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The Human Equation



Six senior stories show why.

They represent each of the departments that will be in the new building: biochemistry, biology, chemistry, geology and the environmental sciences, nursing and psychology. All came to Hope with their own dreams, but they were drawn by or have come to appreciate the same qualities: the college's established reputation for excellence, and the

character of the people, faculty and peers alike, that have been a central part of their experience.

The new science center will have a profound impact on Hope College, but not because it is reshaping the west side of campus. Instead, it will help Hope continue to be a place that helps shape young lives for the better.

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Going the distance to help

For a third consecutive year, Hope students have gone the distance to help children in need.

On Friday–Saturday, March 8–9, some 180 students danced in the student-organized, 24-hour Dance Marathon, held in the Dow Center from 7 p.m. to 7 p.m. to raise money for DeVos Children's Hospital in Grand Rapids, Mich.

Each dancer raised \$225 to participate in the event, and all were committed to staying on-foot in the gymnasium for the duration. The fraternities and sororities, other student organizations, residence halls and even academic departments participated in fund-raising efforts

throughout the school year. Examples included dances, services donated by area businesses, an art auction and a "pie toss" during which members of the faculty and staff—like student activities director Diana Breclaw and men's basketball coach Dr. Glenn Van Wieren '64—were the targets.

Although about 180 students took to the floor as dancers, the number involved in the event was much higher. Including the planning committee and the hundreds who served 12-hour shifts as morale supporters or in other behind-the-scenes roles, more than 600 participated.

This year's Dance Marathon raised \$50,425.87, a total kept secret until the event's closing ceremony. The fund drive raised more than \$23,000 in its first year, and \$37,219.54 in 2001. ✎



Hundreds of Hope students participated in this year's Dance Marathon, a charitable effort on behalf of DeVos Children's Hospital in Grand Rapids. Above, the event begins with participating students, as well as children and families served by the hospital, learning a line dance.

"Quote, unquote"

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

Dr. Richard A. Lanham, distinguished professor emeritus at the University of California, Los Angeles, set the multi-media, digital revolution in historical context in his address "3,000 Years of Multimedia: A Pastist View" on Thursday, Feb. 21. The modern emphasis on graphics and sound, he said, isn't all that new.

"The Greeks adapted the Phoenician alphabet somewhere around the year 1000 BC, and the general argument now is that that period, 3,000 years, is coming to an end and we are getting a new kind of, as it were, post-textual expression based on sounds and images much more than text...

"I'm trying to turn this argument on its head. It seems to me that rather than abolishing the textual tradition of Western literacy, digital expression really fulfills it. That there is a long tradition which has been suppressed in the West, about trying to express cultural notation through a rich signal—a signal of image, sound and word..."

"You can think that this is an unwelcome development," he said of the new digital age. "You can think that the whole of Western culture as we know it—built on the black and white, frozen, printed page—is being threatened by a comic-book culture made by a bunch of 14 year olds doing computer graphics with rings in their noses. You can do whatever you want, but you cannot say that this expression is a repudiation of the Western expressive tradition or that it is a repudiation of text."

"It's not a repudiation. It's a redemption. It's a fulfillment of what Western

textual expression has wanted to do all the time."

"What we have to do to understand it is to try and consider what's going on now in this expressive world and what had gone in the past. Together they constitute the fullness of Western expression, and that full tradition, I think, is what we all should try to understand."

It is the emphasis on text-only that is a relatively recent development, according to Dr. Lanham. He noted that historical examples, such as ancient "shape" poems (including one presented on an egg) and illuminated manuscripts, demonstrate how earlier authors also tried to engage their audiences on multiple levels.

"But why animate letters? It's an effort to try to heal the wound between two-dimensional abstract notation, and all the pain and loneliness that brings, and the three-dimensional world of behavior, where we can reach such a wider and richer audience," he said. "What's happened over and over in medieval manuscripts is that the letters don't seem adequate for the level of reality they want the alphabetic information to communicate."

Dr. Lanham hypothesized that the illuminators who drew letters as animated characters and scenes within enlarged letters would have been thrilled with technology that blends text and movement. He linked two seemingly disparate examples: the religious scenes featured in a 13th century manuscript, and the dancing letters of a recent English television commercial.

"You can imagine what this illustrator would have done if he had had the computer graphic abilities of the fellow who made the commercial," he said. "That's what this kind of text has always wanted to do. It's always wanted to move." ✎



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On the cover

In our main photo, six seniors who are also good sports help turn some earth at the science center site. From left to right are Diana Castanon, Brian Flickinger, Curt Mejeur, Matt Nehs, Jessica Hanba and Emily Schwartz.

At top center, senior Josh Boss cheers and leads the men's swim team to victory. Coach John Patnott is to his left.

At top right are this year's four retiring full-time faculty members (clockwise from top left): Dr. Ronald Wolthuis, Dr. Donald Williams, Dr. Harvey Blankespoor and Dr. Robert Elder.

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STUDENT RESEARCH SUPPORT: Hope has received a third consecutive award for student research from the Arnold and Mabel Beckman Foundation of Irvine, Calif.

Hope is one of only five liberal arts colleges and one of only 13 institutions nationwide to receive a "Beckman Scholar Award" for 2002. Hope also received awards in 1998, the year that the program began, and 2000.

The foundation established the Beckman Scholars Program to enhance the training of the nation's most talented and gifted undergraduates in chemistry and the biological sciences by providing sustained, in-depth laboratory research experiences with faculty mentors.

The \$70,400 award to Hope will support a total of four students across the next three years as they conduct research in the biological sciences, biochemistry or chemistry. The award will support the students as they conduct research with faculty members full-time during two summers and part-time during the intervening school year.

The students will be biology, biochemistry or chemistry majors who will be juniors at the start of the school year following their initial summer experience. They will be expected to stay involved in research at Hope as seniors, and if they wish will even be able to continue during the summer following graduation.

GRADUATE SCHOOL LINK: A new agreement between Hope and Central Michigan University in Mount Pleasant, Mich., enhances access to graduate school for Hope students interested in careers in physical therapy.

The articulation agreement, signed in the fall, provides for the direct admission of two Hope students who otherwise meet the school's admission requirements each year to CMU's graduate program in physical therapy.

"The students that we have received from Hope College have consistently been of the highest quality," said Dr. Herm Triezenberg, director of CMU's graduate physical therapy program. "We have enjoyed instructing them and the graduate program in physical therapy at CMU has benefited from their involvement."

"The transfer agreement will help create a stronger relationship with an institution that shares our educational values and graduates outstanding students," he said. "We hope that this agreement will facilitate the transfer of students from Hope College to Central Michigan University. It should be an agreement that is in the best interest of both institutions."

Physical therapists practice in all health care settings, including hospitals, private practice offices, schools, rehabilitation centers, outpatient clinics, fitness centers, nursing homes, home health agencies and universities.

CMU's graduate program in physical therapy leads to the conferral of a master of science in physical therapy. The program is offered through The Herbert H. and Grace A. Dow College of Health Professions, and the time to degree completion is three years in length. The graduate program in physical therapy at CMU is recognized as a leading physical therapist educational program in the State of Michigan with many nationally prominent faculty members.

(See "Campus Notes" on page eight.)

Graduation events May 5

Commencement addresses often present the kind of advice a parent might offer to a graduate.

This year, it will be literally true, as Dr. Ronald Wolthuis of the education faculty speaks to a graduating class that will include his third and youngest son, Kevin. Commencement will also be both an ending and a beginning for Dr. Wolthuis, who is retiring at the end of the school year.

The college's 137th Commencement ceremony will be held on Saturday, May 5, at 3 p.m. in Holland Municipal Stadium, with more than 600 seniors participating.

