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Jeanine Dell'Olio receives H.O.P.E. award

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 Community Memorial Chapel on Thursday, April 23, at 8 p.m. The award, first given in 1969, is presented by the graduating class to the professor who 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 Center Consortium.

From 1979 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 emphasis 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 '98 of Rochester Hills, Mich.
Gonzales receives state honor

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.

Alfredo Gonzales

In addition to his on-going involvement in multicultural opportunities 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 has also served as a member of the board of trustees of Western Theological Seminary, and 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.

HELP! Alumni who have stayed friends with their freshman-yearmate are invited—yes, imploring—to tell us 
from Hope College about it.

While it doesn't seem that the summer has only just begun, we're busy with our back-to-school August issue. We're planning a story on how Hope connects incoming freshmen with their roommate, and thought it'd be great to broaden the perspective a bit by including insights from alumni for whom the match yielded a lasting friendship.

So, what are we after? Your name, your roommate's name, anything you care to share about your connection, as little as a sentence, or as much as a page (or more?), you decide.

We do ask, however, that you respond by Tuesday, June 30, since our "copy deadline" is shortly thereafter. (And earlier doesn't hurt.)

You can fax us at (616) 385-7991, e-mail us at alumni@hope.edu, or write to us at: Hope College, Hope College Public Relations, 141 S. Cherry Street, PO Box 900, Holland, MI 49422-9000.

RIGHT PLACE, RIGHT TIME: The scene could be from a Hollywood script.

Keith Louwense '88 was walking down the street while on the fall '97 Philadelphia semester, when a stranger approached him about auditioning for a film. The offer turned out to be legitimate, and Louwense decided to give it a try.

"I didn't think I would get the part so I just had fun with it," he said. "But it went really well."

He found himself a member of the cast of Beloved.

The film, which according to Louwense is due out this fall, is based on the 1987 novel of the same title by Toni Morrison. The story focuses on two ex-slaves reunited in post-Civil War America, with flashbacks to the era of slavery.

Louwense portrays one of a small group of Caucasian students whose teacher is promoting the belief that the African-American slaves are inferior. He participates in a few scenes in which slaves are brutalized accordingly.

His part involved five days of filming in the Philadelphia area, primarily outdoors at an 18th century farm. He even became registered as a member of the Screen Actors Guild.

Louwense, who was born in Washington state and has been a long-time Holland, Mich., resident, wasn't seeking to break as an actor. A psychology major, he was in Philadelphia participating in an internship as a therapist at the JFK Medical Health Hospital. "(Which was in itself a great experience," he noted. "I could have gone there just to do that and be content.)"

While he enjoyed working on Beloved, the experience hasn't changed his post-Hope plans. He intends to stay in psychology, pursuing a graduate degree.

Still, if the right part came along...

"If they offered me something else, I would definitely do it," he said.

WAR RECORD: A bit of Hope College's World War II history found its way into the past week's "Discus," a student publication. The story, "The U.S. Army from the Normandy Beaches to the Bridge of the Surrender of Germany" by Stephen E. Ambrose, included a discussion of the Army Specialized Training Program (ASTP), of which Hope was one of the host sites. Among those interviewed is Robert J. Curtis, identified on page 75 as having participated in the program at Hope. According to Citizen Soldiers, the ASTP program offered college training in fields with war-relevant applications to veterans who showed the aptitude for it. Ambrose notes that the program ended early for most ASTP participants, as the army determined that it needed more men in combat units in the short term than highly trained specialists in the more-distant future.

The ASTP records held at the Joint Archives of Hope College note that Curtis was at the college from Nov. 8, 1943, until March 18, 1944. (Note that the Robert Curtis interviewed in the book is not Hope alumnus Robert Curtis '41 of Holland, Mich.)

NSF SUPPORT: Five science department professors at Hope hold grants for summer student research from the National Science Foundation's "Research Experiences for Undergraduates," or NSF-REU, program.

The departments of biology, chemistry, computer science, mathematics and physics all hold NSF-REU grants. It is the seventh consecutive year that at least four Hope departments have done so.

Through the grants, undergraduate students from both Hope and elsewhere are conducting research on a full-time basis with Hope faculty members for 10 to 12 weeks, with stipends of up to $9,500 and a stipend of $15,000 each year for three years.

Drake was a chemistry, mathematics and physics triple major at Hope. She will pursue a doctorate in physical chemistry at Harvard University in the fall.

Also receiving one of the NSF fellowships was Laura Lisenterberger '97, a chemistry major with a biochemistry emphasis currently doing graduate work at Washington University in St. Louis, Mo. In addition, two members of the Class of '98 received "Honorable Mentions" from the fellowship program: Emily Proven, a biology major from Allen Park, Mich., and Mike Van Opstall, a mathematics major from Hudsonville, Mich.

GOLDWATER SCHOLARSHIP: Kevin W. Paaschos, a senior from Grandville, Mich., has received a prestigious Goldwater Scholarship for the 1998-99 academic year. The scholarships were awarded by the Board of Trustees of the Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation to 316 undergraduate sophomores and juniors for the 1998-99 academic year. The Goldwater Scholars were selected on the basis of academic merit from a field of 1,186 mathematics, science and engineering students who were nominated by the faculties of colleges and universities nationwide.

Paaschos is a chemistry and mathematics dual major. He has also received one of only 23 Pfizer Fellowships awarded nationwide in chemistry by Pfizer Inc. of Groton, Conn., an award that is supporting him as he conducts research at Hope full-time with Dr. William P. Polik of the chemistry faculty this summer.

He and Dr. Polik have also written "Oscus," a computer program for hosting discussion on the World Wide Web. Originally developed for use at Hope, the application has been adopted by more than 250 other institutions.

SERVICE HONORED: Della Visscher, a long-time member of the college's housekeeping staff, is remembered through a plaque in Hope's newest residence hall.

The plaque is placed near the entrance to Cook Hall, which opened this past fall.

