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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 Paterson, 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 Violence." These excerpts follow her description of her early years as a child of missionaries in China, and the challenge of being a fall-out-of-order fourth grader after relocating to Western-Salem, N.C., following Japan's invasion of China during World War II.

"The fourth grade was a time of almost unmitigated terror and humiliation for me. I recognize now that some of my 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. Someday 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 horrid year. One was the librarian of the Calvin H. Wiley school who, I'm afraid, died long before I could let her know what she meant to me. And there 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, however, 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 bald-inch blond brush cut. My only ambition in the fourth grade was to become somehow less weird. I was declared a genius to be 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 grades. 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 of becoming a ballet dancer. It was hard to imagine. You were a little round boy when you knew me."

"I even remember a joke I told him in the fourth grade. I asked you why you were born in China you weren't Chinese. And you answered, 'If a cat's declared a genius, what do you do?' It's hard to imagine. You were a little round boy when you knew me."

"I saw Eugene a number of times after that, and he was a big round man. But also I saw pictures of him, leaping like a Baryshnikov from the boards of a New York stage. And even if I missed knowing how much, I had determined it would be 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, a straight-out-of-the-hero-stories child of dreams. The unlikely child who with wit and determination outwits dragons and monsters. Against all odds, he achieves the prize and then returns to give good things to those around him. Eugene was a child of a great hope who grew up to give other children hope."
Dandavati receives H.O.P.E. award

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 29.

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 at the college’s 1997 Commencement exercises on Sunday, May 4 (Editor’s Note: Commencement coverage appears on page four).

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. Jackson, 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 Politics,” “China and Japan” and “Latin American Politics.” She has also led three-week 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 those: The Women’s Movement and the Transition to Democracy in Chile (Peter Lang publishers, 1990). 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.
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

Washington, D.C.—Thursday, June 19
A dinner with President Dr. John H. Jacobson at the Fort Myer Officers' Club beginning at 6:45 p.m.

West Michigan—Thursday, Aug. 14
A Hope-oriented gathering at Old Kent Park in Comstock Park just north of Grand Rapids as the West Michigan Whitecaps host the Lansing Lugnuts beginning at 7 p.m.

Holland Golf Outing—Monday, July 7
Community Day—Saturday, Sept. 13
Homecoming—Friday-Sunday, Oct. 17-19
Includes reunions for the Classes of '87, '88 and '92.

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 12-13

"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 Baseball—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

Pul—Saturday, Sept. 27, 7 p.m.
Hope will be making its 100th fall with the venerable tug-of-war, first held in 1896, with a special celebration. Details will be announced in the August issue of news from Hope College.

Food

Saturday, Sept. 6 .................................. at Valparaiso, Ind., 1 p.m. CST
Saturday, Sept. 13 .................................. at Benedictine, 6 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 20 .................................. at Depauw, 1:30 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 27 .................................. at Wabash, Ind., 1:30 p.m. CST
Saturday, Oct. 1 .................................... at Kalamazoo, 1:30 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 18 .................................. *at Adrian, 2 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 25 .................................... *at Alma, 1:30 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 1 .................................... *at Olivet, 1 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 8 .................................... *MIAA Game +Homecoming +Parents Day

Home games played at Holland Municipal Stadium

Summer Repertory Theatre

26th Season Opens on Friday, June 20.

Annie

Opens June 20; closes August 23
Performance dates: June 20, 21, 24, 25, 26; July 2, 5, 9, 12, 16, 19, 23, 26; August 4, 7, 12, 15, 18, 21 (2 p.m. matinee).

To Kill a Mockingbird

Opens June 27; closes July 25
Performance dates: July 27, 28, 29, 30
July 1, 3, 8, 10, 11, 15, 17, 19, 22, 26
Return to the Forbidden Planet

Opens July 16; closes August 21
Performance dates: July 16, 19, 23, 25, 29, 31, August 5, 9, 11, 14, 19, 21

Tune of the Screw

(Bonus Show; Snow Auditorium)
Opens July 24; closes August 16
Performance dates: Tuesday-Saturday nights beginning July 29

Billy Bishop Goes to War

Opens August 1; closes August 23
Performance dates: August 1, 2, 6, 8, 13, 16, 20, 23

Also: Two Children's Plays

(alternating throughout the summer)

The Emperor's New Clothes

Opens July 7; closes August 15
Musical: End

Opens July 11; closes August 15
The ticket office, located in the theatre lobby of the DeVitt Center, can be called at (616) 395-7890.

Instant Information

Updates on events, news and athletics at Hope may be obtained 24 hours a day by calling (616) 395-7888.
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 colleagues," 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 chests 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 fumble—no, 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. Seuss's 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 solid... 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 darned good advice to follow. Do a lot of spit 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 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."

"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 to, you can sing there the Lord's song," Dr. Lotz said. "Let it be so. Amen."
Alumni Weekend/50-Year Circle

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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1942/1947 Reunions

1942—Row 1: Dorothy Curtis Dykema, Ruth Vander May Van Talenhowe, Morris Tardiff, Margaret Nagy Osterhaven, Lileth Brouwer Van Ark, Jeanette Rylaarsdam Bass, Beth E. Marcus; Row 2: Harold Dykema, Richard Van Strien, Suzanne Pearson Van Strien, George Vanderhill, Eleanor Dalman Vanderhill, John Maassen, Donald Van Ark, R. Jack Baas, John H. Muller, Sunny Heil Muller; Row 3: Dolly Kamps Kronemeyer, Art Kronemeyer '41