Baccalaureate will be held on Sunday, May 5, at 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. in Dimnent Memorial Chapel. The Baccalaureate sermon will be delivered by Dr. Leanne Van Dyk, who is professor of Reformed Theology at Western Theological Seminary.

Dr. Wolthuis joined the Hope faculty in 1985. His professional focus has been in special education, and courses he has been teaching during the current school year include "The Exceptional Child," "Introduction to Emotionally Impaired," "Psychoeducational Strategies" and "Senior Seminar."

Prior to coming to Hope, he was on the faculty of Michigan State University for 14 years, most recently as an associate professor in the Department of Counseling, Educational Psychology and Special Education, and as coordinator of the Severely Impaired/Autistic Teacher Training Program.

His previous career experiences included coordinating Field Test Center Research Programs for the Cybernetics Research Institute in Washington, D.C., and teaching emotionally impaired adolescents at Pine Rest Christian Hospital in Grand Rapids.

Dr. Wolthuis has been active at the state and national levels, including the



Dr. Ronald Wolthuis

Professional Advisory Boards of the Autism Society of Michigan and the Michigan Association for Children with Emotional Disturbance; Institutions for Higher Education Advisory Committee; and the Education Committee of the Autism Society of America.

He has also received honors including the Special Recognition Award and a Professional of the Year Award from the Autism Society of Michigan. The Hope student body elected him a recipient of the fall, 2000, "Honorary Professor/Staff Member" award, presented at Homecoming.

He has made numerous presentations at state and national conferences.

Dr. Wolthuis is a 1964 graduate of Calvin College. He completed his master's degree in special education and doctorate in educational leadership at Western Michigan University, in 1967 and 1970 respectively.

In addition to Kevin, he and his wife Sherrie have two other sons: Eric, a 1994 Hope graduate, and Brian, a 1997 graduate. Eric's wife (Angela Taylor '96) and Brian's wife (Amy Van Auken '98) are also Hope graduates.

Dr. Van Dyk has been a member of the Western Theological Seminary faculty since 1998. She teaches courses including "Ministry of the Word in Proclamation and Sacrament," "Learning Web: Taking Responsibility as a Leader," "Thinking Theologically," "The Doctrines of the



Dr. Leanne Van Dyk

Holy Spirit, Salvation and Eschatology," "Barth's Doctrine of Reconciliation" and "Doctrine of the Atonement."

Prior to joining the Western Theological Seminary faculty, she was on the faculty of the San Francisco Theological Seminary. She has also served as a member of the Core Doctoral Faculty at the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, Calif.; as a member-in-residence at the Center of Theological Inquiry in Princeton, N.J.; as a member of the Wabash Center's Consultation on Theological Education; and on the Catechism Committee of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

Dr. Van Dyk is the author of *The Desire of Divine Love: The Atonement Theology of John McLeod Campbell*, and serves on the editorial boards of *Perspectives: A Journal of Reformed Thought*, *the Banner* and the *Scottish Journal of Theology*.

She is a 1977 graduate of Calvin College. She completed her master of arts at Western Michigan University in 1981, her master of divinity at Calvin Theological Seminary in 1987 and her doctorate at Princeton Theological Seminary in 1992.

In the event of rain, Commencement will be held at Zeeland High School, located at Riley and 96th Avenue in Zeeland. Admission to Baccalaureate, and to Commencement if indoors, is by ticket only. ✎

Nursing adopts emblem

Hope's new nursing program has a new emblem to match.

The college's new bachelor of science program in nursing began this semester. The program replaces the jointly operated Hope-Calvin Nursing Program of nearly 20 years.

As part of its new identity, the program has adopted its own emblem, continuing a practice that is traditional within the field, according to Debra Sietsema, who is chair of the department and an assistant professor of nursing.

The Hope emblem was developed with input from nursing alumni, students and

faculty. The design features an anchor and cross, symbolizing Hope's role as an "anchor of hope" for the community (in the words of founder A.C. Van Raalte) and the college's foundational Christian context. The emblem's shield shape symbolizes strength and protection; an encircling rope continues the anchor motif and the idea of being bound together for a purpose. The blue background echoes Hope's school colors of orange and blue. The college motto, *Spera in Deo* ("Hope in God"), is within the blue.

The emblem will be featured on a pin that will be awarded to Hope nursing graduates beginning with the program's first graduating class in 2003. In the meantime, it is also worn as a patch on the uniforms of Hope nursing students. ✎



Program emblems are a tradition within nursing education. The Hope pin's design includes symbols that reflect both Hope nursing and the college.

Events

Academic Calendar

Spring Semester '02
April 25, Thursday—Honors Convocation, Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 7 p.m.
April 26, Friday—Spring Festival; classes dismissed at 1 p.m.
April 29–May 3, Monday–Friday—Semester Examinations
May 3, Friday—Residence halls close for those not participating in Commencement, 5 p.m.
May 4, Saturday—Alumni Day
May 5, Sunday—Baccalaureate and Commencement; residence halls close for graduating seniors, 7 p.m.
May Term '02—May 6–31
June Term '02—June 3–28
July Term '02—July 1–26
Summer Seminars '02—July 29–Aug. 2

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.
Visitation Days offer specific programs for prospective students, including transfers and high school juniors and seniors. The programs show students and their parents a typical day in the life of a Hope student.
Junior Days: Friday, April 5; Friday, April 19
Senior Day: Saturday, April 13 (for admitted students)
Pre-Professional Day: Wednesday, May 22
For further information about any Admissions Office event, please call (616) 395–7850, or toll free 1–800–968–7850; check on-line at www.hope.edu/admissions; or write: Hope College Admissions Office; 69 E. 10th St.; PO Box 9000; Holland, MI; 49422–9000.

Dance

Spring Student Dance Concert—Monday–Tuesday, April 15–16
Knickerbocker Theatre, 8 p.m.
Admission is free.
Informal Student Dance Concert—Thursday, April 25
Dow Center studio, 7 p.m.
Admission is free.
Aerial Dance Theater—Friday–Saturday, May 10–11
Knickerbocker Theatre, 8 p.m.
(Aerial will also present a “Family Affair” matinee on Saturday, May 11, at 2 p.m.)
Tickets will be available at the door, and for the evening performances will cost \$6 for regular adult admission and \$4 for senior citizens and students. Tickets for the “Family Affair” matinee will be \$3 for all adults. Admission for children under 12 is free for all performances.
Cecchetti International Ballet Summer School Concerts—Saturday, July 20
Knickerbocker Theatre, 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.
Admission is free.

DePree Gallery

Senior Show—Friday, April 5–Sunday, May 5
Work by graduating Hope seniors.
The gallery is open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free.

Hope Summer Repertory Theatre

The 31st season opens on Friday, June 14. It is still being finalized, but here’s what’s in the works. All shows will be in the DeWitt Center main theatre unless otherwise noted.
Footloose
Opening show
Charley’s Aunt (pending rights)
The Woman in Black
Honk (pending rights)
Fully Committed (pending rights)
Nykerk Hall of Music, Snow Auditorium
Cabaret Show
Alpen Rose Restaurant
The season closes on Saturday, Aug. 10. For additional information, please call the theatre ticket office at (616) 395–7890 on or after its Thursday, May 23, opening date.



Soccer camps, basketball camps, football camps, science camps: the college offers a variety of activities to children during June and July.