Visscher joined the Hope staff in 1956 after having raised 11 children. She retired in 1977, and died at age 89 on Thursday, June 20, 1996.

Her son Carl wished to make a gift on behalf of all of her children in her honor to the college, about which she had always spoken fondly. He correspondingly donated his inheritance from her to Hope.
Academic Calendar
Summer Session '98—June 15—July 24
Summer Seminars '98—July 27—31
Fall Semester '98
Aug. 28, Friday—Residence halls open for new students, 10 a.m.
Aug. 28-29, Friday-Monday—New Student Orientation
Aug. 30, Sunday—Opening Convocation, Dimmit 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. 7, Tuesday—Classes begin, 8 a.m.
Sept. 7, Monday—Labor Day; classes in session

Oct. 6-7, Monday-Tuesday—Critical Issues Symposium begins Tuesday evening and continues through Wednesday afternoon
Oct. 9-11, Friday-Sunday—Homecoming Weekend
Oct. 16, Friday—Fall Recruit begins, 6 p.m.
Oct. 21, Wednesday—Fall Recruit ends, 8 a.m.
Nov. 6-8, Friday-Sunday—Parents' Weekend
Nov. 26, Thursday—Thanksgiving Recruit begins, 8 a.m.
Nov. 30, Monday—Thanksgiving Recruit ends, 8 a.m.
Dec. 11, Friday—Last day of classes
Dec. 12-14, Monday—Monday-Friday—Semester examinations
Dec. 18, Friday—Residence halls close, 5 p.m.

Summer Seminars '98
Five courses are available for one or two hours of undergraduate credit or, in some cases, one graduate credit or, in some cases, one graduate credit or an audit basis. The courses run Monday—Friday, July 27-31, from 9 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. The courses are:

“Classroom and Behavior Management for Secondary Teachers”
“Using the PAE: A Hands-On Approach to Fractions”
“Untangling the Tangled WWWWeb”
“Thinking Critically about the Editorial Page”
“Short Short: Practicing Micro-Fictions and Mini-Essays”

For additional information about these summer seminars, please call David James ‘76, program director, at (616) 395-7830.

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

Visit Day offers specific programs for prospective students, including transfers and high school juniors and seniors. The programs show students and their parents a typical day in the life of a Hope student. The dates for 1998-99 are as follows:

Friday, Oct. 9
Monday, Jan. 18
Friday, Oct. 23
Friday, Feb. 5
Friday, Nov. 6
Friday, Feb. 26
Friday, Nov. 20
Friday, March 12

RCA Youth Football Day: Saturday, Sept. 26

Fine Arts Audition Day: Friday, Feb. 19

Junior Days: Friday, April 9
Senior Day: Saturday, April 17

(for admitted students)

Pre-Professional Day: Wednesday, May 19

For further information about Admissions Office events, please call (616) 395-7890, or toll free 1-800-368-7890 or write: Hope College Admissions Office; 69 E. 10th St.; PO Box 9000; Holland, MI 49422-9000.

Alumni & Friends
Regional Event
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, Oct. 9-11
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) 395-7860.

Events
Knickerbocker Theatre
Downtown Holland at 86 East Eighth Street
The Knickerbocker Theatre, open Monday through Saturday, features a variety of art, foreign and classical films, and 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. Doubtfire (July 20-22), 27, 30), Gentlemanners (July 31-Aug. 6), Waterwalker (Aug. 7-13), and Love & Death on Long Island (Aug. 14-20).

Sometimes are 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. For more information, please call (616) 395-4930.

Traditional Events
Pull tug-of-war—Saturday, Oct. 3
Critical Issues Symposium—Tuesday—Wednesday, Oct. 6-7, topic and time
Nykwik Cup competition—Saturday, Nov. 7
Christmas Vespers—Saturday—Sunday, Dec. 5-6
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Summer Sports Camps
Soccer Camp—two camps: June 13-19; 22-26 (ages 9-14)
Eagle Camps—two camps: July 5-10; 12-17 (ages 12-18)
Girls Basketball Camps
Entering grades six-eight: July 27-31, 1:40 p.m.
Entering grades nine-12: July 27-31, 8-11 a.m.

Bodybuilding for basketball (entering grades six-12):
July 27-31, 11:45 a.m.-1:15 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: July 8-11

Hope College Football Camps
Entering grades nine-12
Linemen's Camp: July 26-28

Skilled Position Camp: July 26-28

Additional information about the above programs may be obtained by calling Hope Otto at (616) 395-7890.

Instant Information
Updates on events, news and athletics at Hope may be obtained 24 hours a day by calling (616) 395-7890.
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.


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


1953/1958 Reunions


1963/1968 Reunions


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1973—Row 1: Joy Crawford, Christine Lohman, Marla Teller, Rehage, Mary Zaleta, Jackie Sleeman, Swanzy, Jackie Bigelow, Remine, Kathy Brown, Darry, "Dee Dee" Stewart, King, David Beattie, April Beattie, Carey Beattie, Susan Poonstein Beattie, Bob Schellenberg; Row 2: Rick Boss, Barbara Kastelin, 74 Boss, Bob Zilinski, Patricia Dekker, Zilinski, Kathy Brown, Derryl Dee, Stewart; Row 3: Rick Boss, Barbara Kastelin, 74 Boss, Bob Zilinski, Patricia Dekker, Zilinski, Cathy Boote, Susan Ponstein Boote, Bob Schellenberg; Row 4: Jackie Venhuizen Solt, Jack Solt, Patricia Pavel, Mary Fede Grant, Ginny Burton Stuart, Sheryl Smith, Susan Sinclair Haulenbeek, Gene Haulenbeek, Tom Hooyman, Kathy Kansow VanderLaan, Burton VanderLaan, John Schmidt; Row 5: Don DeBruyn, Brenda Boote, 72 DeBruyn, Eunice Koster, Charles Gossett, Linda Geertsema, Rick Zweering, Sue Bruggink Edema, Doug Edema


NFHC June 1998
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.