1952/1957 Reunions


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1962/1967 Reunions


1972/1977 Reunions

1972—Row 1: C. David Buchanan, Diane Buchanan, Rick Hine, Mark Van Oostenburg, Julie Marcellus ‘75 Van Oostenburg, Ken Gralow, Kevin Holleman, Lynne DePree ‘76 Holleman; Row 2: Jan Baxter Atwood, Andy Atwood ‘70, Richard Rancher, Susan Buckman, Sandy Goossen Bruischat, Marvin R. Younger, LaVerne Bocanelli, Joel Slager, Barbara Neily-Slager, Mike Boelens; Row 3: Donna Huizenga Nelson, Douglas K. Nelson, Nancy Burke Berry, Steve Berry, MaryLynn Dzurina 73 Lammers, Keith Lammers, Craig DeSousa, Barb Kovy 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 Sadler; Row 5: Joyce Pruiksma Conley, Diane Fugitt Terrero, Deborah Vaughn Smith, Karin L. Hansen Jaros, Nancy Sterk, Kelsey Lindemann, Donna Howell Lindemann, Linda Draft, Kelsey VanKempen, Gary VanKempen ‘71, Barbara Boelens DeBruyn, Mary Paul Sadler; Row 6: Lynn Klaasen Hillegonds, Gail Parker Westerhof, Kathryn Page Camp, Sue Rutledge Viel, Julie Marie Sweers, Mary Schmidt Deenik, Marilyn Ray Brown, Lois Butterworth Miller, Nancy Wallenda Bassman; Row 7: Gale Aldrich Stoner, Ken Dykhuis ‘70, Kathy Nykyforchyn Dykhuis, Jean Maring Luyendyk, Kathy Mulder-Sherdan, Joyce Drolen Budge, Rich Droup ‘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 McCaivane Cook, 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, 83 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.


Ruby and Labbe were also named to the Midwest 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 outcome of a season—the schedule, injuries 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 sportswoman in the conference, and for the second year received the regional Arthur Ashe Sportsmanship award.

Audrey Coates was accomplished on the tennis court...

...and as a participant in a NASA experiment. (Detroit News photograph by Todd McInturf.)
The Flying Dutch tied for third in the final MIAA women’s track standings, while the Flying Dutchmen tied for fourth. Hope had three champions in the women’s conference meet: sophomore Amy Cook of Delton, Mich., in the long jump; freshman Amanda Heydon of Rockford, Mich., in the 400-meter dash; and senior Ellen Schultz of Maple City, Mich., in the 5,000-meter run. Joining them on the All-MIAA team was sophomore Becky Timmer of Pella, Iowa.

Men’s Tennis Team Competes In NCAA Tournament Again

The Flying Dutchmen enjoyed one of their most successful seasons in recent years, winning a school-record 15 matches while finishing second in the MIAA standings and qualifying for the NCAA Regional tournament for the second consecutive year.

Senior Saum Rahimi and junior Jeff Mac Daniels, both from Holland, Mich., were both voted to the All-MIAA first team while freshman Paul Lille of Roseville, Minn., received second team honors. Rahimi was also presented the MIAA’s Allen B. Stowe Sportsmanship Award.

20-Victory Season Is Achieved in Softball

For the fourth consecutive year, the Flying Dutch softball team had a 20-victory campaign, finishing with a 24-14 record and third place finish in the MIAA standings.

Five players received All-MIAA honors. Named to the first team were sophomore pitcher Lisa Lorzelle of Omaha, Neb., senior outfielder Lisa Timmer of Zeeland, Mich., and senior shortstop Heather Ozinga of Gates Mills, Ill.

Freshman third baseman Sarah Paczko of Kalamazoo, Mich., was voted to the All-Region first team, while Lorzelle, Ozinga and Timmer were second team honorees.

Timmer, who had an outstanding senior year by earning All-MIAA honors in basketball and softball, was also voted to the GTE academic all-district softball team.

Golfers Receive First National Tournament Bid

Last fall, the Hope women’s golf team won the MIAA championship. This spring, two players on that team received an opportunity to play in the NCAA Division II and III national tournament.

Freshman Ellen Coenbrander of Holland, Mich., and senior Nancy Kennedy of Marshall, Mich., became the first Hope and MIAA golfers to play in the NCAA tournament. Kennedy finished 48th in a field of 63 golfers, while Coenbrander ended 53rd.

Sophomore Lisa Lorzelle pitched a school record 16 softball victories to achieve All-MIAA recognition.

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 premiere 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 Misiwitz 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 Velde All-Campus Award for outstanding overall contribution to the college. And there’s more to the story. Cinzki 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.

Victory belonged to Daniel Bannink who continued a family tradition of excellence in athletics.
Campus Notes

(Continued from page three.)

FACULTY KUDOS:

C. Baars Bultman ’71, associate professor of education, received an Excellence in Teaching Award from the Fremont (Mich.) Area Foundation for his exceptional work with Fremont High School students.

The foundation recognized Dr. Bultman’s educational leadership during a presentation on Thursday, April 17.

Mihai Craioveanu, a concert violinst and an associate professor of music/viola at Hope, is featured on his first compact disc, which has recently been released.

Professor Craioveanu is also music director and conductor of the Holland Chamber Orchestra. The recording was first introduced to audiences during Craioveanu’s recent concert tour in Spain, where it will also be played on the national radio.

The recording features romantic works by the virtuoso violinists Nicolo Paganini, Henri Wieniawski, Giorgio Dinici-Jascha Heifetz, Nathan Milstein and Cipriam Poronbacu. It also features, for the first time on compact disc, George Enescu’s “Romanian Rhapsody No. 1” in concert transcription for violin and piano.

The recording is dedicated to the 40th anniversary of the George Enescu International Festival.

Joan Conway, pianist and professor of music, is the accompanist in several works on the recording.

The compact disc is available in Holland, Mich., at Holland Compact Disc downtown and the college’s Geneva Bookstore. It is available in Grand Rapids, Mich., at Barnes and Noble, and at Guardian House.

Tony Donk, associate professor of education, received an Academic Excellence award from Michigan State University’s College of Education on Friday, April 18.