Music

Symphonette Concert—Friday, April 12: Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 8 p.m. Admission is free.
Sophomore Recital—Saturday, April 13: Titus Munteanu of Brasov, Romania, violin; Wichers Auditorium of Nykerk Hall of Music, 4 p.m. Admission is free.
Joint Senior Recital—Saturday, April 13: Erich Shoemaker of Traverse City, Mich., baritone, and Jon Hultgren of Harwood Heights, Ill., baritone; Wichers Auditorium of Nykerk Hall of Music, 6 p.m. Admission is free.
Joint Junior Recital—Wednesday, April 17: Noelle Davids of Big Rapids, Mich., soprano, and Karissa DeYoung of Jenison, Mich., soprano; Wichers Auditorium of Nykerk Hall of Music, 8 p.m. Admission is free.
Student Recital—Thursday, April 18: Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 11 a.m. Admission is free.
Singer/Songwriter Patty Larkin—Thursday, April 18: Knickerbocker Theatre, 8 p.m. Tickets cost \$10 for the general public, and \$5 for Hope students, faculty and staff, and children under 18, and will be sold in the theatre lobby ticket office in the DeWitt Center on Monday–Thursday, April 15–18, as well as at the door.
Jazz Ensemble I Concert—Thursday, April 18: with the Anchor Band, 84 East Restaurant, on 8th Street in downtown Holland, 10 p.m. Admission is free.
Senior Recital—Friday, April 19: Sarah Proulx of Ionia, Mich., soprano; Wichers Auditorium of Nykerk Hall of Music, 6 p.m. Admission is free.
Orchestra Concert—Friday, April 19: Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 8 p.m. Admission is free.
Senior Recital—Saturday, April 20: Jennifer Walvoord of Holland, Mich., violin; Wichers Auditorium of Nykerk Hall of Music, 8 p.m. Admission is free.
Anchor Trio Concert—Sunday, April 21: Wichers Auditorium of Nykerk Hall of Music, 4 p.m. Admission is free.
Jazz Combos Concert—Monday, April 22: Wichers Auditorium of Nykerk Hall of Music, 7 p.m. Admission is free.
College Chorus/Wind Symphony Concert—Tuesday, April 23: Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 8 p.m. Admission is free.
Senior Recital—Wednesday, April 24: Susan DeKam of Caledonia, Mich., piano; Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 8 p.m. Admission is free.

Alumni and Friends

Alumni Weekend—Friday–Sunday, May 3–5
Includes reunions for every fifth class from ’37 through ’82.
Bob DeYoung Hope Classic Golf Outing—Monday, June 24
At the Holland Country Club.
Alumni Tour of Russia—Saturday–Friday, Aug. 10–23
Contact MTA TRAVEL in Holland, Mich., at 1–800–682–0086 for more information.

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

Theatre

Defying Gravity—Friday–Saturday, April 19–20; Wednesday–Saturday, April 24–27
DeWitt Center, main theatre, 8 p.m.
Tickets for Hope College Theatre productions are \$7 for regular adult admission, \$5 for Hope faculty and staff, and \$4 for senior citizens and students. The ticket office is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from noon to 5 p.m., and may be called at (616) 395–7890.

Great Performance Series

Courtenay Budd—Tuesday, April 16: soprano, Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 8 p.m.
Tickets for Great Performance Series events are \$14 for regular adult admission, \$12 for senior citizens and members of the Hope faculty and staff, and \$5 for children under 18 and Hope students. Season subscriptions are available for \$55 for adults, \$45 for senior citizens, \$20 for Hope students and \$115 for families. More information may be obtained by calling (616) 396–6996.

Visiting Writers Series

Wednesday, April 17—Tenaya Darlington, GLCA poetry winner, and Clyde Edgerton and his band
The reading will be at the Knickerbocker Theatre beginning at 7 p.m. Live music by the Hope College Jazz Chamber Ensemble will precede the reading at 6:30 p.m. Admission is free. For more information or to be placed on the series’ mailing list, please call the department of English at (616) 395–7620.

Traditional Events

Honors Convocation—Thursday, April 25, 7 p.m.
Baccalaureate and Commencement—Sunday, May 5

Summer Camps

Science Camps
Chemistry (grades 3–5)—June 10–14, 8:45–11:45 a.m.
Chemistry (grades K–3)—June 10–14, 1:15–4:15 p.m.
Dissection (grades 5–8)—June 10–14, 1:15–4:15 p.m.
Environment (grades 5–7)—June 17–21, 8:45–11:45 a.m.
Environment (grades 2–4)—June 17–21, 1:15–4:15 p.m.
Crime Investigation (grades 4–6)—June 17–21, 1:15–4:15 p.m.
Far-Out Physics (grades 3–6)—June 24–28, 9 a.m.–3:30 p.m.
Dinosaurs (grades K–3)—June 24–28, 1:15–4:15 p.m.
How Things Work (grades 2–4)—July 8–12, 8:45–11:45 a.m.
Nursing (grades 6–7)—July 8–12, 9 a.m.–noon
Chemistry (grades 5–7)—July 8–12, 1:15–4:15 p.m.
Biology (grades K–3)—July 15–19, 8:45–11:45 a.m.
Nursing (grades 8–9)—July 15–19, 9–11 a.m.
How Things Work (grades 5–7)—July 15–19, 1:15–4:15 p.m.
Biology (grades 3–5)—July 22–26, 9 a.m.–noon
Space (grades 3–5)—July 22–26, 1:15–4:15 p.m.
For more information, please call (616) 395–7640.
Soccer Camps
Day Camp—two camps: June 17–21; June 24–28 (ages six–14)
Elite Camp—two camps: July 7–12; July 14–19 (ages 11–18)
For more information, please call (616) 335–8103.
Youth Football Camp
Youth Camp, entering grades three–five: July 22–24
Youth Camp, entering grades six–eight: July 22–24
Lineman’s Camp, entering grades nine–12: July 28–30
Skilled Position Camp, entering grades nine–12: July 28–30
For more information, please call (616) 395–7690.

Boys Basketball Camps
Entering grades four–six: July 1–3
Entering grades seven–nine: July 8–12
Varsity Team Camp: June 21–22
Junior Varsity Team Camp: July 8–10
For more information, please call (616) 395–7690.
Girls Basketball Camps
Entering grades six–eight: July 15–19
Entering grades nine–12: July 15–19
Body training, entering grades six–12: July 15–19
For more information, please call (616) 395–7690.

Instant Information

Updates on events, news and athletics at Hope may be obtained 24 hours a day by calling (616) 395–7888.

Smithsonian exhibit has Hope ties

A Hope professor and student played leadership roles in developing an exhibition at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C.

Dr. Neal Sobania '68 of the faculty and junior Daniel Berhanemeskel of Aksum, Ethiopia, were centrally involved in developing "From Monastery to Marketplace: Tradition Inspires Modern Ethiopian Painting," which opened on Thursday, Feb. 7. The exhibition is on display in the African Voices Focus Gallery of the National Museum of Natural History for the next year.

Dr. Sobania, who is professor of history and director of international education at Hope, co-curated the exhibition with Mary Jo Arnoldi, who is curator of African ethnography with the National Museum of Natural History. In addition to working with Dr. Sobania on the exhibition, Berhanemeskel painted a work for it through a commission from the Smithsonian.



Dr. Neal Sobania '68

Supported by a Hope summer faculty/student research grant, Dr. Sobania and Berhanemeskel worked at every stage with Smithsonian curators and exhibition designers to plan and implement the exhibition, including selecting the pieces from the Smithsonian's permanent collection and other sources. Berhanemeskel also translated painting titles, and Dr. Sobania wrote the text that accompanies the works in the exhibition.

Berhanemeskel's commissioned artwork is a devotional icon, a diptych on wood with acrylic paint. In addition to being featured in the exhibition, the work has been added to the museum's permanent collection.

Berhanemeskel, who is majoring in art at Hope, is descended from a family of Ethiopian artists. The exhibition also includes a painting by his father, Berhanemeskel Fisseha, "Archangels Saint Michael and Saint Raphael," also commissioned for the exhibition; and a circa-1965 painting by his great-grandfather, Yohannis Teklu, titled

"Saint George Slaying the Dragon." The three artists are also featured in a four-minute video that is presented as part of the exhibition. The video, which includes footage of Daniel Berhanemeskel painting in his studio in the De Pree Art Center, was produced by Dr. Sobania.

