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Cloudy Skies, Bright Spirits
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Dr. Jeanine Dell'Olio has been presented the 34th annual "Hope Outstanding Professor Educator (H.O.P.E.)" award by the Class of '98.

Dr. Dell'Olio, an associate professor of education, was honored during the college's annual Honors Convocation, held in DeWitt Memorial Chapel on Thursday, April 23, at 8 p.m. The award, first given in 1965, is presented by the graduating class to the professor who they feel epitomizes the best qualities of the Hope College educator.

"Professor Dell'Olio has certainly made a mark as a professor who is very well versed in her discipline, and who is very student-centered in her approach to teaching," said Dr. John H. Jacobson, president of Hope College. "This is a wonderful tribute to her and a strong indication of the great appreciation that her students have for her work."

Dr. Dell'Olio joined the Hope faculty in 1993 as an assistant professor, and was promoted to associate professor in 1996. She has taught courses including "Elementary Curriculum and Methods (Math, Science, Social Studies)" and "Classroom Management for the Elementary and Middle School Teacher."

Prior to joining the Hope faculty, Dr. Dell'Olio held teaching positions at The Ohio State University and Xavier College. Her past positions also include serving as a teacher specialist in staff development with the New York City Teacher Centers Consortium.

From 1978 to 1990 she held a variety of elementary or secondary teaching positions, including in North Hollywood, Calif.; East Los Angeles; and East Harlem.

She graduated with a bachelor's degree in theatre from the School of Fine Arts of the University of California-Los Angeles in 1976, and obtained a fifth-year teaching credential from the UCLA Graduate School of Education in 1978. She received a master of arts with an emphasis in dance education for children from New York University in 1987, and a master of education from Columbia University in 1990 and a doctorate from Columbia University in 1993, both with emphases in teacher education and staff development.

Her husband is Dr. Andrew Dell'Olio, who is a member of the college's philosophy faculty. They have an infant daughter, Joanna Kathleen, adopted earlier this year.

This year's winner of the Hope Outstanding Professor Educator (H.O.P.E.) Award is Dr. Jeanine Dell'Olio of the education faculty (at right). Also pictured is Mortar Board president Katherine Drake '96 of Rochester Hills, Mich.
Alfredo Gonzales, assistant provost, received the "1998 Michigan Outstanding Hispanic Advocate of the Year" Honorable Mention award from the Michigan Educational Opportunity Fund Inc. on Thursday, April 30.

The Michigan Educational Opportunity Fund Inc. recognizes outstanding Hispanic college graduates, Hispanic and non-Hispanic educators, Hispanic advocates and Hispanic parents. Criteria in the "Hispanic Advocate" category includes having made an outstanding contribution to the area of Hispanic education, being active in the community affairs and activities, and being active in committees addressing education in relation to the needs of Hispanic students.

Gonzales joined the Hope staff in 1979 as the director of the Upward Bound program, a position that continued with his appointment as director of minority student affairs in 1984. In 1996 he was named assistant dean of multicultural life, working in the Office of Student Development to strengthen multicultural life at the college, assisting the admissions office in recruiting minority students and developing contacts with area high schools and other organizations.

He was appointed assistant provost in 1990, a position with a variety of duties.

In addition to his on-going involvement in numerous campus activities at Hope, he has administrative responsibility for the college's A.C. Van Raalte Institute and women's studies programs, and is co-chair of the college's annual Critical Issues Symposium. He is also a liaison to the Hope Academy of Senior Professionals (HASP) in coordinating an intergenerational learning project that links HASP members with faculty and students at Hope.

Gonzales has been active in the creation of Holland's Sister-City relationship with Santiago de Queretaro in Mexico, and has similarly been actively involved in developing Hope's relationship with the Autonomous University of Queretaro. In January of 1997, through one of only 24 fellowships awarded worldwide by the Ford Foundation, he participated in the "International Seminar on Diversity Issues in Higher Education" held in New Delhi, India.

He is a member of the Board of Trustees of Western Theological Seminary, and is on the board of directors of the First of America Bank Corporation of Holland.

Gonzales and his wife, Maria, reside in Holland, Mich., and have two children.

Alfredo Gonzales

Gonzales receives state honor
**Academic Calendar**

**Summer Session ’98**—June 15—July 24
**Summer Semesters ’98—July 27—31
**Fall Semester ’98
Aug. 26, Friday—Residence halls open for new students, 10 a.m.
Aug. 28—31, Monday—Thursday—New Student Orientation
Aug. 30, Sunday—Opening Convocation, Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 2 p.m.
Aug. 31, Monday—Residence halls open for returning students, noon, late registration, 3:30-4:30 p.m., Maas Center auditorium.

**Sept.**
- 1, Tuesday—Classes begin, 8 a.m.
- 7, Monday—Labor Day; classes in session.
- 9, Thursday—Labor Day; classes in session.
- 15, Thursday—Opening Weekend
- 21, Wednesday—Fall Recess begins, 8 a.m.
- 26, Wednesday—Fall Recess ends, 8 a.m.

**Oct.**
- 6, Friday—Back to School Day
- 10, Tuesday—Record Aid
- 11, Wednesday—Fall Recess begins, 8 a.m.
- 22, Sunday—Thanksgiving Recess begins, 8 a.m.
- 23, Monday—Thanksgiving Recess ends, 8 a.m.
- 26, Thursday—Thanksgiving Recess ends, 8 a.m.

**Nov.**
- 1, Monday—Labor Day; classes in session.

**Dec.**
- 15—Weekend

**Winter Recess**
- 26, Monday—Winter Recess begins, 8 a.m.
- 30, Friday—Winter Recess ends, 8 a.m.
- 31, Saturday—Winter Recess ends, 9 a.m.

**Spring Semester ’99
**Mar. 15, Monday—Spring Recess begins, 9 a.m.
Mar. 26, Tuesday—Spring Recess ends, 9 a.m.
Apr. 2, Monday—Spring Recess ends, 9 a.m.
Apr. 30, Sunday—Opening Convocation, Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 2 p.m.
May 1, Monday—Classes begin, 8 a.m.
May 30, Sunday—Classes end, 8 a.m.
May 31, Monday—Graduation

**Summer Semesters ’99**
- June 1—July 24

**Alumni & Friends**

**Regional Events**

**West Michigan**—Monday, Aug. 17
- The Grand Rapids Whitecaps versus the South Bend Silver Hawks at Old Kent Park in Comstock Park, Mich., at 7 p.m. Tickets are $5.50 each.

**Holland Golf Outing**—Monday, July 13
- Community Day—Saturday, Sept. 26
- Homecoming—Friday—Sunday, Sept. 26—October 2
- Homecoming Gala—Saturday, Sept. 26
- Includes reunions for the Classes of ’83, ’88 and ’93

**Alumni Weekend**—Friday—Sunday, May 7–9
- Includes reunions for every fifth class from ’34 through ’79

**For additional information concerning alumni events, please call the Office of Public and Alumni Relations at (616) 395-7600.**

**Events**

**Knickerbocker Theatre**

Downtown Holland at 66 East Eighth Street

The Knickerbocker Theatre, open Monday through Saturday, features a variety of art, foreign and classic films, as well as a number of live events. The 1998 summer film series includes
- Taste of Cherry (July 3-9), Fast, Cheap & Out of Control (July 10-16), Mrs. Dalloway (July 17, 20-22), Secret Window (July 31-Aug. 6), Waterwalker (Aug. 7-13), and Love & Death On Long Island (Aug. 14-20).

**Hope Summer Repertory Theatre** 1998

**For tickets call (616) 395-7890.**

**Traditional Events**

**Football**

Saturday, Sept. 12 — at Augustana, Ill., 1:30 p.m. CDT
Saturday, Sept. 19 — at DePauw, Ind., 1:30 p.m. CDT
Saturday, Sept. 26 — at Illinois Wesleyan, 1:30 p.m. CDT
Saturday, Oct. 10 — ++ Kalamazoo, 2 p.m. CDT
Saturday, Oct. 17 — at Adrian, 2 p.m. CDT
Saturday, Oct. 24 — at Alma, 1:30 p.m. CDT
Saturday, Oct. 31 — at Olivet, 1:30 p.m. CDT
Saturday, Nov. 7 — at Albion, 1:30 p.m. CDT
Saturday, Nov. 14 — at Defiance, 1:30 p.m. CDT
**MIAA Games**
- Community Day
- ++ Homecoming

**Home games played at Holland Municipal Stadium**

**Summer Sports Camps**

**Soccer Camps**
- Day Camp—two camps: June 15-19, 22-26 (ages 6-8, 9-14)
- Elite Camps—two camps: July 5-10, 12-17 (ages 12-18)

**Girls Basketball Camps**
- Entering grades six-eight: July 22-27, 1-4:30 p.m.
- Entering grades nine-12: July 27-31, 8-11:30 a.m.
- Body building for basketball (entering grades six-12): July 27-31, 11:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

**Boys Basketball Hoops Camps**
- Entering grades four-six: July 6-10
- Entering grades seven-nine: July 13-17

**Hope College Great Lakes Team Camp**
- Varsity Session I: June 21-24
- JV Session: June 25-27
- Varsity Session II: June 28-July 1

**Hope College Football Camps**
- (entering grades nine-12)
- Linemen’s Camp: July 26-28
- Skill Position Camp: July 26-28

**Additional information about these programs may be obtained by calling Hope Otto at (616) 395-7600.**

**Instant Information**

Updates on events, news and athletics at Hope may be obtained 24 hours a day by calling (616) 395-7688.
Now and then

It was a trivia contest staged by the Class of ’63. It was catching up with old friends during the informal moments, or while waiting for the class photo.