The citation notes, “Tony’s integration of his scholarly life, his experience as a teacher, his practice in classrooms and his research is what makes him a strong example of Academic Excellence.”

Kathleen Verduin ’65 contributed a chapter to Redefining: Essays on the Material Text and Literature in America, published recently by University of Massachusetts Press of Amherst, Mass.

The book is the latest title in the Studies in Print Culture and the History of the Book Series. The contributors examine the ways in which the material qualities of books—including typography, paper, bindings, layout and promotional copy—as well as their editing, production and distribution affect how they are read and understood.

Dr. Verduin’s chapter is “Dante in America: The First Hundred Years.” Illustrated with photographs by Lou Schadel ’71 of Holland, Mich., it surveys the publishing history of Dante’s Divine Comedy in the United States from its first printing in two volumes in 1822 to the first decades of the 20th century, which even saw large, illustrated coffee table editions appear.

She focuses in particular on the way that authors in New England, such as Emerson and Longfellow, endorsed Dante’s work and oversaw its U.S. publication. Dr. Verduin is also at work on a book that will examine the New England literary connection more fully.

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 James Piers ’69, professor of sociology and social work and program director. “Accreditation means that the program is professionally evaluated by a national body, that it meets the standards of the profession, and that it has been reviewed by the American Council on Education’s National Committee on Accreditation of Programs in the Professions of Social Work.”

Talking of Hope’s program, Piers noted that some states require an accredited baccalaureate degree in social work for licensure or certification. While Michigan is not among them, some social work positions in the state do require such accreditation.

“Also, there are advantages in terms of graduate school,” he said. “Accreditation would offer students the opportunity for advanced standing, in graduate programs, which may reduce their coursework by up to one half.”

The Council of Social Work Education accredits undergraduate and graduate-level programs. Nationally, more than 400 undergraduate programs are accredited, including 15 in Michigan.

The college’s social work program grew out of the department of sociology and social work in 1992, and according to Professor Piers, it is descended from a psychology—sociology composite major that Hope had offered for more than two decades previously.

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 focus includes 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 McGeethan ’66, mayor of Holland; and Dr. Jacob E. Neinhous, 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 Crumlo of Chicago. Ill. Johnson Atelier chose sculptor James L. Gaffen Sr. of Bock County, Pa., to render the new version, working from the only known depiction of the original: a photograph of Crumlo’s new-mold wax model, or maquette. The new statue captures the pose and essence of Crumlo’s work, although its facial features and expression are based instead on a painting of the Rev. Van Raalte.

Pictured with sculptor James L. Gaffen Sr. (center) are: Dr. John H. Jacobson; Peter Huizenga ’60; Dr. Jacob E. Neinhous; and Albert McGeethan ’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—one per 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 said. "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 and her ability to facilitate and 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 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 Palestinian and Jordanian. In addition, seven of the 13 Hope students who participated won individual awards, 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 of 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 freshman (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's division, and first place in the First-Year College Men's 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 Suttles, 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 blending of chemistry and physics, and she has been working with other researchers in nuclear chemistry/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, computer science and physics. This fall, he will enter the Ph.D. program in mathematics at the University of California, Berkeley.

NAVY SCHOLARSHIP: Afshin 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. Naval 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 LaChonce, a senior from McBain, Mich., will be in Kazakhstan, Tracey 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."
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 Kalamaazoo, Mich., has been appointed to a second year as president, and Claire Vander Meulen '75 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 Burgers of Flanders, N.J. (New Jersey region), John Hensler '85 of Fenton, Mich. (Michigan region), Karen Gralow '75 of Holland, Mich. (West region); Dan McCue '99 of Beleys, Ohio (Junior Class Representative); and Megan Mulder '97 of Holland, Mich. (Most Recent Graduating Class Representative).

Reappointed to the board were Vicky Ten Hak '81 of Baldwinsville, N.Y. (New York region); Doris Kellom '80 of Arlington, Mass. (Northeast Region); and Martha Curbin '72 of Whitehall, Mich. (Central Region). Kate 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 Dulios '64 of Ocean, N.J.; Valerie Fachno '64 of Holland, Mich.; Andrew Vos Edens '97 of Holland, Mich.; and Kay Moors '76 Walker of Traverse City, Mich.

Brumels retired in June of 1999 after 37 years at McBain High School, where he served as teacher, coach, 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 Reformed Church of the new church. In addition, he has also been a member of the Reformed Church in America (RCA), a member of the Administration and Finance Committee, and as president. He and his wife, Doris E. Taylor '62 of Burgers, were active in the college's future campaign. All three of their children are Hope graduates. Blaine Brumels '85, Kirk Brumels '88 and Joy Brumels '90 Zomer.

Burgen 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 is a member of the 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-a-half.

Hensler is an account executive with TRIO 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 Services Committee (SOA), of which he had been activities coordinator as a student.

He received a master's in environmental education and communication from the University of Michigan in 1991. He was a member of the university's 1990 Solar Car Team, which won the USA race, and one 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.

Mashuta has been a special education teacher at the middle level in the High school 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 1976 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 with volunteers regionally.

Her community activities have included being a downtown in the Lynnwood Reform Church, a Sunday school teacher, as a member of the junior League of Schenectady, a volunteer in a shelter for battered women and "Next-to-New Shop," and a home room mother.

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

McCue is pursuing a double major in music and communication.

He has been involved with numerous musical groups at Hope, including the Chapel Choir, Collegium Musicum and Orchestra. He has also been involved with the Nykerk Cup competition as a "triple guy," the Anchor, intramurals, the WYFS radio station (where he will be promotions director during 1997-98) and SAC (where he will be assistant publicity chair). He is also involved in the Fellowship of Christian Students and will lead a campus Bible study through the Campus Ministries office.

He has participated in the college's Annual Fund Phonathon, including as a student supervisor.