The Smithsonian exhibition originated two years ago when Dr. Sobania attended the opening of the museum's African Voices exhibition. Dr. Sobania was intrigued by a 1906 Ethiopian painting included in the exhibition, "Emperor Menilik II's Defeat of an Italian Army at Adwa in 1896," which was a gift from the emperor to Hoffman Philip, the first U.S. Envoy to the Ethiopian court. From Arnoldi he learned that the museum's permanent collection included a number of works from Ethiopia, and the two decided to develop an exhibition that would feature them.

The exhibition includes religious icons and church paintings, depictions of military victories, and events of everyday life.

The tradition of Ethiopian painting, Dr. Sobania noted, developed in monasteries after Christianity took root in Ethiopia in the fourth century. Religious themes remained the focus for several centuries, until about a century ago, when the royal court began commissioning church-trained artists to paint historical events.

The historical paintings, he said, ultimately helped lead artists to sell their works to the general public as well.

"Many of these works were given to visiting dignitaries like Hoffman Philip, sparking a strong interest in Ethiopian art among foreigners," Dr. Sobania said. "By the 1930s, Ethiopian painters were adapting monastic traditions to scenes from everyday life such as farming and hunting."

Dr. Sobania is also interested in how the relationships continue to develop. He noted, for example, that Ethiopians from rural areas will commonly visit larger cities to purchase paintings with religious themes and then donate them to their hometown churches, linking the modern market to the religious tradition from which the painting tradition grew.

A reception for alumni and friends of the college was held in conjunction with the opening. In addition, Dr. Sobania discussed the development of the tradition of Ethiopian painting, including insights from his visit to Ethiopia this past November-December, in a talk at the museum on Friday, Feb. 8. 🐘



The Smithsonian Institution commissioned a work from Hope junior Daniel Berhanemeskel of Aksum, Ethiopia, for the exhibition "From Monastery to Marketplace: Tradition Inspires Modern Ethiopian Painting." Berhanemeskel and Dr. Neal Sobania '68 of the Hope faculty played leadership roles in developing the exhibition.

James Herrick named to chair

Dr. James Herrick of the communication faculty has been appointed to a 10-year term as the college's Guy Vander Jagt Professor of Communication.

Dr. Herrick is a professor of communication and chair of the department at Hope. He was appointed to the Vander Jagt Chair by the college's Board of Trustees, and will hold the chair beginning with the 2002-03 school year.

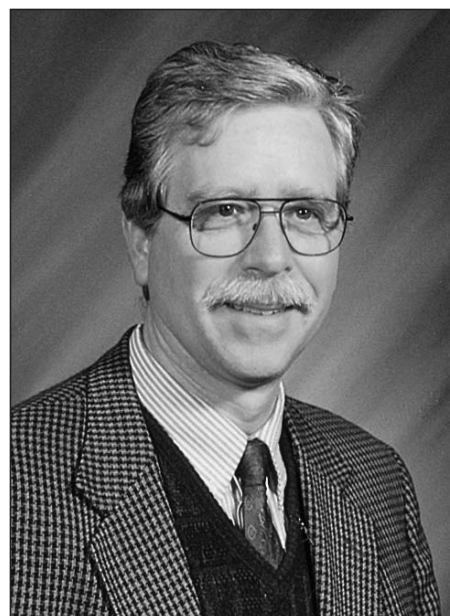
The professorship is named in honor of Guy A. Vander Jagt '53, and was established in appreciation of his leadership in the U.S. House of Representatives. He served in the House from 1966 to 1992, representing the Ninth District of Michigan. He now practices law in the Washington, D.C., office of the law firm of Baker & Hostetler.

The chair was established in 1984. Its first recipient, Dr. Theodore Nielsen, retired at the end of the 1999-2000 academic year.

Dr. Herrick has been a member of the Hope faculty since 1984. He specializes in courses in argumentation and rhetoric.

His publications include the books *The History and Theory of Rhetoric: An Introduction*, *The Radical Rhetoric of the English Deists: The Discourse of Skepticism, 1680-1750*, *Argumentation: Understanding and Shaping Arguments and Critical Thinking: The Analysis of Arguments*. His newest book, *The New Religious Synthesis*, is being scheduled for publication later this year by InterVarsity Press.

He has recently written three entries for the *New Dictionary of National Biography* and one for *The International Encyclopedia of Censorship*. He has also had numerous articles appear in scholarly and popular publications in addition to presenting several papers at professional conventions.



Dr. James Herrick

He serves on the editorial boards of *Argumentation and Advocacy* and *The Journal of the Association for Communication Administration*. In addition, he was invited by Thomas Benson of Penn State to be a member of the first and founding editorial board of the new electronic journal *The Review of Communication*.

Dr. Herrick is an active member of the National Communication Association. He is a past recipient of research awards from the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Wisconsin Alumni Research Foundation, and was recognized for excellence in teaching by the Graduate School of the University of Wisconsin.

He delivered the address during the opening convocation at Hope in 1994.

Dr. Herrick holds his bachelor's degree from California State University. He received his M.A. from the University of California, and his Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. 🐘

Legacies expands to include fieldhouse

Science center construction begins as campaign progresses

The progress of the initial fund-raising efforts for the *Legacies: A Vision of Hope* has led to an increase in the goal to \$105 million.

The Board of Trustees authorized during its January meeting an increase in the scope of *Legacies: A Vision of Hope* from \$85 million to \$105 million by adding the DeVos Fieldhouse project into the overall campaign.

The move reflects the progress thus far in raising money for both efforts, according to President James E. Bultman '63.

"This is a special tribute to the generosity and faithfulness of the Hope constituency and the Holland community," he said.

The campaign was launched in October of 2000 with three major initiatives: building a new science center and renovating the Peale Science Center; increasing endowment; and addressing a variety of other short-term and long-term facility and space needs, including especially the construction of the Martha Miller Center.

Funding is about two-thirds complete for the campaign's major building projects. The percentage for the campaign overall is a bit higher—the college has raised about \$85 million of the new \$105 million overall goal.

Legacies: A Vision of Hope is the largest single fund-raising effort in Hope's history. The college's previous capital campaign, *Hope in the Future*, concluded in June of 1994 having raised \$58 million.

The new science center, which will be connected to the west side of the Peale Science Center, will double the size of the current building and will include classrooms, laboratories, and office and storage space. Peale Science



Munch. As work begins on the new science center in March, bites are taken out of the berm on Peale Science Center's east side for a new lower entrance.

Center, which opened in 1973, will be updated to better meet contemporary teaching and research needs and today's significantly higher enrollment. The trustees voted during the January meeting to move ahead with the new construction, which began in March and is expected to take about 18 months. The new construction and renovation are expected to total \$36 million.

Some \$30 million of the campaign total is earmarked for endowment, which provides support for every dimension of the college. Emphases include student scholarships; faculty research funds and chairs; support for the academic program, community outreach, internships and the student development program; and funds for equipment needs and library resources.

The \$19 million designated for enhancing and expanding other campus facilities includes construction of the Martha Miller Center, which will house the departments of communication and modern and classical languages. The building's site is not yet finalized. Other projects include renovation of buildings such as Dimnent Memorial Chapel, Graves Hall and Lubbers Hall and the Dow Center, the latter of which will feature expanded facilities for the college's dance program.

The DeVos Fieldhouse project was announced as a separate fund-raising initiative in March of 2001, anchored by a \$7.5 million leadership gift from the Richard and Helen DeVos Foundation. Fund-raising has since been spearheaded by James Jurries '63 of Holland, Mich. The project will total approximately \$20 million.