More than 800 alumni returned to campus on Friday–Sunday, May 1–3, for 10 class reunions and other Alumni Weekend events. They remembered the past and told tales of the present, kindred spirits with a place in common that they shared together once again.

1933—Row 1: Matilda Wyngarden, Esther Boer, Arloa Van Peursem Tysse, Isaac H. Marsilje; Row 2: Evelyn Wiarda Monroe, Marcellus De Jonge, Elmer Boer, Louise Marsilje ’61 Leestma, Helen Pelon Walvoord, Jean Herman Hill, Mildred Klow Damson, Edward Damson ’34

1943/1948 Reunions

1943—Row 1: Bill Slocombe, Hap Slocombe, Seymour Padnos, Mil Timmer Van Oostenburg, Mimi Moncada Knooihuizen, Betty Davis Mitchell, Florence Dykema Morgan, Elmer "Bud" Morgan Jr. 42, Mary Lou Hemmes '46 Koop; Row 2: Harvey Staal, Hilda Vander Loon Staal, Eleanor Schoonmaker Morehouse, Fanny DeKleine, Del Knooihuizen, Harry Mitchell, Barbara Dee Folensbee Timmer, Harvey Koop

1953/1958 Reunions


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1963/1968 Reunions


1973—Row 1: Joy Crawford, Christine Lohman Jackson, Marla Teller Rehage, Mary Zieles, Jackie Stegeman Swanson, Jackie Bigelow Remick, Kathy Brown, Darryl “Didi” Stewart King, David Beattie, April Beattie, Coreen Boote, Susan Ponstein Boote, Bob Schellenberg; Row 2: Rick Boss, Barbara Kastelin ’74 Boss, Bob Zilinski, Patricia DeKam Zilinski, Kathy Brown, Derryl Dee Stewart; Row 3: Rick Boss, Barbara Kastelin ’74 Boss, Bob Zilinski, Patricia DeKam Zilinski, Cathy Boote, Gene Marie Gaffahian, Kate Dyer Brist, Barb Smalley-Lawton, Linda Wood Walsh, Peter Walsh ’72, Sherry Plooster, Gary Plooster, Vicki TenHaken; Row 4: Jackie Venhuisen Solt, Jack Solt, Patricia Pavel, Mary Fede Grant, Ginny Burton Stuart, Sheryl Smith, Susan Sinclair Haulenbeek, Gene Haulenbeek, Tom Hooyman, Kathy Kantrow VanderLaan, Burton VanderLaan, John Schmidt; Row 5: Don DeBruyn, Brenda Boote ’72 DeBruyn, Eunice Koster, Charles Gossett, Linda Gest, Ray Gest, Jim Rauwerdink; Row 6: Mike Ebbers, Mary Kay Ebbers, Stanley Busman, Ruth Busman, Terry Reen, Tom Jeltes, Jane Felden ’74 Jeltes, Bruce Smith, Rick Zweering, Terry Fuller ’75 Zweering, Sue Bruggink Edema, Doug Edema

**Hope and the RCA**

**Prologue to Present: Hope and the RCA**

The analogy of parent and child seems apt.

Without parents, children would not be. Beyond the biology involved, parents provide nurturing and support as their children, at first helpless, grow. And grow the children do, until one day they are themselves adults, and the relationship changes. The parents still give, but the children, now mature, contribute fully as well.

Thus with Hope and the Reformed Church in America. Without the early support of the Reformed Church, the Rev. A.C. Van Raalte’s vision for a Christian college for his new community of Holland would never have come to pass.

In a more on-going sense, the RCA and its members continue to support the college, including by sending their daughters and sons to Hope. At the same time, Hope’s RCA heritage has played and continues to play an important role in shaping the institution’s character.

Hope, conversely, has since provided thousands of students with an education informed by the Reformed tradition; has trained numerous pastors, missionaries and other leaders for the denomination; and generates scholarship that can serve the RCA.

On Friday–Wednesday, June 5–10, some 280 delegates will meet at Hope and at Western Theological Seminary for the RCA’s 192nd General Synod. The event provides an opportunity to consider what the college and denomination mean to each other.

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**A brief history of the RCA**

By the time Hope College was born in the mid-1800s, its parent denomination had been around for more than 200 years.

The Reformed Church in America traces its roots to the formation of a Dutch Reformed congregation in 1628 on Manhattan Island in what was then the Dutch colony of New Amsterdam, established in 1624. “The Dutch West India Company, in cooperation with the Reformed Church in the Netherlands, wished to have the spiritual needs of the Dutch settlers served by an ordained pastor,” noted Dr. Elton J. Bruins ’50, who is director of the college’s A.C. Van Raalte Institute, in a history for 1990’s Dictionary of Christianity in America.

Growth continued in the East, even after the Dutch colonial presence in North America ended. “Although Dutch settlers virtually ceased coming to America after the Netherlands lost control of New Netherland to the English in 1664, a goodly number of congregations took root in New York and New Jersey,” Dr. Bruins wrote.

According to Dr. Bruins, Americanization followed the arrival of the English. Congregations in New York began using English in worship services in 1762. The United States itself recently independent, the denomination became organized into a distinct body, independent of the church in the Netherlands, in 1792. The church dropped the word “Dutch” from its title and began calling itself the Reformed Church in America in 1807.

Dr. Bruins noted that the denomination’s failure to fully embrace the westward movement of the 1800s eventually brought it to a minority status. The denomination’s prospects improved in the middle of the century, however, with the influx of religious separatists to the Midwest such as the group led to Holland, Mich., by the Rev. A.C. Van Raalte.

“Had it not been for the new Dutch migration in the mid-19th century, which added many members and new congregations, the old Dutch Reformed Church might have merged with another Reformed denomination by the end of the century and lost its identity,” he wrote. “Strongly orthodox and pious, the newcomers immediately formed congregations, and some had already formed congregations in the Netherlands and emigrated en masse.”

The Reformed Church in America today (1997 statistics) has a total membership of 310,648, of whom more than 186,000 are communicant members; has 952 congregations; and encircles the globe with its mission reach. The congregations include the first one of 1628, today known as Collegiate Dutch Reformed in New York City.
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Stronger together than alone

In the Beginning
In 1851—the year that the Pioneer School that developed into Hope College was established—Holland, Mich., was only 4 years old. The untamed frontier wasn’t only a living memory, it was a current event.

The denomination was weak, its existence tenuous. Still, its founder, the Rev. A.C. Van Raalte, was committed to providing a source of Christian education.

The Holland Classis, formed in 1848, had joined the Reformed Church in America in 1850. The denomination was well-established in New Jersey and New York, and it was due to the East that the Rev. Van Raalte appealed for assistance. The Reformed Church and its laypeople responded.

"Many white people and people out East were instrumental in getting Hope on its feet in its early years," said Dr. Elton J. Bruins, 50, director of the A.C. Van Raalte Institute at Hope. "And, all the early teachers were from the East."

Early buildings like Van Vleck and Graves halls were among the results built through donations from Easterners. The Pioneer School’s first principal, Walter T. Taylor, came from the East, as did the second, the Rev. John Van Vleck, the college’s first president, the Rev. Philip Philips Jr., and numerous others.

"I don’t know how Hope could have gotten started without the help of the Eastern churches," Dr. Bruins said.

A Covenantal Relationship
The RCA and its three affiliated colleges (Hope, Central, and Northwestern) are guided in their relationship by the "Covenant of Mutual Responsibilities," a 12-point document adopted in 1969.

In the Covenant, the colleges pledge to provide a superior liberal arts education in a context that encourages intellectual and personal development and fosters an understanding of, and encourages appreciation for, the Reformed tradition. The church, in turn, promises to allow the colleges the freedom to pursue truth while encouraging them in "their responsibility toward society and their responsiveness to the Lordship of Christ in whom the fullest freedom lies."