McCue is the son of Michael and Deborah McCue of Beleys. He is a 1995 graduate of Beleys High School.

Mulder 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 Delta Phi, the French honorary society, spent the fall of 1995 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 Cody '65 Mulder of Moline, 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 Schipper '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 and long-time involvement with the college. Hope presented its first Meritorious Service Award in May of 1993.

Schipper 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 alumni director until 1986, when he moved to the college's advancement staff as a regional representative.

He retired in August of 1989. Schipper was an active member 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.

Schipper 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 Reshaven, the latter of which awarded him a plaque of appreciation. He also served on the Board of the Theological Education of the Reformed Church in America (BdCA), and is a member of Christ Memorial Church.

Schipper 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 CIB Combat Infantryman's Badge and theatre ribbons.

In addition to earning his undergraduate degree at Hope, he earned a master's degree from Hope's New Brunswick State University. He and his wife, Ida Streur '30 Schipper, have three sons: James '81, Brian '83 and Steven '90.

Those honored with Distinguished Alumni Awards during the May 3 gathering were: Dr. Harvey Doorenbos '55 and Margaret (Hoopers) '56 Doorenbos of Addis Ababa, Ethiopia; Lois VanderMeulen '36 Eliott of Boulder, Colo.; Dr. James Hawkins '46 of San Francisco, Calif.; Janet Lawrence '80 of Schenectady, N.Y.; and Dr. Charles Votaw '51 and Dr. Mary Korteling '52 of Johnson City, Tenn.

Two years prior to his 1899 retirement from the Delta College School of Medicine, he and four colleagues co-authored an introductory biology textbook. In addition, he authored an account of his experience in medical practice in China.

Phyllis Ann Leach '52 Demery 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 Schmitz '52 Dennison of Texas are the youngest son Ted has presented with their third grandchild, Sarah.

Lavinia 'Daisy' Hoagven '52 of Grandville, Mich., and Gordon Korteling '52 of Grandville, Mich., have recently celebrated their 50th anniversary. In February and March, they ended up with two surgeries and two units of blood at Mayo Clinic/St. Luke's Hospital in Rochester, Minn.

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

George Priest '52 of Great Neck, N.Y., has three grandchildren, ages one, three and five.

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


Ellie Lou LOWER '57 of Hamrick of Ocala, Fla., has retired after 22 years as an elementary school teacher. 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 Middletown, Ohio, are co-presenters in "Messengers of Joy" and "Crisis Counseling" in the area in these sessions.

Brenda Back '58 of Forest, Va., retired in 1997 after serving as executive director of the United Methodist Church in the Forest, Va., area.

The event was hosted by the United Methodist Church in Forest, Va., and was attended by approximately 1,800 people.

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Here are some ways to reach Hope College through cyberspace.

To send news from Hope College, an alumni news update (or change of address, etc.) via Internet: alumnihope@hope.edu

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: alumnihope@hope.edu

To put yourself or someone you know on the Hope admissions mailing list via Internet, write: aids@hope.edu (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 attended and year of expected 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 students and their families. ''It is a reflection of the confidence that alumni have in the administration, the faculty and the overall operation of the college,'" President E. Paul Redfearn said.

The college has launched a $5 million capital campaign to be completed in 1998, with a goal of obtaining gifts from 10,000 households. In the current fiscal year, the college will request gifts from 13,000 households. So far, gifts from 8,900 households have been received.

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Hope has had a strong record of alumni giving in the past. In the 1994-95 fiscal year, 10,089 alumni gave gifts totaling $2.8 million, a record for alumni giving. In 1995-96, Hope received 8,451 gifts totaling $2.5 million, a decline of 10 percent.

Redfearn said the drop in giving was a cause for concern, but not for alarm. He noted that the college has a large endowment and other sources of income.

''I think the more discouraging thing is the way it's happened,'" Redfearn said.

The college has identified several factors that might explain the decline in giving. These include a down stock market, a lost-alumni database, a lessened sense of personal responsibility for giving and the fact that the college has not been in the public eye as much as in the past.

Redfearn said the college is working to address these factors. The college has hired a new director of development and is expanding its capital campaign.

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The college has also been a visiting

instructor at Hope the past two years, teaching Education 205, and she is a tutor consultant with the Math Tutoring Center. She is also a Visiting

reporter on local television stations.

Gifts need to reach Hope by June 30 to be counted in the 1996-97 Annual Alumni Fund effort.

A total of 40 percent of Hope alumni give to the college during the 1995-96 fiscal year. Based on gifts received through May 31, this year's percentage could be in the mid-30s, Redfearn said, that it's not too late to make a difference.

"I encourage alumni who haven't supported Hope this year to make a gift," she said. "We know you want to support us, but the point right now is that a gift, even if it wasn't for a lot of money, would make a big difference to the college by helping to fulfill the college's mission."
Pulling together

Lists of names and even photos have been part of the strong response to our April call for information about Pull alumni, for Hope’s celebration of this, the 100th year with the venerable tug-of-war.

We’d still love to hear from you—especially any Pull participants from 1953 and earlier. Please include the years (freshman, sophomore) you were part of the Pull. It would be helpful to have responses by June 30.

Please write to:
Pull Celebration
Hope College Public Relations
141 E. 12th St.
PO Box 9000
Holland, MI 49422-9000
or e-mail us at alumni@hope.edu

Kathy Hogenboom ’85 of Holland, Mich., who is employed as a nurse, discussed her work during the Chemistry Club’s “Careers in Chemistry” held at Hope College on Wednesday, April 19, 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 Vandermeeren ’86 has accepted a call as minister of Christian formation in Holland Church, Holland, Mich.

Annette Ringland ’86 Ziegler of West Bend, Wis., was a chemistry teacher in Marinette County, Wis. and was previously an assistant U.S. attorney for the Eastern District of Wisconsin.