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 100,000 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.
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 four years old. The untamed frontier wasn't a living memory, it was a current event. The community was new, 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 thus to the East that the Rev. Van Raalte appealed for assistance. The Reformed Church and its laypeople responded. “Many well-to-do families outside of 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 responsibilities 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 continues to remind the college of its base in the Christian faith—the fact that we are rooted in the Reformed tradition while we have an ecumenical character 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 there are a number of denominations that 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 those 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. “The research, at Hope, has contributed to the denomination’s understanding of the colleges’ roles and the character of the RCA.”

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 consistories). Significantly, the faculty also engage in research related to their fields.

For example, psychologist Dr. Jane Dickie has been studying how children form their perceptions 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 Lubbers ’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 participation in the church, to congregational life cycles and minister career patterns throughout the denomination’s entire 200-year history.

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

Dr. Lubbers, 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 there might be responses to it,” Dr. Lubbers 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. “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. Luders and Nemeth have worked regularly with student researchers since they began their RCA studies in 1986.

Senior Kate Bavinkel 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.

“She knows, 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 1997 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.

Rutgers became a state university in 1924, and 1997, in honor of Colonel Henry Rutgers, a veteran of the Revolutionary War and a supporter of the institution.

Four years 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 legislation and local laws in 1945 and 1956 designate 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 1854.

New Brunswick Theological Seminary
The seminary was established in 1784 as a denomination sought to train pastors within the United States rather than send them back to the Netherlands for their advanced theological instruction. Originally connected to Queen’s College (Rutgers), the seminary became separate in 1856, in addition to being at New Brunswick, the seminary operates on the campus 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
Rev. Kruithof, who is also a member of the college’s Board of Trustees. “And I’m not so sure that that’s happening well at secular institutions around the nation.”

The college’s perspective made Hope a good fit for senior Adam Pasibel of Alto, Mich., who grew up in the RCA and realized as college approached how much that meant to him.

“As I went through high school, faith started being really important to me,” said Pasibel, a business administration major. “I was proud of that heritage.”

“I never even really looked hard at any other schools,” he said. “I looked forward to coming to a school which would hold the values that I held.”

Senior Chris Poel of Brunswick, Ohio, was also raised in the church, and grew up well familiar with Hope. His parents are both alumni, and his father Donald ’71 is an RCA pastor.

He did look elsewhere, but in the end he, too, decided that Hope was the right fit. The Hope College view is “The Western Theological Seminary of the RCA.”

Stronger Together

Like any good partnership, the relationship between Hope and the RCA brings benefits to both parties. Without the RCA at the beginning, Hope wouldn’t have existed; without it, the college’s character would be very different. Hope, in turn, contributes people and training ideas that serve the denomination.

A star by which to steer, and a crown to make the voyage, both vital in the mix as Hope and the RCA journey through time together.

Reformed Church pastor, the Rev. Dick Romeyn. The college was chartered in 1795, arising out of the “Schenectady Academy” established by Rev. Romeyn in 1785. Today, Hope 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 matter of the Rev. Philip Philips Jr., Hope’s first president. It was also the original home of the Trustees of the General Synod, and a RCA pastor. With the Rev. John Wesselink (1901) of Hope’s second president, the Rev. Philip Philips Jr. and the Rev. Charles Van Engen ’70 of Glendora, Calif., president, and the Rev. Frederick Kruithof ’61 of Kalamazoo, Mich., vice president.

Synd leadership reflects service

Through the decades, thousands of Hope alumni have served the denomination— as missionaries, pastors, lay leaders. It’s a tough-impossible to catalog them all, but a quick review of the denominational role of the presidents of the General Synod provides one indication of the activity. Hope alumni have held the presidency during 40 of the past 100 years.

The list includes a member of Hope’s first graduating class, the Rev. Peter Moerdlyke (Class of 1866), the first woman to hold the office. Dr. Beth Marcus ’42 of Holland, Mich., four members of the Class of ’09 and Hope’s fourth and sixth presidents, the Rev. Ame Vennema (Class of 1879) and Dr. Wynand Wichters ’09. As it happens, Hope’s first and second presidents, the Rev. Philip Philips Jr. and the Rev. Charles Scott (who were not alumni), also each served as president of the General Synod, in 1864 and 1875 respectively.

The alumni ties continue with General Synod ’96, led by the Rev. Dr. Charles Van Engen ’70 of Glendora, Calif., president, and the Rev. Frederick Kruithof ’61 of Kalamazoo, Mich., vice president.

Reformed College, Dedicated in 1929, the chapel is a landmark Dutch in America.

“I am a firm believer in liberal arts education,” said Dr. Van Engen. “I think liberal arts provides a broad foundation for a person to experience the world.”

He points out that the world we now live in, the matter of faith development is simply not optional,” he said.

The sentiment is shared by the Rev. Frederick Kruithof ’61, the 1997-98 vice president of General Synod, and pastor of Second Reformed Church in Kalamazoo, Mich.

“It’s a place where we still talk about morality and ethics and absolutes,” said
Hope and the RCA

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 respite 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 Ben 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.”

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

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

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

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

Painting a church steeple—and each other—in Nebraska. From left to right are junior Kathy Henwey of Kalamazoo, Mich.; junior Glenda Barnhart of Ben Kapenga; and sophomore Josh Tibbe of Novaygo, Mich. (Photo by Andy Dressler)
Education for good

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 was more limited at the alternate, indoor, Civic Center site.

Approximately, 4,000-attended commencement. About 597 Hope seniors participated, including graduates from throughout the United States and as far away as Australia, Fiji, and South Africa.

Dr. Bouma-Prediger built, his talk around Psalm 90:12, 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 hoped that Hope had helped prepare the graduates for the challenges each posed.

This text begins with the presumption that time is a limited commodity. “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,” he said.

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

Regarding counting, Dr. Bouma-Prediger urged his audience not to emphasize acclimacy, 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 the most mud 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, right and true,” he said.