"The relationship between Hope College and the RCA brings a constancy and stability of purpose to the college," said Hope College President Dr. John H. Jacobson, who, like his early predecessors, came to Hope from the East through Reformed Church ties. "And while this covenant relationship constantly reminds the college of its foundation in the Christian faith—the fact that we are rooted in the Reformed tradition while at the same time we are an ecumenical church as a Christian college."

Dr. Jacobson believes that the relationship is no less significant for the denomination.

"The Reformed Church is a college-related church, just as Hope College is a church-related college," he said. "While quite a number of denominations have connections with colleges, I think that the connection with Hope and Central and Northwestern is rather more significant in the life of the Reformed Church in America than the relationship with the church-related colleges in some other denominations—that these colleges are much more present in the consciousness of RCA people."

Far-Reaching Impact
For the Rev. Dr. Charles Van Engen ’70, the 1997-98 president of the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America, the consciousness stems from the far-reaching impact that the colleges have had, and continue to have, on the denomination.

"Colleges contribute through the people that they form," said Dr. Van Engen, who is also a member of the faculty at Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, Calif. "People bring about the impact."

"One of the wonderful affirmations this year as president of the RCA has been just to discover how many people are in leadership at essentially all levels of the RCA who are graduates of our colleges," he said. "It’s phenomenal the way the colleges have prepared leaders, and these leaders are in our churches."

He has also been pleased to note that large numbers from the colleges are attending the RCA’s two seminaries, a sign that they are contributing to the next generation of leaders as well.

The Contribution of Scholarship
An additional way the colleges serve, Dr. Van Engen noted, is through the scholars they employ. "The faculty have made major direct contributions to the life of the RCA," he said.

At Hope, such contributions have included serving on denominational committees and task forces (about two-thirds of the faculty and staff have also been on local RCA consistory). Significantly, the faculty also engage in research related to faith.

For example, psychologist Dr. Jane Dickinson has been studying how children form their conceptions of God. Psychologist Dr. David Myers found that active faith is an important contributor to happiness. Dr. Steven Bouma-Prediger ’79 and Dr. Allen Verhey of the religion faculty have examined ecological issues and medical ethics respectively. Dr. Bruins has chronicled congregational and denominational history.

Dr. Donald Ludens ’69 and Dr. Roger Nemeth of the sociology faculty have spent more than a decade engaged in a variety of studies of the RCA specifically, exploring topics ranging from members’ attitudes toward and participation in the church, to congregational life cycles and minister career patterns throughout the denomination’s entire 350-year history.

Within academic circles, their research has served as a model for scholars investigating other mainline Protestant denominations. The two sociologists also committed, however, to ensuring that their work also benefits the RCA itself.

"We both committed to the idea that the end result of our research should have some practical implications for the Reformed Church and for mainstream Protestantism more generally, and trying to show how our understanding of what’s going on in the Reformed Church has an impact more broadly and how they might be responses to RCA,” Dr. Ludens said.

In March of 1998, for example, they invited RCA representatives from around the country to Hope for the conference "The Reformed Church in America: Searching the Past, Anticipating the Future.”

"We asked them to participate with us in trying to interpret the trends and the numbers that we have found in our research," Dr. Nemeth said. "So it’s not us just talking to them. We are actively trying to create a conversation."

The research is also a learning experience for Hope students. Dr. Ludens and Nemeth have worked regularly with student researchers since they began their RCA studies in 1986.

Senior Kate Barnwinkel of Zeeland, Mich., is a sociology and biology major who worked with the sociologists in the spring and summer of 1997, participated in the March conference, and is working with them this summer as well. She’s appreciated learning more about the denomination and its history, while at the same time engaging in original research.

"It lets me know more broadly about my background in the RCA," she said. "Part of it is just how old the RCA is in the States—churches we went to in the summer of 1907 were 350 years old."

A Place for Growth
President Jacobson has called Hope a combination of Athens and Jerusalem—a center of academic inquiry that is also a center of faith. Dr. Van Engen believes that a vital end is met in the blend.

Supporting higher ed

Hope is part of a denominational involvement in higher education that extends back to Colonial times.

Rutgers University
Rutgers University in New Brunswick began as a Reformed Church college, chartered in 1766 by England’s King George III. Originally called Queen’s College, the school was renamed Rutgers College in 1825, in honor of Colonel Henry Rutgers, a veteran of the Revolutionary War and a supporter of the institution.

Fomal ties to the denomination ended in 1920, as the college’s charter was amended to remove sectarian references. Rutgers College assumed university status in 1924, and legislative acts in 1934 and 1935 designated all its divisions as the State University of New Jersey.

The New Brunswick campus of Rutgers today has 24,900 undergraduate students and 8,500 graduate students.

Rutgers was the initial destination of students prepared by the Pioneer School Holland Academy, in the days before Hope was established. The first such students entered Rutgers in 1851.

New Brunswick Theological Seminary
The seminary was established in 1784 in the denomination’s efforts to train pastors within the United States instead of sending them back to the Netherlands for their advanced theological instruction. Originally connected to Queens College (Rutgers), the seminary became separate in 1856, in addition to being at New Brunswick, the seminary operates on the grounds of St. John’s University in Jamaica, Queens, N.Y.

Union College
Although never connected formally to the Reformed Church, Union College at Schenectady, N.Y., owes its existence to...
Reformed Church pastor, the Rev. Dirk Romeyn. The college was chartered in 1795, arising out of the “Schenectady Academy” established by Rev. Romeyn in 1785. Union today has 2,100 full-time undergraduates and 100 full-time graduate students. Union’s role in Hope’s early history includes serving as the undergraduate alma mater of the Rev. Philip Philips Jr., Hope’s first president. It was also the original home of the Reformed Church, established in 1834, which President Philips brought to Hope in 1844.

Hope College

Hope descends from the “Pioneer School” established in Holland, Mich., with RCA support in 1831, which developed into the Holland Academy. The academy, in turn, evolved into the college. Hope was chartered by the State of Michigan on May 14, 1866. Today Hope has 2,101 students.

Central College

Central College of Pella, Iowa, was established in 1853 through the sponsorship of the Iowa Synod. The Reformed Church assumed control of the college in 1916. Today Central has approximately 1,150 students.

Western Theological Seminary

The seminary began as a theological department established at Hope in 1886, graduating its first class in 1890. Instruction was suspended in 1877 because of financial difficulties, and resumed in 1884. In 1885, the name was changed from “Theological Department of the RCA” to “The Western Theological Seminary of the RCA.” and the seminary was given a separate Board of Superintendents.

Northwestern College

Northwestern College of Orange City, Iowa, originated in the Northwestern Classical Academy founded in 1882. It became a junior college in 1928, and a four-year college in 1941. Today Northwestern has approximately 1,150 students.

The first time a Synod visited Hope was in 1884, when the group travelled to the college from its meeting in nearby Grand Rapids, Mich. (the first held in “the West”). A photo with Hope students and faculty helped capture the moment.
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Students with a mission

While the expression “spring break” typically conjures up images of an endless beach party beneath the Florida sun, for some 200 Hope students the nine-day reprieve provided a chance to learn while giving.

The students participated in 15 service-oriented mission trips coordinated by the Campus Ministries Office at Hope. The number of trips, and participants, has grown steadily through the years. Students line up hours before registration begins (at 6:30 a.m.) to assure that they’ll be able to go.

“We’ve seen a growing intensity of interest,” said the Rev. Ben Patterson, who is the Hinga-Boersma Dean of the Chapel at Hope. “I think they’re motivated by a blend of youthful idealism and also wanting to have a bit of adventure. I don’t think of that as mixed motives.”

The trips are a long-running tradition at Hope. They ran for a time during the between-semesters Christmas break, and moved to the spring break during the tenure of the Rev. Gerard Van Hoest ’49, chaplain from 1979 to 1994. They are currently coordinated by Len Fair, director of student outreach at Hope.

This year’s sites nearly spanned the continent, with assignments ranging from working with food banks in Toronto, Canada, to helping people with AIDS in Staten Island, N.Y., to church repair in Nebraska, to working on a junior high school in Honduras.

“We built fences. We took care of animals—milked cows. We had a carnival for the children around there,” said junior Temple Lovelace of Granville, Ohio, who worked at a farm in Walker, Ky., that serves as a midwife and medical clinic. “We just worked hard for them. We did whatever they wanted us to do.”

While the students sign on to spend their time helping others, they are nearly universal in reporting that the experience is personally transforming as well.

“There’s something about helping other people out and giving from yourself that’s humbling, and it just lets you know that God’s love extends to everybody,” said Jonathan Chamin ’98 of Grand Rapids, Mich., who worked in Staten Island.

“If you’ve never eaten dinner in a room full of people diagnosed with AIDS, you don’t realize how the things that divide us, and the stereotypes that push us apart, can be so subtle,” he said.