Carlson ’86 of Farmington, Mich., and her family (husband Eric Satller, daughter Catherine, age four, and son William, age one) moved from Michigan to Alpharetta, Ga., in November of 1999. After 10 years with her former employer, Conser has taken a position as account manager 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 Satller ’87 of Farmington, Mich., and his family (wife Connie Kramer ’86 Satller, daughter Catherine, 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 Rottelle ’88 of Holland, Mich., is the assistant branch manager with Old Kent Bank’s South Side branch in South Haven.

Carrie Greer ’88 Burms and husband Tom are in the third and final year of their diplomatic tour in Warsaw, Poland, where Tom works for the American Embassy. Carrie served as the hospitality chair on the American Government Association’s Postgraduate Committee, and she is working on a diplomatic tour where she is in charge of welcoming all new American families into the embassy community. They have two sons, a two-year-old at home with daughter Kelly. They will return to the States in mid-2000.

Janell Gallard ’88 is a research and communications specialist with Haywood’s Education Group (R&D), which involves research and communicating (mainly in cognitive psychology, neuroscience, education and anthropology), writing and editing. She was named a Department of Management Graduate Research and Creative Scholar by Western Michigan University’s Haywood 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. She is also working on a thesis with a second review in the Mid-American Journal of Business for publication in the fall of 1997.

Karen Van Hoven ’88 Hooker recently had a book published that was co-written by her and is being used by elementary teachers as they teach young children to read. She is still a reading teacher for the Zeeland Public Schools, but she now works full-time. More information can be e-mailed at: khooker@remc7.kl2.mi.us.

Chris Pieters ’88 was ordained on Tuesday, April 22, 1997, as a deacon at First United Methodist Church in America, and installed as campus minister at Grand Valley State University in Allendale.

Dwight TenHuisen ’88 and Heather Rask ’89 TenHuisen and daughter Sophie (15 months old) have left the midwest and are currently living in Colorado Springs, where Dwight was a graduate student. He is now an assistant professor of Spanish at the Colorado College. They are expecting their second child in the fall, so they hope to finish their dissertation this fall. Heather is teaching one section of Freshman Writing at Caltech while taking care of their two children.

Kris Smith ’88 is an athletic trainer at Kalamazoo College, and is the West Michigan representative to the Executive Board of the National Athletic Trainers’ Society. She is also head softball coach at Kalamazoo College, and coached the team to a third-place finish in the Midwest Intercollegiate Conference this season. Kris is looking forward to what the future holds (with Hope still coached by her former Hope coach, Karla Heesch ’77 Wollore).

John R. Wynn ’77 of Arlington, Va., is chief of staff for U.S. Congressman Ribi Bigelow, Fifth District, Chicago.

Susan Mecklich ’88 of New York, N.Y., finished her M.L.S. at the University of Texas at Austin in 1995, and subsequently worked in the Perry-Castaneda Library and for the Digital Information Literacy Program at UT. She recently began as electronic services librarian at the University of Illinois University’s Library of Business and Economics, and writes, “We have the most internationally diverse student body in the country. We have learned something about the services we have offered, one of the great things about this gig.” Libs, you know.

Karen Foss-Carnes, Cary, has been promoted to senior project manager at the Carolinas Health Product Development: Safety and Metrology Laboratory at the Animal Health Central Research in Groom, Texas.

Karen Jekel ’89 Palmater and Steven Falmater ’80 are proud parents of twin boys, Steven, age two, and Joel Charles, who is under one age.

Ira Penigar ’78 of Ann Arbor, Mich., is a diagnostic radiology resident physician at Ottawo Hospital, teaching affiliate with Wayne State University and the University of Michigan.  

1990s

Christopher Finneman ’90 is a section pastor of Fellowship Church in Lombard, Ill.

Mary Bart ’90 is teaching at American International College in Springfield, Mass.

Kim Schlabak ’90 Scnaldun of Hudsonville, Mich., is in her last year of family practice residency in LaGrange, Michigan, and plans to continue in primary care.

Bob Andere ’91 reports that he is finishing his first year of theological studies in the master of divinity program at the School of Theo­logical Studies in the Hyde Park neighborhood of Chicago, Ill. Previously, he was dabling in the “cold called by enjoying life with a social worker in the foster care world and in services for the developmentally disabled in Detroit, Mich., where he lived from 1992 to 1996.

Stephanie Davis ’91 of Lake Orion, Mich., graduated from Notre Dame law school in May of 1996, and spent the year studying for and taking the Indiana law exam (good work, Stephanie), she wrote. In the fall she will begin pursuing a masters in library science at Indiana University.

Dirk R. Dykstra ’92 is a computer programmer and analyst for Wolverine Worldwide in Rockford, Mich.

Eric Elliott ’91 is playing professional basketball in Sweden.

Coral Lallangland ’91 of Holland, Mich., is working for Plantation, an Eastern-themed rock opera that debuted in Holland in 1993 and has continued annually— including last year’s sold-out engagement in Grand Rapids, Mich., this spring.

Rebecca VanNekken ’91 McWaine is a marketing manager with Ford’s Motor Co., responsible for the new-car plans and advertising for the firm’s wireless division. She reports that she and husband David (Kalamazoo ’89) are expecting their first child, and that her new home and downtown offices are a great place for their two dogs, Barnaby and Suzie.

Indy VanDyk ’91 of Ottawa, Ont., is a stay-at-home mom with son Joshua (please see “birth”).

Tracay D. Sams ’91 recently graduated from medical school at St. Louis University and is beginning to practice family medicine at a Free Clinic. She later will participate in the residency program at the Family Practice Residency at St. Louis University.

Laura Wyss ’91 of New York, N.Y., was one of two artists with work featured in the exhibition “body: landscape,” at the Ice Art Foundation in
Class of 1997

Ashish Amin '97 will be attending Indiana University, majoring in the Social Science, with a minor in Russian and a concentration in Soviet history.