“As one of your 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 its 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 says that God brought you through 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 113-118, 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. “This is the Lord that 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 threshold—more like a precipice, the edge of a cliff,” he said.

He cited the scarcity of food 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 dike safely across a busy highway and to a corral 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,” he 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

“The psalmist does not advise you to count your awards. He prays that you and I be taught to count our days,” he said. “Note—not other people’s days, but our days. For our days are in fact finite, limited, numbered.

“We are—as previous verses in Psalm 90 forcibly remind us—we are mortal. We are dust,” Dr. Bouma-Prediger said. “Such an honest acknowledgment prompts this question: what really is important?”

“Wisdom is, in short, living a life in which your gifts meet the world’s needs.

“You have intelligence and learning and skill in abundance, but do you strive, in the counting of your days, for a heart of wisdom?” he asked. “I pray that your

Hope education has caused you to increase in wisdom.”

Dr. Bouma-Prediger concluded with one more hope for the graduates’ Hope years: reciting “Southland of the Heart” by Canadian singer-songwriter Bruce Cockburn, which recommends a gentle resting place as a refuge from life’s troubles.

“I truly pray that there are memories and ideas and people from your time at Hope that will in the future be for you southlands of the heart,” he said.

“And remember that nothing—nothing—not the wild-eyed dogs of day to day snapping at your heels, not thoughts you’ve tried to leave behind snipping from the dark, not the nightmare creeping closer when your wheels are in the mud—not nothing can separate you from the hallowed hounding grace of God, that Southland of the Heart in whose loving presence we are able to take our rest.”

The Rev. Dr. Charles Van Engen ’70 was the baccalaureate speaker earlier in the day, presenting “Having Sang a Hymn, They Went Out.” In addition to being the 1997-98 president of the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America, Dr. Van Engen is a member of the faculty of Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, Calif. His daughter, Anita, was among the graduates.

He based his theme on Matthew 26:30. The verse concerns The Last Supper, noting that Jesus and the disciples sang a hymn before leaving for the Mount of Olives.

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Class Notes

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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 carload of coal near the Holland depot for $15. He calculates that they earned about 29 cents an hour. They never contracted coal-shoveling again. Both Wally and Al are 91 this year.

1930s

Evelyn Wiersma '33 Monroe and husband Clare of Pittsford, Mich., celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in June of 1996. In January of 1996, they flew to Fairbanks, Alaska, to attend the wedding of their granddaughter Mary, whose mother is Barbara Monroe '60, Hope.

Donald Voorhees '35 and wife Marian of Venice, Fla., celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on March 25, 1996. Their two daughters include Louise Voorhees '60 Ravage of St. Paul, Minn., William Poppick '37 of Saint Peter, Minn., and Diane, who was featured in the local paper on March 11, 1998, as an active local volunteer. He is a retired school superintendent.

Theresa Roster '38 Reverends and husband Gerald of Grand Haven, Mich., celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Dec. 27, 1997, with a family dinner at the Grand Harbor Resort and Yacht Club.

1940s

Eloise Boynton '43 Bosch and husband Donald write that since 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 post-graduate training at the Norwalk Lutheran Hospital of Illinois College of Medicine, Ill., in 1947 and was a staff chaplain at the St. Joseph's College of Medicine and Hospital in Chicago in 1947-48. He was a member of the American Lutheran Church and a member of the American Medical Association. He died on June 20, 1997, at the age of 85.

Paul Lupshe '50 retired in 1992 as campus minister of the College of the Ozarks, Springfield, Missouri. He is a member of the Missouri Historical Society and the Christian Reformed Church in America. He is a member of the Missouri Historical Society and the Christian Reformed Church in America.

Karen Bowersock '50 married Robert W. Bowersock '50, who were featured in the Chicago Tribune on March 31, 1998, as the co-founders of Aniok's "PMel Theater," a community playhouse celebrating its 37th season. In the "Art's Eye," an article published in May 1997, they noted that "PMel" stands for "Performing Arts and Music," with the first part of the name inspired by "Poetic and Musical" at Hope, "with "Music" added to reflect music as well.

Joanne Luger '53 Bolome has moved to a new address in Mushkegowuk, Mich., and has been promoted to assistant professor of English at Michigan State University.

Anatole Fredrickson '56 obtained a Ph.D. in psychology at Western Theological Seminary. He and wife Linda have been RCAs since 1970, and later with the Reformed Ministry and Audio Scriptures International. He also serves as vice president and president of General Synod, 1977-79.

Maurice Lough '55 and Virginia Hennessy '48 Lough of Canaan, N.Y., will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on Aug. 6, 1998.

Trudy Maassen '47 Van Haarland of Holland, Mich., received a Distinguished Alumni Award from Hope College on Saturday, May 2, 1998.

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Ada Elberough '48 of Portland, Ore., lives in her home and is a member of the Daughters of the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Daughters of the American Revolution.
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 of Melbourne, Fla., has been appointed president, succeeding Jennifer Liggett ’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 Honolulu, N.Y. (New York Region); Jennifer Trick ’83 of Aries Hall, Mich. (Junior Class Representative) and James Van Eenennaam ’88 of Monarch Beach, Calif. (California Region).

Reappointed to the board in addition to Gibbs were: Michelle Baker ’89 of Laverne, Ariz. (Southwest Region) and Linda Seidman ’64 of Schaap in Barrington, Ill. (Central Region). The reappointees are: Jake Schaefer of Oskemo, Mich., the current Senior Class Representative, and James Van Eenennaam, appointed Most Recent Graduating Class Representative; and Dan MacChee ’92 of Beulah, Ohio, the current Junior Class Representative, appointed Senior Class Representative.

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

Neil Petty ’57

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 Fair Hollow Ski Club. He was director of choirs of the First Congregational Church in Fairport for 24 years, and is currently a member of the choirs of the United Church of Christ of Honolulu; he has served on committees or boards with both churches.