The building is intended to meet many of the spectator facility needs for not only the college, but also the Holland Christian Schools, other area schools and the Holland community. The facility will serve as the new home court for the college's men's basketball team, which has played its home games at the Holland Civic Center since 1954-55. The building will be located on the eastern gateway to the campus, although the specific site is still being determined.

While the building projects will significantly reshape the look of campus and the neighboring downtown area,

most visibly the eastern gateway, President Bultman noted that they are especially exciting from Hope's perspective for the effect they will have on the college's work of educating students.

"Hope College is not about building buildings. Hope is about providing facilities that will enable students and professors to perform at the very highest levels," he said. "The science center, Martha Miller Center and DeVos Fieldhouse projects are tangible evidence of that commitment. These are exciting projects that will change the face of Hope and improve its already lofty position in undergraduate Christian liberal arts education."

While pleased with the total raised thus far, President Bultman noted that fund-raising for *Legacies: A Vision of Hope* will be continuing in earnest as the campaign continues through the end of 2003, particularly as the college expands its focus from leadership gifts to the Hope constituency in general. ✎



Digging out the lower level of the new science center. Images from a live Web cam (refreshed every minute or so) showing work at the site can be viewed on-line at: www.hope.edu/academic/natsci/building.

LEGACIES

A VISION  OF HOPE

Legacies: A Vision of Hope is a \$105 million fund-raising effort that has four primary components: renovating and expanding the science center, constructing the DeVos Fieldhouse, increasing the endowment, and addressing short-term and long-term facility and space needs.

Thus far, the campaign has raised \$85 million.

For more information about the campaign, please visit the college on-line at www.hope.edu or call (616) 395-7783.

Legacies: A Vision of Hope

Six seniors, six stories

Every program at the college is filled with remarkable students.

With 2,999 exceptional undergraduates enrolled at Hope, how could it be otherwise? And so, it was easy to identify six outstanding seniors in our effort to help show how lives are touched by the Hope experience—to demonstrate the central, human dimension of the college's newest, and largest-ever, construction project.

In addition to photographing them, we asked each of the students the same three questions: "What about Hope—particularly the science program—drew you to the college?"; "What has been a highlight of your experience in your major program?"; and "What are your post-Hope plans?"

Here's what they had to say.

Diana Castanon

chemistry and philosophy
Holland, Mich.

Drawn to Program Because: As a native Hollander, I initially refused to consider Hope College. It was just too close to home. However, parental encouragement—to state it modestly—helped me to change my mind... During my visit, I also learned about the research opportunities, Hope's record for MCAT preparation, and medical school acceptance rates. These were all impressive, but what clinched it for me was walking through Peale and observing faculty members who were open to answering questions and working closely with students. I knew that at Hope my efforts would be supported and my achievements would be recognized."

Stand-Out Experience: "Summer research in the chemistry department was the highlight of my college career. The lab was the ideal learning environment. I learned some practical science, how to trouble-shoot an experiment gone wrong, the importance of team-work, how to prepare myself for Dr. Peaslee's and Doc Williams's grilling questions at the end of a presentation, and (most importantly) the duck-and-cover maneuver to avoid Dr. Peaslee's volleyball serve at the weekly picnics. Because my experiences were so memorable, I am biased toward research. I think every science major should get involved."

Post-Hope Plans: Will attend the University of Michigan Medical School in Ann Arbor.

Brian Flickinger

geological and environmental sciences
Traverse City, Mich.

Drawn to Program Because: "I became interested in geology because of the practical nature of it. I could walk outside and see everything I was learning about. I wanted to learn what processes were responsible for the things I saw."

Stand-Out Experience: "As a geology major I had the opportunity to take many field trips for classes. It would definitely be those experiences and friendships that I will take away from the geology program."

Post-Hope Plans: Will enter the world of work after graduation.

Jessica Hanba

biology and psychology
Reed City, Mich.

Drawn to Program Because: "Several of my teachers recommended Hope to me because of its excellent reputation as a science-oriented institution. After visiting the school and seeing the facilities first-hand, I realized that Hope was the place for me. As a student here, I majored in both psychology and biology and I feel both departments prepared me well for what's yet to come."

Stand-Out Experience: "I think the highlight of my experience as a psychology student at Hope has to be the personal relationships I have formed with faculty. The professors truly take a personal interest in their students and help them in any way possible. I have felt both respected and understood. At Hope, I have learned volumes from the faculty in educational terms, as well as life skills such as how to make decisions and how to persevere. Without their support and challenges, I doubt I could have come as far as I have."

Post-Hope Plans: Will pursue a Ph.D. in cognitive psychology, focusing on memory and suggestibility with respect to eyewitness testimony. Hopes to become a professor at a liberal arts institution.

Curt Mejeur

nursing
Kalamazoo, Mich.

Drawn to Program Because: "When I came to Hope as a freshman, I knew nothing about the nursing program—I didn't even know that Hope had one! My mind was set upon becoming a doctor, and majoring in either biology or chemistry—both programs at Hope that had an excellent reputation among schools nationwide. However, through many events and circumstances, I found myself changing my major to nursing, also a very strong, reputable program at Hope."

Stand-Out Experience: "As a result of my experiences in the nursing program at Hope, I have been able to develop my own standards of nursing care centered around my faith in Jesus Christ. The highlight for me has been the opportunity to care for patients while simultaneously being a witness of Christ's love. I truly believe that this mindset can turn something as simple as a job into a vocation—something that one is called to do."

Post-Hope Plans: Will work as an RN in the Trauma Care Burn Unit at Bronson Hospital in Kalamazoo. Plans to attend graduate school in nurse anesthesia.

Matthew Nehs

biochemistry (biology and chemistry)
Traverse City, Mich.

Drawn to Program Because: "First, they had the top pre-medical reputation of the five [liberal arts colleges in Michigan I visited]... Second, Hope's science program is perfectly tailored for undergraduate research. I was not particularly interested in research, but I joined a physiology lab and have had a positive experience, particularly in better understanding the scientific



The new science center will touch students throughout the college, majors and non-majors alike. The strength of Hope's program in the sciences has been an important consideration to students like these six seniors, a tradition that the new science center will enable to continue. Pictured clockwise from the top left are Curt Mejeur, Brian Flickinger, Emily Schwartz, Matt Nehs, Jessica Hanba and Diana Castanon.

method... Last, from the janitors to the president, the people of Hope were a different caliber from other institutions. They made me feel at home when I visited, and that sealed the deal for me."

Stand-Out Experience: "I had the once-in-a-lifetime experience of traveling to the Galapagos Islands with Dr. Harvey Blankespoor and 45 others... Visiting the Galapagos Islands was an opportunity to "live" the classroom experience. In addition to the unique biology I learned there, my visit to Ecuador was a lesson in cultural relativism. [Also,] my opinion matters... When Hope was hiring new faculty, the department asked two other students and I if we would take the candidates out for lunch and write an evaluation of them. This was used in the hiring process. There are several faculty members who I feel like I helped pick. The department took me and the other students seriously."

Post-Hope Plans: Is choosing which medical school to attend among multiple acceptances. Long-term plans include a surgical specialty and perhaps academic

medicine, the latter reflecting his enjoyment of teaching.

Emily Schwartz

biology
Palos Heights, Ill.

Drawn to Program Because: "As an incoming freshman, there are lots of statistics thrown at you about the school and its academic programs specifically. Hope's pre-med and research programs have the strongest numbers hands-down of any undergraduate school I considered."

Stand-Out Experience: "The close interaction with the faculty and staff really makes the education process that much more fulfilling. Professors make a strong effort to get to know their students as well as listen to their ideas and opinions regarding ways in which courses can be changed and improved."