“I guess you don’t always have to go away to be spiritually renewed. And you don’t have to travel a couple thousand miles to find God,” Chamin said.

[But] sometimes it’s easier for me, having spent four years in Holland, Michigan, to go to a place that’s as different as New York...to be reminded that the world is not necessarily as it is in my comfort zone,” he said. “And I think whatever you need to do to step out of your comfort zone is what you need to do to renew yourself and to take a fresh perspective from where you’re at.”

Working the land in Denver, Colo. (Photo by Megan Powers)

Junior Stacy Hoglund of Yorktown, Ind., in Dungannon, Va. (Photo by Paul McKee)

A sign of welcome in Oklahoma. (Photo by Andy Dressler)

Finishing work in Honduras. (Photo by Angie de Forest)

Painting a church steeple—and each other—in Nebraska. From left to right are junior Kathy Herwey of Kalamazoo, Mich.; junior Glenda Barnhart of Ben Kapenga; senior Stacy Hoglund of Yorktown, Ind.; and sophomore Josh Tibbe of Newaygo, Mich. (Photo by Andy Dressler)

While the students sign on to spend their time helping others, they are nearly universal in reporting that the experience is personally transforming as well.
Although their undergraduate years were ending, commencement speaker Dr. Steven Bouma-Prediger ’79 asked the seniors of the Class of ’98 to remember that their education wasn’t.

Dr. Bouma-Prediger, an associate professor of religion, delivered the address “Can You Count?” during the college’s 133rd commencement exercises, held at Holland Municipal Stadium on Sunday, May 3.

So that the largest possible number of family members and well-wishers could be present, the event proceeded at the outdoor location despite the day’s intermittent rain. Seating is more limited at the alternate, indoor, Civic Center site.

Approximately 4,000 attended commencement. About 577 Hope seniors participated, including graduates from throughout the United States and as far away as Australia, Egypt and South Africa.

Dr. Bouma-Prediger built his talk around Psalm 90:3, which reads: “So teach us, O Lord, to count our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.” He examined the text’s emphasis on learning, setting priorities and gaining wisdom, and ways he hoped that Hope had helped prepare the graduates for the challenges each posed.

“This text begins with the presumption that life are able and willing to learn,” he said. “This prayer assumes that we, in counting our days, are humble, are willing to grow and change and learn—that we’re eager to be taught.”

“I pray that your Hope education has so shaped you that you are open to the surprise and the shock of a God whose Spirit blows where it wills,” he said.

Regarding counting, Dr. Bouma-Prediger urged his audience not to emphasize acclaim, and to reject the philosophy of “Whoever dies with the most toys wins.”

“I pray that your time at Hope has sharpened your focus not on possessions but on people, not on supremacy but on service, not on that which nurse and rust consume, but on that which truly lasts,” he said.

Wisdom, he noted, is something other than brain power or accumulated knowledge. “Wisdom is, rather, a kind of sound judgment, keen discernment, faced with an insightful sense of what is good and right and true,” he said.

“As one of you graduates put it recently in a paper: ‘I realize now how fragile and

The skies opened up periodically during the commencement ceremony, including during the address by Dr. Steven Bouma-Prediger ’79, but the day’s wet weather largely left the May 3 ceremony alone. Timely aid with an umbrella was provided by junior Court Buchanan of West Winfield, N.Y.

Dr. Van Engen presented the verse as a model for facing change. Matthew’s account can help us understand the crucial place of the Bible, of God’s revelation and of a personal relationship with Jesus Christ to guide us across the thresholds that lead us into the future,” he said.

“The sentence marks a major transition in Matthew’s story of Jesus,” Dr. Van Engen said. “It marks the threshold between the events leading up to Christ’s passion—and the passion sufferings that themselves mark the beginning of the end times in Matthew.”

“And Matthew tells us that singing takes us over the threshold,” he said. “Matthew shows the importance of the past, a celebration of the present and a call to commitment toward the future.”

Dr. Van Engen noted that the hymn that Jesus and the disciples sang was likely the second part of the Hallel Psalms: Psalms 112-118, one of which is Psalm 116, which concerns God’s deliverance of the Israelites from Egypt.

He asked the graduates to think of the challenges they had faced during their time at Hope—such as finals, performances, experiments, paintings and mathematical proofs—and the way that they faced them.

“You may have gone through some really hard times here at Hope,” Dr. Van Engen said. “The Lord has brought you through them! God has preserved your life. God has gifted and prepared you for ministry and for a purpose.

Like Jesus, he noted, the graduates faced their own Mount of Olives: in their case, the challenge of transforming a world in need. “Our globe is itself on a precipice, the edge of a cliff,” he said.

He cited the scarcity of food and water in the world, the volume of refugees worldwide, religious persecution and the explosive growth of cities as four examples of difficulties to face.

Dr. Van Engen noted that during his time as president of the RCA’s General Synod, he has been impressed by the large number of Hope graduates who play influential roles in the RCA as well as in other denominations. “Hope College graduates change the world,” he said.

He also shared the story of a shepherd that he and his wife once encountered while they were visiting a protective dike along the North Sea in the Netherlands. They watched the shepherd, playing a flute, leading his flock of sheep from the dikes safely across a busy highway and to a causeway beyond.

He challenged the graduates, newly prepared with their Hope education, to assume leadership roles as well.

“You and I are on a threshold today,” Dr. Van Engen said. “The blessing and privilege of a Hope College education makes you a leader.

“I challenge you to let God play the flute of your life and change the world of the next century,” Dr. Van Engen said. “Having sung a hymn, let us go out and participate in the mission of Jesus of transforming a lost and broken world so loved by God.”

**Wisdom is, in short, living a life in which your gifts meet the world’s needs...I pray that your Hope education has caused you to increase in wisdom.”**

— Dr. Steven Bouma-Prediger ’79
Class Notes

News and information for class notes, marriages, advanced degrees and deaths are compiled for news from Hope College by Greg Olie, '87.

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All submissions received by the Public Relatores Office by Monday, May 11, will have been included in this issue. Because of the lead time required by this publication's production schedule, submissions received after that date (with the exception of obituary notices) will be held for the next issue, the deadline for which is Tuesday, July 7.

A number of the entries in this issue have been gleaned from the Spring 1996 issue of the French Connection, the Hope College French newsletter. News from Hope College periodically borrows from such departmental newsletters so that information can be enjoyed by as broad an audience as possible.

1920s

Walter de Velder '29 of Saratoga Springs, N.Y., writes with a memory of his Hope days. He notes that in the 1920s wages in Holland, Mich. for Hope students ranged from 25 cents to 35 cents an hour. He recalls how he and Al Vanderbrugh '29 contracted to unload a cord of coal near the Holland depot for $15. He calculates that they earned about 25 cents an hour. They never contracted coal-shoveling again. Both Walter and Al are '91 this year.

1930s


Jennifer Liggett '80, President, Kalamazoo, Mich. Claire Vander Meulen '75 Gibbs, Vice President, Melbourne, Fla. Michael Perry '86, Secretary, Mentor, Ohio

1940s

Eloise Boynton '41 Bosch and husband Donald wrote that after six months at Macata, Oman, they are back in the United States for six months part-time in South Carolina and part-time in upstate New York.

John H. Muller '42 completed his intern passion at the Normanfied Reformed Church of Pekin, Ill., and on May 26 began at the Newton-Zion Reformed Church of Eric, Ill. Robert Hendeveld '43 of Muskegon, Mich., works that he has retired for 10 years and is still enjoying activities like golf, tennis, photography and writing.

Paul Fried '44 has relocated to a new address in Holland, Mich. - 5 W. Eighth St., #206. Holland, MI 49423-4200. Internet users may send to: alumni@hope.edu

Del Vanderhaar '44 of Holland, Mich., received a Distinguished Alumni Award from Hope College on Saturday, February 2, 1996. Harvey Herocket '45 of San Diego, Calif., has been awarded a 1996 Distinguished Alumni Award by Western Theological Seminary. He and wife Lavina served as RCA missionaries in Africa from 1964 to 1979 and later in Hong Kong as Broadcasting Ministers and Audio Scriptures International. He also served as vice president and president of General Synod, 1977-79.

Maurice Argue '45 and Virginia Hamms '46 Laug of Canohump, N.Y., will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on Aug. 2, 1996.

Trudy Maassen '47 Vander Haar of Holland, Mich., received a Distinguished Alumni Award from Hope College on Saturday, February 2, 1996.

Reene Heksemka '48 of Holland, Mich., received a Distinguished Alumni Award from Hope College on Saturday, February 2, 1996.

Ada Elberink '49 of Kieft, Ova., lives at a total care retirement home that has many activities and 100 people attending.