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 education 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 ’81, Karen ’81 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 student events in the Kletz 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 is serving as co-director this year, planning the Orientation Weekend events for the incoming class of 2002. She was a resident assistant in DeKstrom Hall during the 1997-98 school year.

She has participated in the Partners in Progress 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 Eenennaam 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. In May, 1998, he attended a staff Congress, who was a member of the Fraternal Society and participated in the LaCroise Club. He holds an MBA in management from Pepperdine University.

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1960s

Marshall Elzinga ’60 of Somerville, N.J., delivered a biology seminar at Hope College on Friday, April 17. He is with the National Institute for Basic Research in Developmental Disabilities and Mental Retardation, and presented “Mycosis: Molecular Motors for Muscles and Brains.”

Maria Blasiokwicz ’62 of Zieland, Mich., performed in the annual Tulip Time Organ Recital held at Hope College on Wednesday-Saturday, May 13-15, 1988.

Bob Hansen ’62 has recently retired to his beach home on Kauai for “lots of fun in the sun, including kayaking, scuba diving and being a beach bum.” Formerly, he was the deputy attorney general for the state of California Department of Justice in Health Quality Enforcement. Bob was the prosecutor for the Medical Board of California and an allied health professions, having handled numerous high-profile and politically sensitive cases.

Attorney General Dan Lungo, who is running for governor in California, awarded him commendation for excellence.

Thornton J. Friers ’69 of Atlantic Ga., has been confirmed by the U.S. Senate to become the Commanding General of the U.S. Army Reserve Command (USARCOM), headquartered in Atlanta, and the Chief, U.S. Army Reserve (CAR), Washington, D.C. The USARCOM Headquarters command and controls more than 560,000 Army Reserves in the continental United States with the exception of those which report to the Army’s Special Operations Command. At all times, he serves as the principal advisor to the Secretary of the Army on matters of readiness.

Carolyn Heideman ’63 Byrne of Hastings, Mich., has been appointed to the Barry County Commission on Aging Board (1997-99). She resides in Hayti. The Barry County Commission on Aging is affiliated with the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging and is a member of the Michigan Association of Area Agencies on Aging.

Heideman majored in sociology and minored in English. She is married to George Byrne, Jr., a retired state district court judge. Heideman is currently working on her second book and is an active member of the Coast Guard Auxiliary, St. John’s Episcopal Church, and the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary Auxiliary Grand Traverse Unit 33.

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Jeffrey Pett '75 of Holland, Mich., after nearly 20 years at Prince Corporation has taken a new position at Monsanto Corporation as chief operating officer and as president of Monsanto's Monsanto Europe Ltd. He is one of four West Michigan residents to be named President of Bank-Falk Florida. He oversees Chase’s private banking operations in Florida and the Southeast.

President of the American Chemical Society, University of Michigan, and is the 73rd R. L. Harris Award winner. He has been a visiting professor at the University of Arizona, the University of Utah, and the University of California at Berkeley. He has also served as an associate professor at the University of Arizona, the University of Utah, and the University of California at Berkeley. He has also served as a visiting professor at the University of Arizona, the University of Utah, and the University of California at Berkeley. He has also served as a visiting professor at the University of Arizona, the University of Utah, and the University of California at Berkeley.
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To receive the daily Hope Sports Report free via Internet: You need only send your e-mail address to:

hsp@alumni.hope.edu

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

adm@hsp@hope.edu

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Hope 1990s

Claire Carpenter '87 and Panaceh Choumanov '93 are consultants in the music video production industry of Pittsburgh, Pa. this month. Claire is leaving the U.S. to begin her five-year residency at Allegheny General Hospital of Pittsburgh, Pa. and the University of Pittsburgh emergency medicine/internist medicine. When he returns to the U.S. he will be certified in critical care.

Frederico Solvet '96 or Kuret of East Jordan, Mich., is a fellow with the Callidan String Quartet, formed in 1995.

Jill Wenzel '86 has joined the New York, N.Y., has been a marketing and public relations associate for Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated where she will curate the equity trading desks and monitor the regulatory developments within the securities industry.

Molly Timpton '87, petting of Holland, Mich., is a mortgage loan officer with Republic Bank.

Marc Rodat '86 of Paris, France, has an essay published in the French version of the French Connection, the Hope College French News. "Around the world with French," the essay concerns the internships that have taken place in the studies in the United States, and his past five years in France.

Carolyn Rich '97 of Terre Haute, Ind., is working full-time for the American subsidiary of Pernod Ricard as the assistant to the president, and operating her business part-time (teaching adults French and Spanish).

Debbi Lockhart '87 of Kentwood, Mich., is a teacher with the Goddellsville School District.

An Arselan van Deventer '87 is a Ph.D. candidate in the University of Technology in Latvia, Sweden.

Lynette Tugger '97 of Wheaton, Ill., has been accepted into the Community College of the District of Columbia, and is currently teaching piano, performing, and on the board of the Illinois Music Teachers Association.

Leslie Christensen '97 of Holland, Mich., has been promoted from her south side assistant branch manager to branch manager of the east side office of Old National Bank.

She joined Old Kent's staff in December of 1994.


Teledra Schailling '84 of Holland, Mich., has taken a position as director of development for Words of Hope. She was previously a regional advancement director at Hope College Community Church in Glendale, Calif.

Joy Brutter '84 of Holland, Mich., performed in the Pulitzer Prize-winning "Tuskegee" at the Redford Theater in Detroit, and at Hope College on Wednesday-Saturday, May 13-16, 1998.

Jiljeen Winkler '84 of Westland, Mich., is currently the dean of the Fine Arts Department at Katten Macher & Zavis in Chicago, Ill.

He concentrates his practice in executing compensation plans for the arts in the arena of qualified plans, health and welfare benefits, and fiduciary and investment manager compliance.

In 1997 he helped found the nonprofit organization Alternatives in Dance, which produces the "Batik of Gun Lake," and a motivational speaker.

She currently is a lecturer at the University of Michigan and has performed with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra.