Post-Hope Plans: Accepted into the University of Utah biological chemistry PhD. program. Also considering a career in law specializing in intellectual property. ✍

Campus Notes

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In addition to having completed their bachelor's degree at Hope, students admitted through the articulation agreement must meet the graduate program's grade requirements; complete an application; present evidence of meaningful community work or volunteer service; and have a recommendation from Hope's health professions advisor.

SPRING SERVICE: More than 360 Hope spent their spring break helping others.

The students participated in 24 service projects that took them throughout the United States as well as to Canada, the Caribbean and Latin America. The college's spring break ran Friday-Sunday, March 15-24.

Approximately 320 students participated in 22 mission trips organized by the college's Campus Ministries Office. In addition, 26 students traveled with associate professor of kinesiology Dr. Steven Smith to Jamaica, and 23 students went to Oklahoma with the college's chapter of Habitat for Humanity.

Such service is consistently a popular option for Hope students during the break, with more than 300 doing such volunteer work each spring.

UPWARD BOUND HONOR: Elizabeth Colburn, director of the TRIO Upward Bound program at Hope, received the 2001 "Social Justice Award in Education" from the City of Holland Human Relations Commission.

Colburn was recognized during a special awards presentation scheduled in conjunction with the Holland City Council meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 23, at Holland City Hall.

The annual award was established to recognize persons or programs that have provided exemplary service with regard to equality for all in the Holland community. Colburn has been with Upward Bound since 1982, and has been director since 1987.

"To have that kind of leadership, that kind of consistency and that kind of dedication is something that needs to be noted," said Alberto R. Serrano, who is community/human relations coordinator with the city. Serrano also cited Colburn's "strong commitment to the education and overall well-being of youth of all ethnic backgrounds."

The Hope College Upward Bound program, which began in the fall of 1968, seeks to build skills and motivation necessary for success in education beyond high school among students from low-income, first-generation families. The program enrolls 70 students annually.

The program is one of 600 Upward Bound programs nationwide, and operates during both the school year and the summer. Funding is provided through the TRIO program administered by the U.S. Department of Education.

The program has a full-time staff of four, including Colburn. Upward Bound also involves about 20 Hope students, either as tutors or interns, and three teachers.

Faculty Kudos:

Janet Andersen of the mathematics faculty has been appointed director of the Pew Midstates Science and Mathematics Consortium.

Ed. dept. recognized nationally

The department of education has received one of only six "Distinguished Achievement Awards" nationwide for effectively blending technology into the college's teacher education program.

The awards were presented by the International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE) to institutions "exhibiting exemplary models" for integrating the society's "National Educational Technology Standards" (NETS) for Teachers. The six programs were honored during a luncheon on Tuesday, Feb. 26, during the annual meeting of the American Association of Colleges of Teacher Education, held in New York City.

The ISTE has developed standards to help students learn to use technology effectively, not only in school but in life beyond the classroom as well. A set of related standards for teachers emphasizes their role in enabling students to do so. The teacher standards include understanding of technology operations and concepts; the ability to plan learning experiences supported by technology; and the ability to apply technology in professional development, communicating with others and assessing students' achievement.

Correspondingly, the department of education at Hope has woven technology throughout its curriculum. The process began in 1993, as the department began to consider ways that technology could be blended naturally into the teacher education program.

"We decided that we would take these standards and see how well they would support what we were already doing in our classes," said Susan Mooy '64 Cherup, professor of education, who has played a leadership role in the process. "We have now totally integrated the technology

The consortium consists of 11 liberal arts colleges, including Hope, and two research universities. The consortium seeks to promote effective collaboration among faculty at the member institutions; to improve undergraduate science and mathematics education; and to assist with the research efforts of the faculty at the undergraduate colleges and of the undergraduate students at all of the member institutions.

Dr. Andersen is an associate professor of mathematics and chair of the department at Hope, where she has been a member of the faculty since 1991.

The Pew Midstates Science and Mathematics Consortium coordinates activities including symposia on undergraduate research, faculty development workshops, and consultations through which individual faculty members visit other member schools to share information. As director, Dr. Andersen is responsible for coordinating the programs



The education program at Hope has received national recognition for its blending technology into its curriculum. Above, sophomore Deanna Clouse of Jackson, Mich., who plans to teach at the secondary level, works in the tech lab in the Van Wylen Library.

standards for everything we're doing."

The reason for the approach, according to Professor Cherup, is two-fold: first, to make technology an on-going part of the students' experience, rather than an add-on that might be forgotten or seem irrelevant; and, second, to give them a chance to use technology just as they can when they graduate and become teaching professionals.

For example, students in one of the department's introductory classes now use PowerPoint to prepare and present the journals that have long been a requirement of the courses. In an upper-level class, students learn and use the spreadsheet program Excel to create and maintain a grade book for their field placement. The department recently acquired a digital video camera, to provide another option for students as they tap the computer's potential in creating reports and

making presentations.

Professor Cherup also hopes that the approach helps keep the role of technology in perspective: that it isn't a replacement for good teaching, but a tool to complement it; an additional way to reach students and help them achieve.

"The technology won't make you a good teacher," she said. "You have to go in and enhance the learning. But I can see how it's helping students succeed."

The college's teacher education program prepares Hope students to teach in elementary and secondary schools. Students in the program progress through three levels of preparation: introductory courses, professional sequence courses and a professional semester that includes a full-time student-teaching experience. The department has 11 full-time and two half-time faculty, with approximately 525 students enrolled in the program. ✍

and the consortium's day-to-day operations, and for working with the consortium's Executive Committee to develop new programs.

In addition to Hope, the consortium's liberal arts colleges are Beloit, Carthage, Colorado, Grinnell, Knox, Kalamazoo, Lawrence, Luther, Macalester and St. Olaf. The two research universities that belong are Washington University and the University of Chicago.

Steven Bouma-Prediger '79 of the religion faculty has won an "Award of Merit" for his book *For the Beauty of the Earth* from *Christianity Today* in the theology/ethics category of the magazine's "2002 Book Awards" program.

The annual awards honor exemplary Christian titles published in the previous year in a variety of categories. The winners—11 Book Awards and nine Awards of Merit—are being officially announced in the magazine's April issue.

Dr. Bouma-Prediger is an associate professor of religion at Hope. His scholarly work includes four books concerning ecology and theology.

The award from *Christianity Today*, which is a leading evangelical Christian periodical, is the second recognition by a publication in as many years for one of Dr. Bouma-Prediger's books. His previous book, *Evocations of Grace: Writings on Ecology, Theology, and Ethics* (Eerdmans, 2000) was one of only five books named "editor's picks" book of the year by *Christian Century*, a leading mainline Protestant publication, on Dec. 13, 2000.

For the Beauty of the Earth explores the relationship between Christianity and the natural world. Subtitled "A Christian Vision for Creation Care," the book is part of the "Engaging Culture" series published by Baker Academic, a division of Baker Book House Co. of Grand Rapids.

(See "Campus Notes" on page 12.)

Teams and traditions forge ahead

Traditions were continued and started during the winter sports season.

On the intercollegiate scene, a senior swimmer made NCAA history and both of Hope's basketball teams advanced to post-season tournament play.

While not an intercollegiate sport, the college's ice hockey club advanced to a national tournament. In addition, Hope's basketball cheerleading squad qualified for a national competition for the first time in school history. (See page 17.)

In the end, Hope maintained its lead in the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association (MIAA) all-sports standings. The Commissioner's Cup is presented annually to the member college with the best cumulative finish in all conference sports.

Men's Swimming & Diving

With two national championship finishes, All-America performances in nine events and three Hope records, the Flying Dutchmen finished fifth at the NCAA Division III championships. It marked the 11th time in 12 years that coach John Patnott's Dutchmen have been a top-10 team nationally. This year's recognitions bring to 102 the number of NCAA All-Americans coached by Patnott in his 22 seasons at the helm.