Etan Von Pernis '48 of Rockford, Mich., has been elected to the Board of Trustees of the Van Andel Institute in Grand Rapids. Arthur Van Eck '48 of Lake City, Mich., retired in July of 1996, and recently became interim minister of Hope Church in Holland, Mich.

Robert Van Dyke '48 of Rockford, Ill., is chair of the Illinois-Eastern Iowa District of Kivunen International for the Kivunen Worldwide Service Project to deliver the world from the scourge of ineptitude and ignorance by the year 2000. He notes that ineptitude is the world's most preventable cause of mental retardation. He has received many awards from various groups, and was the subject of an article in the UNICEF report on "The State of the World's Children 1998.

1950s

Paul Lepue '50 retired in 1992 as campus minister at the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology in Rapid City, S.D., where he had served for 15 years. He is presently teaching as an educational professor at the school and a staff chaplain at the Holy Cross VA Medical Center in Sturgis, S.D. His wife Gladys (Buurma) '56 serves as director of the VA Medical Center. Harold Blyszak '51 and Lorraine Thedford '55 Blyszak of Etna, Ohio, were married in 1996 and have two children.

Barbara Bennema '58 of Dowdy and husband Arward of San Jose, Calif., write, "We have been able to assist two special Cambodian girls in going to Hope. Eng Sam graduated with a BS in business and a BSN. Her sister, Sophap, is now finishing her freshman year at Hope.

Erika Volkenborn '58 Frederick of Carlsbad, Calif., is on the Board of Directors of the Music Scholarship Foundation. Formerly she was on the Board of Directors of the University of Illinois Alumni Association and a keystone cop with Carlsbad West Middle School.

John Heins '58 of Arlington, Va., is semi-retiring from this month as a teacher of English and film studies at Alexandria High School. After wife Edith retires in 1996, they plan to teach (volunteer) at Kodal International School in India.

Joanne Van Lierop '58 Izenbart and Larry Izenbart '59 of Holland, Mich., report that they are moving to Warren. Michigan. Patricia Parker '58 Kennedy of Saginaw, Mich., is retiring from her full-time job as an director of ad sales services with the Visiting Nurse Association of Saginaw. She will be pursuing part-time work and enjoying her granddaughter, Sarah Jayne, age two-and-a-half.

Carolyn DeYoung '58 Lowery of Holland, Mich., and formerly of Rockford, Ill., played a leadership role in the successful effort to have the residents of Wewaukwa County, Ill., vote to fund 9-1-1 service some years ago, and subsequently served as its governing board. In the years since the service began, it has become a model for 9-1-1 throughout Illinois as well as elsewhere. Lawrence Schueler '58 of Maple Lake, Minn., joined a multi-specialty medical group in St. Cloud, Minn., on Jan. 1, 1996, to develop a new service section. In October of 1997, he moved to a farm near his childhood farm 50 miles northwest of Minneapolis, Minn.

Mont VanLind '58 of Deltona, Ohio, has been promoted to group executive vice president of Battle. In his new capacity, he leads Battle's businesses in the national security, transportation, health and human services, NASA and FAA markets. He is responsible for a budget of more than $400 million and 2,000 employees. He has been a member of Battle's staff for 32 years, most recently as senior vice president and general manager for Battle's national security business. Battle is a research and development company with a strategic focus on product development, technology and commercialization. Ronald Lockwood '59 was installed as pastor of the Reformed Church of Willow Grove, Pa., on Nov. 9, 1997.

David Noebl '59 of Marisive, Colo., has been named president of the Christian Anti-Semitism Crusade. He began studying communication and leading discussions about anti-Semitism after hearing a chapel talk on the topic by Dr. Fred Schwartz. He has been president of Sunday Ministries for more than 36 years.

Russell Yonker '59 of Bedford, Ind., retired from John Deere Credit in 1994 after 25 years with the company. He was a current job as president of the National Football League and a former job as president of the National Football League. He is a former job with the NCAA as president of the National Football League. He is a former job with the NCAA as president of the National Football League. He is a former job with the NCAA as president of the National Football League. He is a former job with the NCAA as president of the National Football League.
Board makes appointments

During its May meeting, the Alumni Association Board of Directors chose its officers for 1998-99 and appointed three new members.

The board also made several reappointments:

- Claire Vander Meulen, '75 Gibbs of Melbourne, Fla., has been appointed president, succeeding Jennifer Liggitt, '80 of Kalamazoo, Mich., president since 1996, who will serve an additional year on the board as past president. Gibbs was also reappointed to the board as its Southeast Region Representative.

- Bruce Brumels, '59 of Lake City, Mich., has been appointed vice president, and Michael Percy, '86 of Mentor, Ohio, has been appointed to a second year as secretary.

The board's new members are:

- Neil Petty '57 of Homer, N.Y. (New York Region), Jennifer Trask, '97 of Galion, Ohio (Junior Class Representative) and James Van Eenenaam '88 of Monarch Beach, Calif. (California Region).

Reappointed to the board in addition to Gibbs were: Michelle Baker '89 Laverner of Phoenix, Ariz. (Southwest Region) and Linda Sekuler '64 Snaap of Barrington, Ill. (Central Region). Also reappointed in the district of Okeene, Mich., the current Senior Class Representative, was appointed Most Recent Graduating Class Representative; and Dan McCue '89 of Richley, Ohio, the current Junior Class Representative, was appointed Senior Class Representative.

In addition, three board members will soon conclude their service to the board: Janette Vandenberg, '79 Aardema of Grand Rapids, Mich.; Bryan Bush '84 of Ararat, Calif.; and Megan Muller '97 of Chicago, Ill.

Petty is retired as principal of Martha Brown Middle School of Fairport, N.Y. He worked for the school district for 32 years as a vocal music teacher, assistant principal and principal.

He has served as chair of the Perinton Arts Council and president of the Fairport Rotary Club, and on the board of Directors of Hunt Hollow Ski Club. He was director of choirs for the First Congregational Church in Fairport for 24 years, and is currently a member of the choir of the United Church of Christ of Homer, New York. Petty has served on committees or boards with both local and national boards.

At Hope, he majored in music education and minored in English and German. He was a member of the Chapel Choir and Cosmopolitan Fraternity, and president of the sophomore class.

Petty earned his master's degree in guidance and administration from the University of Rochester.

He served on the Rochester Advisory Committee for the college's Hope in the Future campaign. He has also been an active participant in Hope events in the Rochester area.

Petty and his wife, Janice, have three children: David '91, Karen '91 and Linda. Trask is an accounting major.

She has been active on the Social Activities Committee (SAC) at Hope, and during the 1997-98 school year was responsible for social events in the Dink and worked on special events such as the Talent Jam. She will be SAC's director during 1998-99.

Trask has been involved in Orientation at Hope and serves as co-director this year, planning the Orientation Weekend. She was a resident assistant in Id-Ra-Je Hall during the 1997-98 school year.

She has participated in the Intramural program that links Hope students with area children. She was named to the Dean's List during her freshman and sophomore years.

Trask is the daughter of Jerry and Pamela Trask of Elm Hall. She is a 1996 graduate of Alma High School.

Van Eenenaam has been an international trade specialist with the U.S. Customs Service/Department of Treasury since 1991. He was previously an import specialist with the International Trade Administration/Department of Commerce in Washington, D.C.

While at Hope, he earned a business administration major with a political science minor. After graduation, he was a staff member of the Episcopal Church, a member of the Fraternal Society and participated in the Lacrosse Club. He holds an MBA in management from Pepperdine University.

Van Eenenaam will be teaching international business courses at the University of California, Irvine during the 1998-99 school year. He is an active member of the Orange County Marine Institute, volunteering as a docent and helping maintain the operation of a replica of an 1830s' sailing ship.

He has been active in Hope events in California, and as a volunteer for the Admissions Office.

Van Eenenaam and his wife, Stelenda, have three children, Olivia, Sophie and Claire.

Carolyn Heideman, '83 Byrne of Hastings, Mich., has been appointed to the Barry County Commission on Aging Board (1997-99). She serves on the Huron-Lee Life Membership- Presbyterian Women, Presbyterian Church (USA) for the St. Joseph Community. She is a member of the Sacred Heart Church in Hastings, Mich.

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Susan DeVries '67 Barwis and John Barwis '68 moved to Aberdeen, Scotland, from Voorburg, The Netherlands in September of 1997. Prior to that, they had spent two years in Beijing, China. All the moves have been related to John's work with Shell Oil, where he is now development manager for the Near North Sea for Shell U.K. E&P.

Cate LiRoleta '91 DeWitt of Mountlake, Wash., is a motivational speaker and performance artist who has been named the 1998-99 annual conference speaker/presenter. She has appeared at events and locations including the M.A.E.P.O.P. Educational Conference; Lake Geneva, Wis.; Annual Conference/Catholic Diocese; State University of New York Educational Sociology Conference; Cornell University Extension/Barders; and the Reform Church Women's Synodical Conference in Syracuse, N.Y.