Thomas Ahlant '97 is traveling in India and Europe this summer. Next year he will volunteer in a rural Kentucky health clinic before pursuing a medical career.

Mary Anna Alber '97 will pursue a master of social work degree at Grand Valley State University.

Danae Anderson '97 plans to travel to India and Europe, and perhaps Luxembourg during the next few months.

Adam Taylor Arr '97 will begin pursuing a master of divinity at Western Theological Seminary in the fall.

Matthew Barton '97 is studying for a Ph.D. in applied physics with Dr. Tom McGill at the California Institute of Technology.

Anne Bertrun '97 will pursue a master's degree in biology at Illinois State University.

Jeffrey Bates '97 is working towards a second degree.

Chad Betz '97 is starting dental school in the fall.

Lisa Bob '97 is moving to Washington, D.C., to work in the office of Congressman Pete Hoekstra '97 on Capitol Hill.

Matt Brown '97 will work in financial services with SG.

Jason Bucata '97 received his degree in December at Hope, and since last fall has been working for U.S. Airways in Winston-Salem, N.C., as an application analyst.

Cindy Buonopane '97 will be working at Andersen Consulting in Detroit, Mich., on Sept. 15, 1997.

Elizabeth Burton '97 will be a long-term substitute teacher in Latin at East Kentwood High School in Grand Rapids, Mich.

Mark Bylund '97 will attend Michigan State University's College of Human Medicine in the fall. His address information will be available by mid-October.

Julie Calvin '97 will be interning at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

Matthew Carr '97 will attend an M.D. at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

Tina Carlson '97 is a staff accountant with Ernst & Young in Grand Rapids, Mich.

Patrick Collins '97 will student teach, and then plans to pursue a job in special education and coaching football.

Kristin Matthew Crawford '97 will attend Notre Dame Law School.

Lauren Crawford '97 will be moving to Mexico City, Mexico, in July. She will be working with the Mexican Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Peter DeYoung '97 will attend Wayne State Medical School in the fall.

Jim DeWitt '97 plans to attend school for a license in mortuary science in Chicago, Ill., in the fall.

debrates '97 has been commissioned as a lieutenant in the United States Army. He reported to Ft. Knox, Ky., on May 19, 1997, to serve as an advisor at the Army ROTC's basic camp, and in the fall will attend the Armor Officer Candidate School. He also has been branched Military Intelligence with a detail to the Armor.

Jason Doubleday '97 will be enrolled in the University of Michigan's School of Dentistry.

Eric Eichler '97 will pursue teacher certification at Aquinas College in Grand Rapids, Mich.

Katharine Felsner '97 is working, full-time and teaching piano in Holland, Mich.

Paul Ferril '97 will attend dental school at the University of Michigan.

Rebecca K. Fiori '97 is working at the 3 Chains Coffeehouse in the summer.

Don Foster '97 is going in Holland, Mich., and working in the corporate communications department at Herman Miller.

Sherry Gabriel '97 is pursuing a master's in social work at the University of Michigan.

Peter Gannett '97 will pursue an M.D. at Wayne State University.

Lisa George '97 is a children's services library worker at Fenner (Mich.) District Library.

Amy Goosbee '97 is an auditor with Ernst & Young in Kalamazoo, Mich.

Brian W. Grant '97 will combine an intensive study in Venice, Austria, serving as a graduate assistant in Dr. Jack Holdeman's political science "worlds of politics" course, and intern in glassblowing and female shipbuilders in New York City.

Aya Gurski '97 is working at Parde & Moren in Southfield, Mich.

Lydia Hadden '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 Florida.

Timothy P. Hickey '97 is enrolled in the two-year M.S. program in industrial/organizational psychology at California State University-San Bernardino.

Jean Humpal '97 will graduate work in speech pathology at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, Mich.

Kathy Huse '97 is a staffing manager with OfficeTeam, a division of Robert Half International Inc., in Tampa.

Daniel Husted '97 will pursue a master's degree in history at Saint Mary's College.

Jodi James '97 is working on the University data collected while she and the other members of a team of Hope students called the Horseshoe and restoring the ground, which was previously overgrown with a "Vomit Comet" in April. She 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 Juerg '97 is a partner in ComfortQuest LLC of Holland, Mich.

Seth Kaper-Dale '97 and Stephanie Kaper-Dale '97 are serving as teachers and social workers at the Prince of Peace Home in Longmont, Colorado, through the Reformed Church in America. They each plan to pursue a master's of divinity 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.

Stephanie Kedlant '97 will pursue an M.D. at Indiana Medical School.

Chal Kim '97 will pursue a master of divinity 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 Parks.

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

Joshua Kooistra '97 will pursue a doctor of clinical psychology degree at Michigan State University's College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Jennifer Elizabeth Krobe '97 is an analyst with Andersen Consulting in Detroit, Mich., working on a project dealing with computer-related aspects of change management.

Ken Krumhien '97 will be working as an analyst at Andersen Consulting in Detroit, Mich., on Sept. 15, 1997.

Jennifer Ann Krueger '97 is working at Notre Dame. During a spring-semester internship with Old Kent Bank's international division, she wrote

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:

Hope College Public Relation 141 E. 12th Street Holland, MI 49422-9000 or e-mail us at: alumni@hope.edu
Stacy Manzon ’97 will pursue a master’s in marine and family therapy at the University of California, San Francisco.

Joseph Mata ’97 will attend medical school at the University of Michigan.

Marie Matchett ’97 will study teaching English as a Second Language at Michigan State University.

Kim McGraw ’97 plans to teach elementary school in the West Michigan area, and is signed up to sub-

McBride ’97 will work in Ecuador on agriculture development projects, and will intern for a government agency.

Oswald Welch ’97 has an administrative fellowship with the Medical College of Ohio in Toledo, and is pursuing an MBA at Bowling Green State University.