Senior Josh Boss of Jenison, Mich., climaxed a brilliant collegiate swimming career by winning the national championship in the 100-yard and 200-yard breaststroke events. In winning the 200, he became just the sixth swimmer in Division III history to win a national championship in the same event four consecutive years. He also won the 100 breaststroke three of his four years. Boss ended his career an NCAA All-American 17 times.



Senior Josh Boss swam his way into the annals of the top swimmers in NCAA Division III history by winning a national championship in the same event four consecutive years. His name is etched in the national recordbook in both the 100 and 200 yard breaststroke.

Other swimmers achieving NCAA All-America recognition were junior Daniel Bouwens of Zeeland, Mich., junior Tim DeHaan of Haslett, Mich., sophomore Chris Hamstra of Zeeland, Mich., freshman Jeffrey Heydlauff of Chelsea, Mich., junior Ian Kobes of Holland, Mich., junior Brian Slagh of Holland, Mich., and freshman Jeff Vroedindewey of Portage, Mich. The All-America recognition was especially meaningful for two swimmers who had brothers achieve the distinction while swimming at Hope, Tom Bouwens '99 and Scott Vroegindewey '01.

Josh Boss was a four-time MIAA champion in the 100- and 200-yard breaststroke. Other Hope conference champions were Tim DeHaan in the 50- and 100-yard freestyle, Brian Slagh in the 200-yard freestyle and Ian Kobes in the 100- and 200-yard backstroke.

Women's Basketball

The Flying Dutch captured their third consecutive MIAA championship and advanced to the "Sweet Sixteen" of the NCAA Division III tournament.

Coach Brian Morehouse's Dutch won a school-record 27 games and finished ranked seventh in the nation among Division III teams. In six seasons under Morehouse, the Dutch are 124-41.

The team was led by four seniors: Jodi Boom of Coopersville, Mich., Amy Brower of Hamilton, Mich., Laura Poppema of Holland, Mich., and Becky Sutton of Eaton Rapids, Mich. Hope's record during their career was 93-18.

Becky Sutton and Laura Poppema achieved All-MIAA first team recognition. Poppema was also named to the all-region team of the Women's Basketball Coaches Association.

Men's Basketball



The play of seniors (left to right) Laura Poppema, Jodi Boom, Becky Sutton and Amy Brower contributed to a record number of victories and another league championship.

Holland, Mich., were voted to the All-MIAA first team.

The team posted its school-record 23rd consecutive winning season, finishing with a 21-9 record. The season also marked the 25th year under coach Van Wieren who has a career record of 477-169.

During the season Hope played its 2,000th men's basketball game. With an all-time record of 1,381-643, Hope ranks fifth-best among all NCAA Division III members.

Women's Swimming & Diving

It was a season of peaks and valleys for the Flying Dutch. In late February the team appeared to have won the conference title by winning the championship meet. In early March it was discovered that an error by college officials in determining the academic eligibility of a swimmer new to the program would result in the forfeiture of the team championship. The performances of other team members in individual events were not affected.

Conference champions included sophomore Michelle Smith of Olympia, Wash., in the 500-yard freestyle and 1,650-yard freestyle, sophomore Audrey Arnold of Richmond, Ind., in the 100-yard and 200-yard backstroke and 200-yard individual medley, freshman Elizabeth Fredericks of Yucaipa, Calif., in the 100-yard and 200-yard butterfly, and junior Kelly Parker of Battle Creek, Mich., in the 100-yard and 200-yard breaststroke. Joining the conference champions on the All-MIAA team were sisters Laura (senior) and Sarah (freshman) Smith of Dearborn, Mich.

Elizabeth Fredericks went on to compete at the NCAA Division III championships, achieving honorable mention All-America recognition by finishing 12th in the

(See "Sports Roundup" on page 17.)

Varied roads to Hope led

Impact can be considered many ways.

Years served. Programs built. Students taught. Lives touched.

By all of those measures, and by any number of others that might be devised, this year's faculty retirees have had a lasting and profound impact on Hope College and, especially, Hope students.

Retiring this year are Dr. Harvey Blankespoor, who is the Frederick Garrett and Helen Floor Dekker Professor of Biology; Dr. Robert Elder Jr., professor of political science; Dr. Donald Williams, professor of chemistry; and Dr. Ronald Wolthuis, associate professor of education. They are long-time faculty members all, and their service to Hope totals 109 years.

Dr. Harvey Blankespoor began his Hope experience as a visitor.

While a young professor at the University of Michigan, he was invited to give talks at Hope from time to time by Hope biologist Dr. Eldon Greij, who had been his lab teacher in ornithology at Iowa State University. What he saw during those appearances convinced him that Hope was the right place to be, and he joined the faculty in 1976.

"In a lot of ways I felt it was a perfect fit for me," he said. "I like undergraduate teaching. We had good facilities. Both teaching and research were emphasized. And I guess what really was important is that Hope gave me the freedom to pursue a variety of interests within the framework of the Christian faith."

Dr. Blankespoor put the freedom to good use, all the while seeking to keep teaching and scholarship in balance. He has involved some 100 students in research, primarily exploring the host-parasite relationships of a group of parasites that cause swimmer's itch. He has had nearly 60 articles published in peer-reviewed journals.

He had received a major teaching award while at U of M, and it didn't take Hope students long to present him with another: he was elected the "Hope Outstanding Professor Educator" in 1980. Eleven years later he received nationwide recognition for his skill as a teacher, when he was named the 1991 Professor of the Year by The Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) and The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.

His interest in students has been so strong that he and wife Marlene spent 1993-2001 living on-campus, in Cosmopolitan/Wyckoff Hall, simply for the opportunity to interact with them in a less formal way than through teaching and research mentorship alone.

Throughout his tenure, Dr. Blankespoor has had a strong international interest. He has done work in parasitology in Ecuador, has collected journals and science texts for Mexico, and has taught and conducted research in China. Since 1990, he has taken nearly 250 students on May Term trips to South America and East Africa.

His plans for retirement will leave him no less busy than he has been for the last 25 years. He has two businesses: one that focuses on controlling swimmer's itch (his partner is Ron Reimink '80), and another that sells mole traps. He plans to do more teaching in China, and his new home in Holland includes a laboratory that will allow him to continue to do research.

And, next year, and perhaps a bit longer, he will also continue to teach at Hope part-time, continuing an affiliation that he views with no regrets whatsoever.

"My years at Hope have been really good," he said. "I couldn't think of any place I'd rather have been for the last quarter century. It's just been a really good match for my interests, abilities and talents."



The four faculty retiring this year all took different routes to the college, but through a combined 109 years on the faculty have had a lasting impact on both the institution and countless Hope students. From left to right are: Dr. Harvey Blankespoor, Dr. Robert Elder, Dr. Ronald Wolthuis and Dr. Donald Williams.

Dr. Robert Elder Jr. came to Hope in 1969 with teaching in his blood. His father was also a political science professor, and one grandfather was a professor of Romance languages and the other a registrar.

As he sought a position after graduate school, he appreciated Hope's liberal arts perspective. "I was really looking for an undergraduate school that would let me be interdisciplinary to some extent," he said.

Dr. Elder chose to do graduate work at Duke, specifically South Asian studies, because his advisor was highly recommended. As it turned out, however, he was especially inspired by his comparative religions professor.

"He was so good and he was pulling so many things together," Dr. Elder said. "The mosaic was becoming an understandable or at least very intellectually stimulating mosaic, and not just a bunch of pieces."

"So when I came to Hope I was really ready to continue that pilgrimage," he said.

His many activities in the department and as a scholar reflect his range of interests.