Robert Donnelly '66 has relocated to Oklahoma from Washington state to help staff in the Accent Technologies Customer Care Center in Oklahoma City.

Robert Hoitenga '98 was featured in the Mushkun (Mich.) Chronicle on Monday, April 20, 1998. He is a marriage and family counselor who also offers one-on-one counseling skills for parents, and is a bi-monthly newsletter editor for Mental Golf.

Kolbenkramer '80 of Yuma, Ariz., is a lieutenant colonel and post chaplain with the U.S. Army, recently returned to the States from Germany.

Sharon Van Lente '88 Kurtz of Spring Lake, Mich., is a seventh-12th grade art teacher with the Spring Lake Public Schools. She plays double steel drums in a steel band, the "Jamaica Lazers," with Spring Lake teachers and support staff.

Gail Rogers '68 of Holland, Mich., is an artist whose work is on display in a variety of West Michigan venues. She has had a variety of one-person shows, including Gift of Art at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor, the Grand Rapids (Mich.) Art Museum and Pinnacle Gallery in Rochester, N.Y. She has been featured in The Grand Rapids Press.

Hudson Sso '88 has been called out of his retirement by the Hong Kong Council of the Church of Christ in China and appointed associate general secretary of the council. He has moved back to Hong Kong with his family.

Sharon Dykstra '68 Troyson of Houston, Texas, is a sales manager with Gary Greene Realtors. She received the "Yellow Rose of Texas Public Service Governor's Award" for contributions to real estate and public service in 1997, and has also received a Top Office Production Award.

John Waterman '83 has been appointed vice president, regulatory affairs, with Aerenx Pharmaceuticals Inc., a biopharmaceutical company that develops and commercializes proprietary innovative medicines to treat cancer and infectious diseases.

Barbara DeFerr '68 Eadie of Victoria, British Columbia, Canada, is teaching music in the Greater Victoria School District. She is the band and choir director at Central Jr. Secondary, and is also teaching beginning band at two elementary schools.

John Nonhof '69 and Mary Rose '71 Nonhof of Holland, Mich., were featured in The Grand Rapids (Mich.) Press on Thursday, March 19, 1986 as teachers of ballroom dancing at Evergreen Commons since 1987.

James Shalek '69 of Winfield, Ill., was named "Member of the Year" by the DuPage Life Underwriters Association (DLUA) on May 20, 1998. DLUA is the second largest association in Illinois, with 500-plus members. He served on the
Jeffrey Pett '75 of Holland, Mich., after nearly 20 years at Prince Corporation has taken a new position as officer and as president of JR Automation Technologies Inc. It is one of four West Michigan manufacturers which make up the National Association of Manufacturers. Nick Ver Hey '78 is vice president and manager of operations with Collee Engineering in Midland. Katie Tieken '78 of Hope is a ski patrol volunteer at Hope's ski team. When not attending meetings, he works with his brother, Jeff, in the business.

Additional information on the recent activities of Hope's alumni is available upon request.

PRESIDENT Sought

The Presidential Search Committee of Hope College invites nominations and applications for the position of President, to take office July 1, 1999, upon the retirement of President John H. Jacobson.

Chartered in 1866, Hope College is a co-educational, residential liberal arts college and is affiliated with the Reformed Church in America. Hope offers bachelor's degree programs in 53 major fields. The student body of approximately 2,900 comes from 38 states and territories and 33 foreign countries. The full-time faculty numbers 195. Hope College is accredited by the North Central Association, the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education, the National Association of Schools of Art and Design, the National Association of Schools of Music, the National Association of Schools of Theatre, the National Association of Schools of Dance, the National League for Nursing, the Council on Social Work Education and the American Chemical Society. Hope is a member of the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association of NCAA, Division III. The college is a member of the Great Lakes Colleges Association and has a chapter of Phi Beta Kappa. The campus is situated in a residential area of Holland, Michigan. The nearest major city is Grand Rapids, Michigan, which is approximately 30 miles away.

The next president of Hope College must be an individual of wisdom and integrity whose life and work reflect the following: a Christian character. This individual should also be committed to retaining and advancing the Christian character of Hope College.

The successful candidate must have a passion for academic excellence. This individual shall have a deep understanding of scholarship, research and teaching. This individual should also be capable of raising the excellent academic reputation of Hope College to the next level.

The successful candidate must be a visionary individual with a broad understanding of the world's events and cultures. The individual shall have a demonstrated ability in leading an organization which effectively carries out its mission. This individual shall have a vision for Hope College and its graduates, and the ability to elicit change by exciting others.

Copies of the position announcement are available from, and letters of nomination or application should be submitted to, detailed resume, to:

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Rapids, Mich., recently joined the executive team at NFHC.
Linda Plomer, herself as Leslie Muchin, and currently, as Molly's new husband, Dan has both graduated from the University of Michigan, in Ann Arbor.
Steve Ramsay is a process chemicals group leader with PricewaterhouseCoopers in Grand Rapids, Mich.
Andrew Ritsinna of New York, N.Y., is in charge of the Department of Modern and Classical Languages at Hope College in New York.
Stacey Swanson '92 will be teaching at Cushing Academy, a private international boarding school in Massachusetts, for six weeks during the summer. Shortly after learning of her appointment, she wrote, "I will miss ESL and Art classes, as well as taking walks along the beach, but I'm sure it'll be a good experience for me and my family."
On the other hand, Cindy Hackett '91 of Michigan-Hintons, is serving as assistant professor at Hope College in Central Michigan.
She is an experienced speaker and has given numerous talks on the importance of education and the role of teachers in society. She also enjoys volunteering with local organizations, particularly those focused on education.

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

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Christopher C. DeBoer '98 will graduate school at Purdue University.

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Tara King '98 Behrman and husband Brian live in Decatur, Ill.

Jesse Bicknell '98 will attend the counseling program at the University of Vermont.

Sara E. Bremer '98 is working with the developmentally disabled population of Ottawa County through Kandu Industries of Holland, Mich.

Stacy J. Brown '98 will attend Central Michigan University beginning this fall for physical therapy degree.

Tonia Bruno '98 will attend graduate school for counseling psychology at Lehigh University.

Casey Camry '98 will pursue a doctorate in chemical engineering at the University of Colorado.

Jonathan Chazin '98 will attend the University of Michigan Medical School.

Morton Samuel Cox III '98 is currently a self-employed furniture designer/manufacturer. He studied in England and custom makes one-of-a-kind furniture in all woods.

Nicole Carrier '98 of Lake City, Minn., is planning to attend law school this fall in anticipation of attending law school in a year.

Jaret E. Day '98 will attend graduate school at Purdue University, where she has a teaching assistantship.

Aron Earl Dean '98 will be substitute teaching in West Coast,

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Christopher C. DeBoer '98 will graduate school at Purdue University in mechanical engineering, in the areas of systems and controls.

Gabriela Lorenz Dockings '98 is applying for the Wycliffe Bible Translators Graduate Intern Program. This summer she will be at her parents' home in Polo, Mich., working for the city and teaching French to third through fifth grades for two to three weeks.

Angie de Fronzo '96 will attend medical school at the University of Kentucky beginning in the first week of August.

Scott Derby '98 is working for Digital Commerce in Holland, Mich.

Steven R. DeVries '96 will begin work as a process analyst for Andersen Consulting in Detroit, Mich., beginning on August 24.

Jon DeWitte '98 is working for McKenna Associates, an urban planning and community design firm in Kalamazoo, Mich.

Katherine Drake '98 will pursue a doctorate in psychology at Harvard University beginning in the fall.

Rebecca Gaither-Stevens '98 will do sleep research at Henry Ford Hospital prior to attending graduate school.

Brian Greene '98 will attend Trinity Evangelical Divinity School.

Rachael E. Goi '98 is working in Grand Rapids, Mich., as a consultant for Deloitte & Touche LLP.

Steve Hairston '90 is working in retail management for Dayton Hudson Corporation in East Lansing, Mich.

Jill Harkins '98 will attend Eden Theological Seminary in St. Louis, Mo., to pursue a master of divinity degree.

Shawna Henderson '98 will attend Valparaiso University School of Law beginning in the fall. She hopes to specialize in environmental law.

David Hawrey '98 will attend the master’s program in environmental engineering at

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Class of 1998

Justin T. Albertson '98 will be attending the master’s program in industrial organizational psychology at Illinois State University.

Jef Spinksy '98 is a director of youth/family ministries at Maranatha Lutheran Church in Kent City, Mich.

Dina Bailey ’98 is interning in the Grand Rapids, Mich., area, working on software development in the B. Department at Gordon Food Service.

