '36 of Waterford, Mich., who died on Thursday, Dec. 29, 1994. Additional information will appear in the next issue of news from Hope College.

Gerald LeGrippo '70 of Buffalo Grove, Ill., died on Wednesday, Dec. 29, 1994, following a lengthy illness. He was 55.

He was a member of Willow Creek Community Church in Barrington, Ill., where his memorial was held.

Survivors include his wife, Debbie; daughter, Michelle, of Vernon Hills, Ill.; and sons, Derek, of Longmont, Colo., and Jonathan, of Park Ridge, Ill.

Word has been received of the death of Donald Menges '48 of Deltona, N.Y., who died on Sunday, April 13, 1997. Additional information will appear in the next issue of news from Hope College.

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The right stuff

They didn't get to make the side-trip to Six Flags Over Texas.

If the disappointment reached deep, though, it didn't show. But then, just a few days earlier the five engineering majors each experienced the ultimate roller coaster ride, courtesy of NASA.

They'd flown aboard the KC-135A, a modified 707 which climbs steeply and then free-falls for several thousand feet to simulate the weightlessness of space. The plane made 40 of the wavy maneuvers (called parabolas) per flight—subjecting its occupants to twice gravity while bottoming out and climbing, and zero-gravity while dropping.

And if the experience made many of the Hope group slightly (or very) woozy, it also left all of them dazed.

"I will never forget the first experience I had with zero-gravity," said Peter Canett '97 of Chicago, Ill. "I remember slowly being lifted up, off the airplane seat. It was incredible."

"You can just push your finger against the wall and it shoots you across the room," said Luke Pinkerton '97 of Granville, Ohio. "Or, there was one instance where I was giving Audrey (teammate Audrey Coates) '97 a Jolly Rancher. And you just set the Jolly Rancher up in the air in front of you and sort of give it a push, and it floats right over."

Jodi James '97, an engineering and dance dual major from Barrington, Ill., especially enjoyed the different perspective that accompanied options like—for example—being able to stand on the ceiling.

"You would look around and you would experience total spatial disorientation," she said. "Usually when you're hanging upside down, you feel all the fluid shift up to your head—but you don't feel that at all."

"Your eyes are telling you you're upside down, but you don't feel like you're upside down," James said. "So you can do spins and stuff like that, and you don't feel any of the drag that accompanies moving on one G or moving on earth."

The students' April 14-15 flights were part of two weeks spent at the Johnson Space Center in Houston, Texas, through the "Reduced Gravity Student Flight Opportunities Program." Along with only 25 other teams from around the country, the Hope students were conducting research using the zero-gravity conditions created by the aircraft's acrobatics.

A total of six seniors (five graduates) worked on the Hope project, and five chose to make the trip to Texas. In addition to Canett, James and Pinkerton, the researchers were Chris Bigler '97 of Van Wert, Ohio; Audrey Coates '97 of Holland, Mich.; and Rich Sturmfels '97 of Pacific, Mo.

A week of orientation and training preceded the students' flights, and offered its own adventure—like the chamber flight test, which introduced them to the effects of oxygen deprivation.

"You can experience a lot of different symptoms from hypoxia," James said. "Cold, tingly, you turn blue. Some people get happy and giddy, and some people just get like they're drugged, basically."

"We had to take a test when we were in our chamber flight test. We had to write our social security number three times," she said. "And, all I can remember is writing '87 all across the page."

The students also found themselves cast as media celebrities. Reporters from around the country, including the Wall Street Journal and CNN, were on-hand to cover the assorted teams. The Detroit News ran multiple features on the Hope and University of Michigan groups, and The Grand Rapids Press and The Holland Sentinel focused on Hope NASA, too, carefully chronicled the students' activities.

"We had a photographer who basically followed us around and took pictures of everything we did," Canett said. "They took pictures of us in the hotel room, while we listened in the lecture hall, walking around, sightseeing—everything."

Selection for the program was highly competitive, and the other schools included primarily universities with an aeronautical or engineering focus—like Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University of Florida, Texas A&M University and the University of Alabama in Huntsville. Hope was one of only two colleges present (the other was Pomona College of California, whose team members garnered a fair bit of attention for dying their hair blue).

"What I was particularly impressed with was that Hope College could compete with the larger universities," James said. "'When we put our minds to it, we can accomplish the same tasks as the larger engineering schools.'"

When weightlessness, the body tends to assume a fetal position, and the Hope students were studying the effect of zero-gravity on one part of it: the knee. During each of the two flights, one team member was strapped into a custom-built knee brace loaded with sensors. Another was assigned to work at a computer, collecting data concerning the forces at work on the knee as the plane went through its phases.

James and Sturmfels flew on Monday, April 14, and Coates, Ganeff and Pinkerton had the April 15 flight. Several other teams were aboard at the same time, conducting their own experiments.

The Hope team had planned with simplicity in mind. "We needed this to be extremely easy to use, and hardly any buttons to push, because we didn't have any idea what it would be like when you actually got up there," Bigler said.

The group simplified things even more once at NASA and better informed concerning what the flight would involve. They learned, for example, that no movement would be possible during the 2-G phases of the flight, prompting them to eliminate activities that they had initially planned for such times.

The precautions were wise. The KC-135A isn't dubbed the "Vomit Comet" for nothing.

"It turns out that some of our group members got viciously sick," James recalled. "In fact, the nadir-air was so severe for some that working at the computer simply wasn't an option."

But the highly automated system they had created served them well. "We were one of the few groups that actually got a lot," Pinkerton said. "We collected data on 50 runs, and that's quite a bit considering some of the other experiments weren't even working, or they weren't getting as much data."

Analysis of the data is ongoing. James is working on the project at Hope this summer.

And it says something for the experience that, even though it made some of them violently—and repeatedly—ill, no one would hesitate in doing it over if given another chance.

"I would go in a second," Sturmfels said. "I think all of us are thinking of ways that we can get on it again."

The trip to NASA was the best experience of my life," Coates told The Grand Rapids Press. "I loved it. I'm so thankful I got to go. It was the highlight. It's perfect. I'm going to leave Hope remembering that."

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