Benjamin Bartels '91 of Livonia, Mich., is an MD/Ph.D. candidate in the University of Michigan Medical School.

"Births) Buckie Carr '90 of Van Buren County, Mich., is finishing her third year as an OBGYN resident at Mount Clemens General Hospital.

Track 1980's 1992 and 1993 army and homefront. Detroit has purchased a home in Indianapolis. In June he accepted an assistant position with ROCAP, a grant of the National Guard in Indiana.

Todd Campbell '91 is a village manager of Homer, Mich.

Nancy Bartels '91 of Holland, Mich., is a special education teacher at West Ottawa High School.

Beth Petch '91 Kaluznick of Bloomfield Hills, Mich., is currently teaching "Best of Broadway," in which she currently is teaching piano, performing, and on the board of the Illinois Music Teachers Association.

The talk was based on her work that has included medical manuscripts, music, art, the avant garde and the avant-garde, which primarily focuses on her creative writing. She is currently a lecturer at the University of Michigan.

Beckie Harin '88 of Gray Lake, Mich., is a Spanish teacher at Spring Lake Jr./Sr. High School.

Kevin Schreur '88 of Decatur, Ala., is a post-doctoral fellow of the University of Alabama at Birmingham. He and his wife Helene are expecting a baby girl in July.

Johnnie Tuttle '87 of Grand Rapids, Mich., has been accepted into the University of Michigan College of Medicine with a special interest in primary care.

She is currently teaching in the medical school, teaching, and living in the "Cardiac Room," and a male nurse. She is working on her doctorate in nursing.

Jolene Landers '89 of Muskegon Heights, Mich., is a member of the Michigan Commission on Disability Concerns. The commission advocates for her and her fellow students with disabilities. Jolene is the founder of the nonprofit organization Alternatives in Dance, which produces the "Batik of Gun Lake," and a motivational speaker.

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Karen Galloway '89 of Wayland, Mich., is pursuing a doctoral in literature and creative writing at Western Michigan University.

Craig Stapert '89 of Atlanta, Va., is publications manager at Washington National Cathedral.

Carl Schiederich '89 of Grand Rapids, Mich., is the production company responsible for the recent CD "In the Mood," and is currently working on "HBO special." She has most recently worked with country music artist Tim McGraw, John Berry and John Fugate.

Paul Johnson '86 of Columbus, Mo., is professor of religious studies at the University of Missouri.

Carolyn Chace '88 Cotter of Novi, Mich., is a medical representative for J&H Sales.

Leslie Osorio-Atheem '89 of Terre Haute, Ind., is an adjunct professor of German at Rose Hulman Institute of Technology in Indiana.

She is working on her Ph.D. in comparative literature at Indiana University.

Peter Rees '83 of Wilmette, Ill., is in business for herself as a consultant, focusing on diversity and other organizational development issues.

Linda Gardner '82 of Holland, Mich., and Dr. Michael Gardner, are considering moving to a "natural pharmacy" and yurt bar, in Grand Traverse Bay, Mich.

Linda Hudson '81 was ordained in Sep 25, 1997, at Allendale (Mich.) Reformed Church, and was installed on Nov. 16, 1997, as the pastor of the Kentville Community Church in Glendale, Calif.

Joy Brutter '84 of Holland, Mich., performed in the Pulitzer Prize-winning "Tuskegee" at the Redford Theater in Detroit, and at Hope College on Wednesday-Saturday, May 13-16, 1998.

Teledra Schailling '84 of Holland, Mich., has taken a position as director of development for Words of Hope. She was previously a regional advancement director at Hope College Community Church in Glendale, Calif.

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Ohio. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, having served in World War II.

Survivors include his wife, Isabelle, to whom he was married for 55 years; daughter, Barbara (Thomas) Curley; grandson, Kenneth R. (Tranquility) Bruggers; sister, Helen Metzger; brother, Clyde Bruggers and two grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, William and Angelina Bruggers.

Word has been received of the death of Jacob DeYoung, 80, who died on Friday, May 1, 1998. More information will appear in the next issue.


He was born in zendertown, Mich., the son of Harm and Henrietta Dykhuizen. He attended schools in Cedar Grove, Wis., and Fremont, Neb. He graduated from Avondale (Ky.) Institute. In addition to Hope, he graduated from Western Theological Seminary.

He was ordained in Stone Arabia, N.Y., where he served his first pastorate, and served a dual pastorate in Spokane, Wash. He also served Reformed churches in Johnstown, N.Y.; Marion, N.Y.; Chicago, Ill.; Detroit, Mich.; Holland, Nebraska; and Wyoming, Wyo. Following his ordination in 1984, he served as calling pastor for First Reformed Church.

He served as president of the Particular Synods of Albany, N.Y., and Chicago on the Board of Trustees of Hope College; and on the RCA’s Board of World Missions.

Survivors include his wife, Genevieve; children, Kenneth and Eileen Dykhuizen of Marion, and Joy Besong; and grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren; a sister, Minnie Belle of Onesta, N.Y.; and nieces and nephews.

Word has been received of the death of Donald Alfred Amsden, 43, who died on Saturday, April 18, 1998. More information will appear in the next issue.

Cenecia Veenstra ‘54 Fabunmi of St. Paul, Minn., died of colon cancer on Sunday, March 15, 1998. She was 65.

She was born in Muskegon, Mich., on Jan. 29, 1933, the daughter of Henry and Lola Veenstra. She graduated with a degree in psychology and literature, and she earned a master of arts degree in special education at Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C.

After teaching in Mexico, she moved to London, where she taught English literature, and then returned to the United States to teach the English language and literature.

While in Nigeria, she met Dr. Lawrence Akinlabi Fabunmi ‘52 through the efforts of Hope President Dr. Irvin J. Lubbers ’77, who was an official in the Prime Minister’s Office, and they were married on July 16, 1950. She held a variety of postings in Nigeria before and during their marriage, including at Egbeogo College and Kukawa College, in Nigeria, and the American International School in Lagos. While her husband was posted to Lagos, she taught at the United Nations Headquarters in New York in the early 1960s; she was also president of the Association of the United Nations Alumni of the United States and was a member of the governing board of the United Nations International School.