Katherine M. Barnes ’98 is working at New Brunswick Theological Seminary beginning in the fall.

Anita Van Engen Bateman '98 has accepted a software engineering position with IBM in Austin, Texas, that will begin in August. She and husband John Bateman IV '97 will move to Austin in July.

James Becker '98 has accepted a position at Cowie-Clark at the I.T. Department as a network
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Births

Jennifer "Lolly" Kruk '96 and Jeffrey Englander, at St. Thomas Hospital, May 11, 1998.


Deaths
Word has been received of the death of Frances Hala '65 Allen of Stony Brook, N.Y., who died on Monday, March 23, 1998, after a three-day battle with leukemia.

Survivors include her husband, Roger; a daughter, Cathy; and a son, Buddy.

Word has been received of the death of Robert Brandt '53, who died on Wednesday, April 1, 1998. More information will appear in the next issue.

Ralph Bruggers '36 of Brunswick, Ohio, died on Thursday, Feb. 12, 1998. He was 81.

He was born on Dec. 3, 1918, in Cleveland.
John Hollenbach dies

Emiriter professor and academic administrator Dr. John W. Hollenbach died on Sunday, April 19, 1998, at his home.

Dr. Hollenbach, 85, was a member of the Hope faculty from 1945 to 1978. He retired as professor emeritus of English.

He taught high school English in High Bridge, N.J., for two years after earning his master's degree. He was an assistant instructor of English at the University of Wisconsin from 1937 to 1941, and an assistant professor of English at Northeastern State College in Tahlequah, Oklahoma, from 1941 to 1945, immediately prior to coming to Hope.

He married Bernice Lohman, who survives him, on Aug. 23, 1941.

Dr. Hollenbach joined Hope's English faculty at the advent of the Post-War enrollment boom. With World War II just ended, former members of the Armed Forces flooded the nation's colleges and universities on the G.I. Bill. From 1945-42 school year, enrollment had declined to 312 by 1944-45. By 1946-47, enrollment had more than quadrupled to 1,500.

He was named dean of the college from 1947 to 1955, and vice president from 1955 to 1965. In addition to his contributions in helping Hope manage its growth early in his service in administration, he was also active in curricular development at the college, playing a major role in a 1963 curriculum revision that set the college's "Senior Seminar" program.

He chaired the department of English from 1967 to 1973.

From 1955 to 1957, he was dean of the faculty of arts and sciences at the American University in Cairo, Egypt. During 1965-66, he was a visiting professor at the American University of Beirut, and chairman of the Board of Directors of the Great Lakes Colleges Association (GLCA) Junior Year in Beirut Program. During the summer of 1966, he was director of a Yugoslav-American Seminar in Yugoslavia, under a grant of the U.S. Office of Education and the Department of State.

Dr. Hollenbach had served as chair of the GLCA Advisory Committee on Middle Eastern Studies and a member of the GLCA Advisory Committee on Eastern European Studies and a member of the GLCA Faculty Council.

In 1979, he was named an honorary member of the North Central Association (NCA) of Colleges, in recognition of his 25-year relationship with the organization.

He served on the board of the National Commission on Research and Service, had coordinated the NCA Liberal Arts Study in the early 1960s that had chaired the NCA Committee on Liberal Arts Education in the early 1960s.

He was a member of Hope College, where he had been an elder and president of the Board of Christian Education and sang in the choir for many years.

He was also a member of the Holland Rotary Club, Holland Professional Club and the Century Club.

In addition to Winifred, survivors include their daughter, Debra (Keller) Pape, of Orono, Minn., and John 68 of Ada, Mich.; four grandchildren; four brothers, Frederick Hollenbach of Carmel Valley, Calif., and William, John Hollenbach of Boyertown, Pa.; and a sister, Mrs. Luther (Kathryn) Schmoyer of Boyertown.
He served as a captain in the U.S. Air Force during World War II. Until his retirement in 1969, he practiced medicine in Kalamazoo, Mich. He was a member of The Pines of Saratoga Presbyterian Church.

Survivors include his children, Julianna Peelen of Saratoga, Joan Peelen of Rensselaer, and Ray Ritsma of Carly, N.C., and Kay Peelen ’70 of Fairfield, Conn.; four grandchildren, Jane DeWitt, John DeWitt, Daisy Ritter and Lee Ritterman ’87; five great-grandchildren; Brandy, Taylor, Carson, Sam and Luke; his brother, Arthur Peelen ’34 of Jenison, Mich.; his sister, Grace Schutt; and several aunts and nephews.

Word has been received of the death of Bernard W. Rothschafer ‘34, who died on Sunday, April 19, 1998. More information will appear in the next issue.

Howard James Schaubel ’38 of Grand Rapids, Mich., died on Monday, April 6, 1998. He was 91. He received a Bachelor of Science degree from Grand Rapids Junior College in 1936. He was a member of the all-MIAA football team at Hope. He earned his MD degree from the University of Michigan, and his orthopaedic specialty certification from Duke University.

He began his private orthopaedic practice in Grand Rapids in 1946. He was a diplomate of the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgeons, and a member of the American Fracture Association.

He was a 30th degree Mason and a member of the Salvation Army in downtown Grand Rapids for 26 years.

He was a member of the Sickles Family Association, a Masonic Lodge in Grand Rapids, and a member of the Masonic Lodge in Philadelphia.

He served as a senior orthopaedic surgeon at Butterworth Hospital and St. Mary’s Hospital, and as consulting orthopaedic surgeon at seven other hospitals. He served on the board of Camp Bogott, and was board president.

He received Calvin’s Distinguished Alumni Award in 1963.

Survivors include his wife of 52 years, Marjorie Moody Schaubel; daughters, Candace (James Rummel), Taylor (Robert Timmons) and Wendy (Paul Noeller); and three grandchildren, Zachary Dickinson, Joshua Timmons and Daniel Timmons.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Gayla Schaubel, and his parents, Charles T. Schaubel and Jennie Schaubel.

Wilma Brookhors ’40 School of the Arts, Hastings, Mich., died on Saturday, March 28, 1998. She was 79.

She was born in Grand Rapids, Mich., the daughter of Johannes and Johanna Brookhors. She was raised in the Holland, Mich., area, where she also attended schools.

She attended Hope for two years, and received degrees from Calvin College and Western Michigan University.

Formerly a teacher at Maplewood Elementary School, she retired from teaching in Hastings after 32 years of employment.

She was a member of Middle Christian Reformed Church, the American Association of University Women, the Retired Teachers Association of Barry County, and the Michigan and National Education Associations.

Survivors include her husband, Rhynie, children, Joan Postema of Ada, Mich., and Rynia and Dick Sensiba of Strongsville, Ohio; five grandchildren; sisters-in-law, Adele Ritterman and Linda Schaubel; and nieces, nephews and cousins.

Myrtle Ten Have ’39 of Zeeland, Mich., died on Thursday, April 16, 1998. She was 89.

She was born in Zeeland, the daughter of John and Elizabeth Ten Have.

She taught in the Grand Rapids (Mich.) Public Schools and Zeeland Public Schools. She also taught in Minnesota, Maine and Canada during the summer.

Survivors include her sister, Florence Ten Have of Zeeland, sisters-in-law, Jonella Ten Have and Beth Ten Have; and nieces and nephews.

Eloise E. Swets ’60 Ten Pas of Fremont, Mich., died on Monday, April 27, 1998. She was 90.

She was born in Milwaukie, Wis., the daughter of the Rev. William and Beth Swets.

She formed the preschool and Readiness Kindergarten Program at Grand Haven (Mich.) Christian School. She attended Grand Valley State College and Red Fi. Wayne, Ind. She was a paraprofessional at Christ Community Church, serving as director of Christian education.

She resided in Grand Haven until moving to Fremont two years ago. She attended Christ Community Church, and Church of the Living Christ in Fremont.

Survivors include her husband of 57 years, Dr. John Ten Pas; children, Holly and Dan Beuchem of Grand Haven, Jon and Kelly Ten Pas of Eagan, Minn., and Tim Ten Pas of Holland, Mich.; four grandchildren; her mother, Ethel Swets of Palm Coast, Fla.; father- and mother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. I.D. White of Hope, Mich.; and sisters, Marka and Brynn Beck of Rancho Palos Verdes, Calif., and Dave Warten, Faith Curtis of Palm Coast, Fla., and Mary and Dr. Ten Pas of Dallas, Texas; brother, Paul and Janene Swets of Memphis, Tenn., and nieces and nephews.

Fred VanDahm ’74 of East Grand Rapids, Mich., died on Saturday, March 14, 1998, after a battle with cancer. He was 45.