Emily Whitten ’97 is pursuing a doctorate in counseling at Grand Valley State University.

Darren Zwaard ’97 has received a teaching assistantship and will pursue an M.S. in mechanical engineering at MIT.

Julie Zwicker ’97 is starting work toward a doctorate in genetics at Michigan State University this summer.

**Marriages**

Irene Little ’97 and Malek Modi, April 5, 1997, Anchorage, Alaska.


Timothy Gergely ’97 and Heidi Kohlman ’97, Sept. 20, 1996, Detroit, Michigan.

Rebecca Holmen ’95 and David Mcchrystal, Oct. 12, 1996, Holland, Michigan.

Renee Robertson ’94 and Megan Holder ’95, March 1, 1997, Dearborn, Michigan.


Brigitte Malloy ’94 and Krag Kohlstra, April 12, 1997, Kansas City, Missouri.

Melvyn Peretz ’96 and Jim Holdiekia, March 1, 1997.


Masa Hogue ’96 and Susan Krontz, Aug. 16, 1997, Traverse City, Michigan.


**Births**

Debra Doreck ’75 and Lisa W. Brittingham, Lydia Bethopp, April 7, 1997, Oakland, Michigan.

Michele Samenow ’75 and Amanda Sausenhorst, Amber Victoria, March 6, 1997.

Peter Fertny ’76 and Rochelle Stackhouse, Leah Hwang Stackhouse Fertny, arrived Jan. 22, 1997, from South Korea.

James Stephen ’76 Harmon and Alan Harmon, Frances Elizabeth, April 6, 1997.


Lew Aria Moh ’77 and Shelley A. Young, Kevin Androw, Jan. 2, 1996 (janee sisters Andrea, age nine, and Amanda, age 10) and brother Matthew, age 13.

Debra Brumback ’77 and David and Jinn Davison Chandler Field, 80, 30, 1996.

Lana Ban ’82 and Allain Ban, Phillip Alam, Ban Grant, Feb. 24, 1997 (janee sisters Nicole, age nine, and brother Evan, age four).

William Ebbart ’82 and Mary Grahm ’94 Ebbart, Simone Marti, April 17, 1997.

Mary Sorber ’83 and Tim Kepper, Peter John, Jan. 11, 1997.

Caroleyn Cable ’82 and Eric Panza, Kenda Cable ’82, March 10, 1995.

Julie Mindemar ’83 and Robin C. Glessner, George Mason, June 1, 1996.


Courtney DeCross ’85 and Ryan Conley, Cathy DeVries ’85, Corwin, and Ricky Conway, Christopher Patrick, Dec. 6, 1996.

Lynsey Miller-Buckett ’95 and Timothy Griswold, Tyler Frederick, Jan. 29, 1997.


Gregory Fuchs ’86 and Barb Fuchs, Brede Michalk, March 21, 1997.

Mary Cooley ’86 and Fulton and Lyle Felten, Marydale Janine, March 26, 1997.


Lisa Hart ’86 and Andrew Xlaus, Madison Bryan, Nov. 10, 1996.

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, and had taken 1977 retirement at the close of the 1966-67 school year due to on-going health problems following a stroke he suffered in 1966.

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, Jim Malcolm, was about to take a leave from teaching at Hope, and suggested that he apply. By that time his marriage had ended, and it didn’t even yet have a department of theatre (and its main stage was the “Little Theatre” in Lubbers Hall until the DeWitt Center opened in 1971. He was appointed to the speech faculty, 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 1974.

In other responsibilities, though, didn’t prevent him from directing and performing. Most recently he portrayed Corn in the Hope production of Bus Stop. He had acted for 10 years, and in the fall of 1966 he directed a critically-acclaimed production of Jean Anouilh’s Antigone.

Ralph earned a bachelor’s degree from Stanford University in 1957, a master of divinity from Union Theological Seminary in 1966, a master of arts from Northwestern University in 1966, and a doctorate from Michigan State University in 1971.

He was a member of Hope Church of Holland, where he served both as a deacon and as a worshiping team leader. Survivors include a son, Steve ’86 and Julie ’85, and a grandson, LaVonne, of Hope; a daughter, Kim ’85 and Dave McGraw of Michigan; a granddaughter; his parents, Philip and Louise Ralph of DeLand, Fla.; a sister, Ann Van Gillard of Berkeley, Calif.; and a niece, nephews and cousins.

Behind the Scenes

Deaths

Edwin J. Albright ’57 of Remind, Minn., died on Friday, April 25, 1997, as the result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident in Tucson, Ariz., on April 11.

He was born in Orange City, Iowa, on Jan. 24, 1916. He graduated from Northwestern Classical Academy and Bethany Junior College. He also studied at the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, in addition to Hope. He was an elementary teacher for five years prior to World War II. He was in the U.S. Army from 1942 to 1946, enlisting as a private and receiving a commission as a second lieutenant in the infantry. His service included training duties at Fort Hood, Camp Blanding and Camp Roberts. He was a radio operator in the forces Invincible, and served in Sydney, Australia, and Manila, the Philippines.

In 1946, he became an instructor at Northwestern Junior College, where he taught for eight years and also served as dean. He was also dean at Elmhurst College in Iowa Falls, Iowa, was a president of the Tri-State Registrar’s Association, and was president for two terms at Hope junior colleges.

In 1957, he became director of admissions and registrar at Bemidji State University, from which he was later named director of the college. His many honors included being named Fulbright Consultant at the University of Tehran in Iran. In the fall of 1991, he was awarded a degree of Doctor of Letters, honoris causa, by Hope.

Survivors include his wife, the former Mary Van Done; two sons, Tom Albright of Duluth, Minn., and Robert (Barbara) Albright of Las Vegas, Nev.; and two grandchildren.