She returned to the United States in 1966 and earned a certificate in family therapy from the University of Minnesota. In 1968, she began working in rural Nicaragua, El Salvador, Honduras, Guatemala and Costa Rica, helping individuals and families affected by war and political conflict.

She was most recently clinical supervisor for the Alcohol and Drug Counseling Education Program at the University of Minnesota’s family social services department.

In 1988, she received the Irene Whitson Whitney Award for her career as a counselor and drug abuse counselor. In 1995, she won the McFarland Creative Teaching Award from the University of Minnesota College of Human Ecology.

Survivors include two daughters, Rebecca Fabunmi of Minneapolis, Minn., and Laura Fabunmi of San Francisco, Calif.; a son, Baldanucho of Providence, R.I.; and two grandchildren from her marriage to Donald A. Amsden in 1967.

Survivors include her husband, Don, and stepson, Brian Bridges; her parents, Coral and Philip Franklin of Arizona, and her two sisters-in-law, Kristin Bridges and Martha Mason; sister, Jean Whittle with husband Tom and sons Stephen, Michael, Gregory, Benjamin and David; sister-in-law, Alice Lee with husband Mark and sons Scott and David; sister, Sandra Gupta with husband David; and daughter, Coral; Aunt Norma and Uncle Edward Dreus; Aunt Jean and husband Harold Heath; Uncle Walter and wife Janie Brent; Aunt Martha and husband Ronald Kowske, and cousins.

Word has been received of the death of Magdelene DuMez ‘26 Frei, who died on Friday, May 5, 1998. More information will appear in the next issue.

John Hollenbach dies

Eminent professor and academic administrator Dr. John W. Hollenbach died on Friday, 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 had stayed active at Hope in the two decades following his retirement. For example, he served as executive secretary of the president’s office for three years and selected President John H. Jacobson, who became Hope’s 10th president in 1987. He also played a leading role in the founding of the “Hope Academy of Senior Professionals” (HASP) in May of 1988, serving as the organization’s first president. Based at the college’s center for continuing education, the academy now presents intellectual, cultural and service opportunities for area retirees. HASP currently has approximately 380 members.

He had served in the U.S. Army during World War II and was a nuclear weapons instructor in the Army’s training program.

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 GI Bill. For 35 years during the 1942-47 school year, enrollment had climbed to 312 by 1945-46. By 1946-47, enrollment had more than quadrupled to 1,500.

He was named a professor emeritus, and he taught history and American literature until his retirement “The death of John Meerman ‘57, who died on Saturday, March 28, 1998. More information will appear in the next issue.

Harvey W. Moos ‘50 of Hillsdale, Mich., died on Friday, April 10, 1998. He was 69.

He was born on Jan. 1, 1929, in Jacksonville, Ill. His father, John William Peelen ‘26 Frei, and mother, Dorothy (Messelink) Peelen, died on July 16, 1950, he married the former Marilyn Lekten ’30, who survives him.

He served as a captain in the U.S. Air Force during World War II.

He graduated from the University of Michigan Law School in 1956, and practiced law from 1956 until his retirement in 1998.

He was a member of the Michigan State Bar Association and the American Bar Association.

In addition to his wife, survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Lynn and Don Crowell of Medford, Calif., and John ‘68 of Ada, Mich.; four grandchildren; brothers, Frederick Hollenbach of Carmel Valley, Calif., and William Hollenbach of Boyertown, Pa.; and a sister, Mrs. Luther (Kathryn) Schmoyer of Boyertown, Pa.


He was born in Holland, Mich., the son of the late George and Mina Kuiper. He was a graduate of Holland Christian High School.

He served in the U.S. Army for two years. He earned two master’s degrees and a doctorate from the University of Michigan.

He taught at South Christian High School, Northwood College in Iowa and Grand Rapids Junior College before joining the English faculty at Calvin College in 1963. He was a member of the Calvin faculty for 35 years. In 1993, he received Calvin’s first Presidential Award for Exemplary Teaching.

He was preceded in death by a brother-in-law, Jay VanderHart.

Survivors include his wife, Lillian; children, Carol Kuiper, George Kuiper, Mary and Dave Vermeulen, James and Beth Kuiper, and Mark Kuiper; four grandchildren; brothers, George and Jane Kuiper, College of Kentucky; and Ronald and Donna Kuiper; brothers-in-law, Gordon and Johanna VanderHart, Janette VanderHart, Arnold and Pearl VanderHart, and Gilbert and Iris VanderHart; and nieces and nephews.


He was born on Sept. 23, 1904, in Sycos Center, Iowa. He attended Rush Medical School, and was a resident in obstetrics at Presbyterian-St. Luke’s Hospital in Chicago, Ill.
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 Sartell Presbyterian Church.

Survivors include his children, Janis and Jo Ann Peelen of Sartell, Jane Peelen of Kalamazoo, Mich., and Janice and Ray Ritsma '60 of Cary, N.C., and Kay Peelen '57 of Fort Worth, Texas; four grandchildren, John DeWitt, John DeWitt, Daisy Ritter and Lee Ritterman '87; five great-grandchildren, Brandon, Taylor, Carson, Daisy and Alex; and a niece and nephew.

Word has been received of the death of Franklin (Bud) Williams '39, who died on Sunday, April 19, 1998. More information will appear in the next issue.

Howard James Schaubel '34 of Grand Rapids, Mich., died on Monday, April 6, 1998. He was 61.

He received his Bachelor of Science degree from Grand Rapids Junior College in 1958. He was a member of the all-MIAA football team at Hope.

He earned his MD degree from the University of Michigan, and his orthopedic specialty certificate with distinction from Duke University.