He was born in Oak Park, Ill., to Fred and Lena VanDahm, both now deceased. He was a member of the Emmanuel Fraternity at Hope. He earned his medical degree at the University of Illinois. He was board certified in pediatrics after completing training in Grand Rapids, Mich.

Survivors include his wife of 18 years, Kimberly Abraham (nee Evans), who attended Post 2144 of Woodstock, Ga., from 1971 to 1974; children, Jennifer, Benjamin, Emily and Jack; brothers, Dale (Patsy) and Mark (Laure) VanDahm; sisters, Cindy (Herman) VanderNaald and Lori (Gerrit) Wieringa; parents-in-law, Jack and Jurate Evans; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Paul (Patsy) and Mark Everson and Rasa (Joe) Baker and Melinda (Mike) Ibel; and many aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

Marvin VanRik ‘50 of Holland, Mich., died on Wednesday, April 15, 1998. He was 71.

Born in Holland, he was a lifelong resident of the area, graduating from Holland High School in 1944. He attended Holland Business School, and was employed by Pott and Kleinjena Construction.

He formed Rotert and Van Eck General Contractors in 1956, and began Van Eck Construction in 1979. He retired in 1990.

He was a 30-year member of Trinity Reformed Church, where he served as an elder and deacon, and was a member of the Sunday school.

A veteran of the U.S. Army Air Corps, he served in World War II. He was a member of the VFW Post 2144 and the American Legion Post 6.

Survivors include his wife, Christine; children, Bill and Marjanne Van Rik, and Cindy and Richard Peters, all of Holland; five grandchildren, parents-in-law, William and Isabelle Paul of Ocala, Fla.; a sister, June Weaver of Fort Myers, Fla., brothers, Dale and Dennis Van Eck of Holland, and Paul and Sharon Van Rik of Daytona Beach, Fla.; a brother-in-law, William; and nieces and nephews.

Sympathy To

The family of Judith Brody-Green, who died on Tuesday, April 21, 1998, at age 47 after a lengthy illness.

She had been a co-founder of the Aerial Dance Theater, which is an affiliate of the department of dance at Hope College.

Survivors include her husband, Steven Green of Whitehall, Mich.; her parents, Robert and Catherine Brody; her brother, Bill Brody; her sister, Remember Weaver; and nieces, nephews, and cousins.

The family of Danielle Maria de Jong, who died on Monday, Dec. 16, 1996.

She was the daughter of Eduard de Jong and Johanna Berg of Kalamazoo, Mich., and was a member of the family of the late Dr. De Jong.

Survivors include her husband, Barry, and her children, all nephews, and nieces.

The family of Ray H. Schutt, who died in Fremont, Mich., on May 14, 1998, at the age of 64.

Survivors include his wife, Shirley; his mother, Ethel Schutt; and his brother, Jack; brothers.

Rhoda Olson, who died on Friday, April 17, 1998, at the age of 78.

Survivors include her children, Randy and Bob; two nephews; and nieces.

Dr. Howard D. Swarts, who died on Monday, April 20, 1998, at the age of 88.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy; his children, Jim, Mary, Patricia, John, Linda, and Sally; and his sister, Alice; and nieces, nephews and cousins.

The family of the late Mr. and Mrs. Earl Swets, who died on Thursday, April 9, 1998, at the age of 82.

Survivors include their daughter, Ms. Eloise E. Swets; their son, John; and their grandchildren; their daughter-in-law, Ethel Swets; and their father-in-law, Ethel Swets.
Conference championships, individual accomplishments and post-season appearances highlighted another successful year in intercollegiate athletics at Hope College.

Hope captured the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association (MIAA) All-Sports award for a record 21st time. The All-Sports award is presented to the MIAA college with the best cumulative performance in the league's 18 sports for men and women.

Hope showed balance in its men's and women's programs, as each counted three MIAA champions. No Hope team finished below third place in any MIAA sport.

The spring season was a significant contributor to the All-Sports success, claiming conference championships in baseball and women's tennis. Both champions advanced to their respective NCAA post-season tournaments.

It was, in fact, a banner year for the Hope athletic program in the NCAA, as teams and individual student-athletes competed in Division III competition in 11 sports.

BASEBALL TEAM MAKES FIRST NCAA APPEARANCE

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Winning accomplishments and women's post-season performance at BASEBALL qualified for nationals.

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FLYING DUTCH HAVE BANNER TENNIS SEASON

The women's tennis team went into the record book as the most successful in college history. Under first-year coach Karen Fogle, the Flying Dutch posted a school-record 23-1 dual match record, won the MIAA championship for the third consecutive year and earned a berth in the NCAA team championships for the first time since 1989. At nationals, the Flying Dutch were defeated by Claremont-Mudd-Scripps, Calif., 6-3.

Sophomore Lindsay Etheridge of Grand Rapids, Mich., was voted the MIAA's most valuable player. She was joined on the All-MIAA team by teammates Jennifer Smith of Holland, Mich., and sophomore pitcher Leeann Smith. In the league's 18 sports for men and women.

After winning their third MIAA championship in five years behind a school-record 25 victories, the Flying Dutchmen were invited to the NCAA Division III tournament. Not only was it Hope's first NCAA appearance, but the first extended to an MIAA team since 1984.

Competing in the Midwest Regional tournament, the Flying Dutchmen lost a pair of competitive games.

Coached by Stu Fritz, the Flying Dutchmen posted 16 conference victories. Senior catcher Mike Meeuwson of Rockford, Mich., was voted the MIAA's most valuable player and was named to the Midwest All-Region first team. He was joined on the All-MIAA first team by junior shortstop Dean Estes of Huntington, Mich., sophomore outfielder Ben Feltows of DeWitt, Mich., junior second baseman Matt Klein of DeWitt, Mich., junior pitcher Adam Labbe of Cadillac, Mich., and senior third baseman Chad Ruby of Humboldt, Iowa.

GOLFER IS NCAA ALL-AMERICAN

Golf is a fall sport at Hope, but it made headlines this spring as sophomore Ellen Colenbrander of Holland, Mich., became the college's first NCAA All-American in women's golf.

Competing at the Division III national tournament, Colenbrander finished seventh in a field of 33 golfers. She was also voted a collegiate golf All-American by the National Golf Coaches Association.

FLYING DUTCHMEN TIE FOR 2ND

A strong showing in the conference tournament allowed the Flying Dutchmen to tie for second place in the MIAA men's tennis standings. Coach Steve Gorm's Flying Dutchmen advanced to the championship match in seven of the nine conference finals.

Senior Jeff MacDowell of Holland, Mich., and sophomore Paul Lillie of Roseville, Mich., were voted to the All-MIAA first team. Senior Steve DeVrieze of Midland, Mich., was presented the Lawrence Green Scholarship by the MIAA coaches. The award is in memory of the late Lawrence "Doc" Green, physical educator, athletic trainer and coach at Hope.

TRACKSTERS QUALIFY FOR NATIONALS

Two members of the women's track team qualified for the NCAA Division III championships. Senior Ellen Schultz of Maple City, Mich., finished 12th in the 5,000-meter run and 19th in the 10,000-meter run, while freshman Erin Sowers of Grand Rapids, Mich., was 15th in the discus. Sowers earlier in the season established Hope and MIAA discus records.

The Flying Dutch tied for second place in the MIAA women's track standings, while the Flying Dutchmen were third in the men's standings.

Five Hope athletes were voted to the All-MIAA track teams. Honored were senior Jeremy Bogard of Kalamazoo, Mich., sophomore Jennifer Ernst of Westerville, Ohio, Ellen Schultz, Emily Sowers and junior Mark Youngs of Hastings, Mich.

FLYING DUTCH SURPASS 20 VICTORIES AGAIN

For a school-record fifth straight year, the Flying Dutch softball team surpassed 20 victories by finishing third in the MIAA standings and posting a 21-13 record.

Voted to the All-MIAA first team were senior pitcher Lisa Lazzaretti of Omaha, Neb., and junior first baseman Tina Zerin of Lemont, Ill. Zerin led all MIAA batters with a .457 average, while Lazzaretti established a Hope record by pitching her 14th career victory. Sophomore third baseman Sarah Froncuzic of Farmington, Mich., was voted to the Central All-Region first team for a second consecutive year.

CORRECTION

The April issue of news from Hope College inadvertently omitted sophomore Erin Van Auen of Holland, Mich., from the listing of NCAA swimming All-Americans. She achieved All-American honors in seven events, including sixth place finishes in both the 50-yard and 100-yard freestyle races.

Coach Stu Fritz guided the Flying Dutchmen to a first-ever NCAA baseball tournament berth.

Lindsay Etheridge was the MIAA's most valuable player as the Flying Dutch qualified for nationals.

Ellen Colenbrander became an NCAA golf All-American.

Mike Meeuwson was the MVP in an MIAA championship baseball season.