Alma Placke ’33 Baker of Holland, Mich., died on Friday, April 4, 1997. She was 85.

She had served in active duty in the U.S. Navy for 25 years. Survivors include her brother, Clifford and Hazel Placke of Holland; her sister, Mrs. Berenice Stroth of Holland; a sister-in-law, Mrs. Bernadette (Genevieve) Placke of Midland, Mich.; and nieces and nephews.

Her husband, Harry, preceded her in death in 1984.

Phyllis Van Lente ’47 Bowman of Holland, Mich., died on Friday, April 4, 1997. She was 71.

She resided in the Holland area her entire life. She was a member of the Margaret P. Hummer Guild, and of Reform Church Women’s Ministries. She volunteered at Holland Community Hospital, and was a member of Central Park Reformed Church.

Survivors include her husband, Bob; children, Marcia and Bob Finney of Fremont, Mich., and Bob Bowman III and Paula Wiesner of Cedar, Mich.; and grandchildren.

Her husband, Harry, preceded her in death in 1984.

Deaths

Margaret Greensields ’62 Jenner, MSW, Syracuse University, 1994.

Ann Longo ’70, Ph.D. in urban education, Cleveland State University, March 1997.

Kenneth Austin ’70, DMA, double major in trombone performance and conducting, American Conservatory of Music, Chicago, IL, May 1997.

Pat Johnson ’50 Viktorovitch, master’s degree (with honors), in creative writing, Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, Fla., spring, 1997.

Jim Kenyon ’85 Deal, major in literature and information services, M.D. Rosary College, River Forest, Ill., May 1997.

Tim Lundgren, Ph.D., medieval literature and literature, The Ohio State University, December 1996.


Terrie Marie ’89 MBA, Western Michigan University, Spring, 1997.

Janis Gilliard ’89 Ervik, M.B.A., management concentration, Western Michigan University, April 26, 1997.


Sarah Boettner ’56, M.S. University of Toledo, College of Law, May, 1996.

Wendy Bace ’90, doctorate in cognitive and biological psychology, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minn., May, 1997.

Sara Cowen ’90 Holland, master’s, school counseling, Eastern Michigan University, December, 1996.

Michelle Koster ’90 Mast, master’s degree, marital education, Western Michigan University, December, 1996.

Mary Rust ’90, Ph.D., social psychology, Indiana University, December, 1996.

Stephanie Davidson ’91, Notre Dame Law School, May, 1996.

Tracey D. Sims ’91, M.D., University of Kentucky College of Medicine, May 24, 1997.

Eric Kunish ’91, master in school psychology, State College, St. Davids, Pa.

Gretchen Slik ’93, master’s in counseling psychology, Western Michigan University, August, 1996.

Derek Voskuil ’94 master’s in English literature, Indiana University, December, 1996.

Anna Dillion ’94, master’s in business administration, concentration in international management, Western Michigan University, April, 1997.

Julie Ann Norman ’94 Dykstra, nurse doctorate, Valparaiso University School of Law, Valparaiso, Ind.

David Joel Rink ’94, M.S. mechanical engineering, Northwestern University, 1996.

La速度快 ’96, master of science in college student personnel, Miami University, May, 11, 1997.

Lauren P. ’95 Houchin, masters in social work, Washington University in St. Louis, Mo., March 1997.

Jacky ’96, master’s degree in journalism, Medill School of Journalism at Northwestern University, June 21, 1997.

Advanced Degrees

He served the following congregations of the Reformed Church in America: South Barrondale, of Charleston, Mich.; Ferry Memorial, of Montague, Mich.; East Eola, of Muskegon, Mich.; Hope, of South Haven, Mich., American, of Holland, Iowa, and Second, of Fulton. He retired from full-time pastoral work on Sept. 1, 1976, but continued to serve part-time until the summer of 1990. He was the part-time interim pastor at the Community Reformed Church of Clinton, and was part-time pastor at York Community Church in Thomson for three years. He had been hospital chaplain in South Haven, was a former member of the Chaplain's Corps of the Jaini Lemb Memorial Hospital and was a current member of the Chaplain's Corps at Samaritan Hospital in Clinton. He had been a member of the Clinton Ministerial Association since 1976.

He was a former member of the Fulton Kuwans Club and a former member of the Fulton Ministerial Association.

Survivors include his wife, Elta; two daughters and son-in-law, Carolyn and Bill Conner of Pioneer, Calif., and Ruth and Douglas Baker of Davenport, Iowa; four grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his first wife, he was preceded in death by an infant daughter, Susanne, and a sister, Mary Holsinger.


Gerald Lepriego ’70 of Buffalo Grove, Ill., died on Wednesday, Dec. 2, 1996, 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, Deborah; daughter, Michelle, of Vernon Hills, Ill.; and son, Derek, of Longmont, Colo.

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

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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 had 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...) queasy, it also left all of them elated.

"I will never forget the first experience I had with zero-gravity," said Peter Cannef '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 Leenane 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 flies 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 accelerations.

A total of six seniors (one graduate) worked on the Hope project, and five chose to make the trip to Texas. In addition to Ganelle, James and Pinkerton, the researchers were Chris Bagher '97 of Van Wert, Ohio; Audrey Coates '97 of Holland, Mich.; and Rich Stummels '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. 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," Ganelle said. "They took pictures of us in the hotel room, while we were talking in the lecture hall, walking around, sight-seeing—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 dyeing 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 weightless, 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 member was supposed to work at a computer collecting data concerning the forces at work on the knee as the plane went through its arcs.

James and Stummels flew on Monday, April 14, and Coates, Ganelle 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 allowed when the "G-4" photo 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 mid-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 on-going. 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 not a one would hesitate in doing it over if given another chance.

"I would go in a second," Stummels 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 it."

[Author's Note: Thanks to Peter Cannef '97 for keeping a journal and assisting us in our photographic coverage of the students' trip.]