He began his private orthopedic practice in Grand Rapids in 1966. He was a diplomat of the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery, and a member of the American Association for the Surgery of Trauma.

He was a 25th degree Mason and member of the Masonic Temple Society, and served as chief orthopedic surgeon for the Masonic Shrine Children's Clinic for 25 years.

He was an orthopedic resident at the University of Michigan, and was employed as an orthopedic surgeon at seven other hospitals. He served on the board of Camp Boyden, and was a board president.

He received the Grand Rapids Distinguished Alumni Award in 1961.

Survivors include his wife of 50 years, Marjorie Moody Schaubel; daughters, Caroline (James Rumml); Taylor (Robert Timmons) and Wendy (Bill 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 Jeannine Sager Schaubel.

Wilma Broenkhorst '40 Scholma of Hastings, Mich., died on Saturday, March 28, 1998. She was 75.

She was born in Grand Rapids, Mich., the daughter of Johannes and Johanna Broenkhorst. She was raised in the Holland, Mich., area, where she also attended schools. She attended Calvin College and Western Michigan University.

She served as a captain in the Maplewood Elementary School, where she retired as a teacher in 1988 after 28 years of employment.

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


Myrtle Ten Have '36 of Zeeland, Mich., died on Thursday, April 21, 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 Haae of Zeeland; sisters-in-law, Jonnella Ten Haae and Beth Ten Haae; and nieces and nephews.

Evelyn Van Dahn '50 of East Grand Rapids, Mich., died on Monday, April 27, 1998. She was 79.

She was born in Milwaukee, Wis., the daughter of the Rev. William and Martha Calkins Van Dahn.

She formed the preschool and Readiness Kindergarten Program at Grand Haven (Mich.) Christian School and was a teacher in Gulf Shores, Ala., and in Winter Haven, Fla. She also held positions at the Christian Community Church, serving as director of Christian education.

She resided in Grand Haven until moving to Fremont two years ago to attend the Cleo C. Van Dahn Community Church, and Church of the Living Christ in Fremont.

Survivors include her husband of 57 years, Dr. John Ten Haae; children, Holly and Dan Beckum at Grand Haven, John and Kelly Ten Haae in Eagan, Minn., and Tim Ten Haae of Holland, Mich.; four grandchildren; her mother, Ethel Swob of Palm Coast, Fla.; brothers-in-law, John and Lynn Ten Haae and Marsha and Benny Beck of Ranchos Palos Verdes, Calif.; and Diana Waterman, Faith Curtis, and Betsy Curtis of Palm Coast, Fla., and Marjorie and Dave Ten Haae of Dallas, Texas; brother, Paul and Janene Swob of Memphis, Tenn.; and nieces and nephews.

Fred VanDam '64 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 Lenore VanDam, both now deceased. He was a member of the Eisenhower 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 25 years, Kimberly Antonio (née Evans), who attended Hope from 1972 to 1974, children, Jennifer, Benjamin, Emily and Jack; brothers, Dale (Patsy) and Mark (Lauren) VanDam; sisters, Cindy (Herman) VanDenBeld and Lori (Gerrit) Wierenga; parents-in-law, Jack and Joyce Evans; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Paul (Patsy) and Mark Evans and Rasa (Joe) Baker and Madulis (Mike) Isbell; and many aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

Marvin Van Eck '30 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 graduated from Holland Business School, and was employed by Post and Kleinjans Construction.

He formed Koster and Van Eck General Contractors in 1950, and began Van Eck Construction in 1959. He retired in 1990.

He was a life-long 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 Marianne Van Eck, and Cindy and Richard Trull; all of Holland; five grandchildren; parents-in-law, William and Isabella Pander of Ocala, Fla.; a sister, June VanOever of Fort Myers, Fla.; brothers, Dale and Doris Van Eck of Holland, and Paul and Sharon Van Eck of Detroit; Mich.; a brother-in-law, William and Doris Pander of New Paltz, N.Y.; a niece, and nephews and cousins.

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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 of Berkley, Mich.; and Venessa, Fla.; two brothers, John Brody of Ferndale, Mich.; and Mark Brody of Grand Ledge, Mich.; three stepchildren, Abigail Green, Andrew Green and Adam Green; and one nephew and one niece.

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

She was the daughter of Andrew and Danielle de Jong of Ocala, Fla. She was a senior at Osewolwil High School in Osewolwil, Calif., and was 19 years old.

In addition to her parents, survivors include two sisters, Desiree and Ginette de Jong, and a brother, Christopher Michael de Jong.
Winning ways continue through spring

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

The Hope baseball program has a tradition of excellence, but it wasn’t until this spring that the recognition extended beyond conference play.

Ellen Colenbrander became an NCAA golf All-American.

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 Hudsonville, Mich., sophomore outfielder Ben Fellows 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.

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 Foge, 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., for just the first time in school history, the Flying Dutch had five players win 20 or more singles matches. Freshman Kristin Kooyer of Holland, Mich., won 25 matches, while senior Erin Sowers of Grand Rapids, Mich., and sophomore Paul Lillie of Roseville, Mich., were voted to the All-MIAA first team. Senior Steve DeVries 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 junior pitcher Lisa Lazzere of Omaha, Neb., and junior first baseman Gina Zeris of Lomont, Ill. Zeris led all MIAA batters with a .457 average, while Lazzere established a Hope record by pitching her 14th career victory. Sophomore third baseman Sarah Fawcett of Farmington, Mich., was voted to the Central All-Region first team for a second consecutive year.

CORRECTION

The February issue of Hope College Athletics mistakenly omitted sophomore Erin Van Auken of Holland, Mich., from the listing of NCAA swimming All-Americans. She achieved All-American honors in seven events, including ninth 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.

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 63 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 Gorno’s Flying Dutchmen advanced to the championship match in seven of the nine conference finals. Senior Jeff MacDonnell of Holland, Mich., and sophomore Paul Lillie of Roseville, Mich., were voted to the All-MIAA first team. Senior Steve DeVries of Midland, Mich., was presented the