He developed a course in Western political thought that in itself showed the pieces in relation to one another, including not only Western thought, but history, and Asian experience and philosophy. "It was beautiful for me," he said. "It was just like mind implosion—very exciting, intellectually stimulating."

In the early 1970s, he helped establish the college's May Term in Washington, D.C., and in 1976 the Hope Washington Honors Semester. In 1984, he and three students co-founded *Inklings*, a journal that featured student editorials and essays in its eight-year run.

He conducted research with colleague Dr. Jack Holmes on U.S. foreign policy moods and perception of presidential performance. He co-authored the text *American Government: Essentials and Perspectives* with Dr. Holmes and Dr. Michael Engelhardt '79. He instituted a faculty exchange with Bishop Heber College in Tamil Nadu in 1993, and in the latter part of that year was a faculty consultant to the political science department at the University of Colombo in Sri Lanka through a Fulbright grant. He was the college's exchange professor to Meiji Gakuin University in Japan in

2000.

Dr. Elder and Dr. Holmes initiated student research within the department, reflecting his interest in exploring new teaching and learning models. "[We decided] to do joint research with students because it was good for students," he said.

In recognition of his resourcefulness and leadership in education, he received a "Sears-Roebuck Teaching Excellence and Campus Leadership" award in 1990.

Although Dr. Elder is retiring, his new *emeritus* status will be more technical than apparent. Next spring he will lead the Washington semester one last time, and he will teach again the following year half-time.

And then? He has six grandchildren (all three daughters, Heidi, Jenny and Amy, attended Hope, as did Heidi's husband David Ropa '89), and plans to be involved in his church, and in the Hope Academy of Senior Professionals—and in other activities still in the works.

"I don't think there's going to be a lot of difficulty in filling life," he said. As he anticipates the volume, he whimsically reflects on a meditation for people who have unlimited interests: "Please God, help me to finish what I start."

Dr. Donald Williams was teaching at the University of Kentucky and looking for a change when he learned about Hope.

Hope President Dr. Calvin VanderWerf '37 had interviewed at the university for its presidency, and had made an impression on the science faculty. "That's all that everyone was talking about—this VanderWerf guy and what he has done at Hope College, and how he's put them on the map..." Dr. Williams recalled.

President VanderWerf had revealed that Hope was looking for an inorganic chemist, Dr. Williams's specialty. He didn't know much about the college, but decided to apply anyway. He was sold when he visited for an interview and observed a professor gently chiding his undergraduates for spending too much time in the lab.

"I thought, 'You have to ask them to quit doing research! I want this job,'" Dr. Williams recalled. He landed it, and he

to lasting impact

and wife Susan (please see related story) arrived in Holland in 1969.

As an undergraduate at Muskingum College, Dr. Williams had originally intended to go into ministry. He switched to chemistry in part because he appreciated the discipline's ability to provide answers.

"Like many Christians that are young in their faith, I wanted certainty," he said. "Now I know somewhat better how to handle ambiguity and unanswerable questions, so I try to minister now by serving instead of preaching."

Correspondingly, he has played a central role in helping Hope students examine unanswerable or difficult questions themselves. When the Senior Seminar program was implemented in 1969–70, he pioneered development of "Science and Human Values," a popular topic still offered. Courses he has created also concern the environmental consequences of electrical power generation, and the history of the atomic bomb.

He has long been interested in environmental issues, and his activities locally and regionally have ranged from founding the Holland Area Environmental Action Council, to consulting with the Holland Board of Public Works, to serving on the Board of Governors of the Michigan Low-Level Radioactive Waste Authority.

He spent 1988–89 as an expert educational consultant for the Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management in the U.S. Department of Energy, and has since toured the country discussing nuclear energy issues. He has won state and national American Nuclear Society Communication Awards, and half-jokes that the experience has made him a better teacher. "I think I can teach chemistry to anybody, having discussed nuclear waste with professional hecklers in Nevada," he said.

He and Susan are still determining their retirement plans, but they intend for them to involve service, likely short-term mission trips arranged through their local Presbyterian church.

In the meantime, Dr. Williams, an avid photographer, has a few more weeks to appreciate the way the light plays on the steeple of Dimnent Memorial Chapel across the street from his office, and to reflect on his decades with Hope.

"It's been a good experience," he said. "It's been a wonderful run."

Dr. Ronald Wolthuis was happy teaching special education at Michigan State University. He enjoyed what he was doing, the setting, his colleagues, and his doctoral advisees.

And so, the first time he was asked to consider coming to Hope, he declined. "I wasn't really sure I wanted to leave what had been such a powerful and important part of my life," he said.

The invitation, though, "started a process of reflection," and when he learned of a position at Hope some time later he decided to accept. That was 1985, and he says he has never regretted it.

"I consider it a privilege to have been at Hope College, a privilege to have been an educator," he said. "I leave this aspect of my career feeling incredibly blessed, and I just hope that the next phase of my life will be as rewarding and satisfying as this part has been."

Dr. Wolthuis graduated from Calvin College in 1964 ready to teach in a high school, but took a position teaching emotionally impaired adolescents at Pine Rest Christian Hospital and immediately found his niche. He went on to complete a master's in special education and a doctorate in educational leadership at Western Michigan University, and joined the Michigan State faculty in 1971.

It was, he noted, an exciting time to be in the field. "The state of Michigan was then a seedbed for much of what was going to be happening in special education around the country," he said.

At Hope, he has enjoyed working with students as they have grown into professionals ready to serve as teachers

themselves. He helped establish the college's student chapter of the Council for Exceptional Children, and values the opportunity that membership provides for Hope students. "It has been rewarding to see our students plug into organizations such as CEC and stay with them throughout their professional lives."

Dr. Wolthuis' positive perspective on Hope includes not only his role as a professor, but also his role as a parent. All three of his sons have attended Hope: Eric graduated in 1994, and Brian in 1997; Kevin graduates this year. Eric's wife (Angela Taylor '96) and Brian's wife (Amy Van Auken '98) are also Hope graduates.

"All of our children have a strong commitment to min-

istry or missions," he said. "There's no doubt that being at Hope was a major factor in these decisions."

His sons, in turn, have inspired him and his wife Sherrie, who is a secondary teacher, as they consider their lives post-retirement. They will likely work with special-needs children abroad where, he notes, appropriate services and resources are not as readily available as they are in the U.S.

It would be a way, he said, to link their own training with the service model they are proud to see in their children. "We have felt more and more nudged to say, 'If they're willing to serve in these ways, shouldn't we?'"

Dr. Wolthuis also anticipates some special education consulting opportunities throughout Michigan. ✍

A focus on students

In her 12 years at Hope, Susan Williams, who is retiring in May, has shaped the academic experience of hundreds of students.

She has done her work both in the classroom and outside of it. She is director of the college's FOCUS and SOAR Programs, helping students who have the potential to succeed at Hope but require additional assistance to do so. For the past four years, she has also taught one of Hope's First-Year Seminars, providing for new students an insight into the "life of the mind" for which Hope hopes to prepare them.

Her ties to the college go back much farther than her 1990 appointment to the staff. She really became part of the Hope community in 1969, when her husband Dr. Donald Williams joined the chemistry faculty (please see related story). She has also experienced Hope as a parent: son Brian graduated in 1988; daughter-in-law Heidi (Gassensmith '89) is also an alum.

Williams is a graduate of Muskingum College, a Presbyterian school in southeastern Ohio, where she and Don met. She had been pursuing her master of social work degree at the University of Kentucky while Don had been teaching there from 1964 to 1969, but discontinued her studies when the couple moved to Holland, where no comparable program was available. She later went on to Grand Valley State University, completing her master's in 1987.

Her professional experiences prior to 1990 included serving as an adult education counselor for Holland Community Education, and as a counselor at the Center for Women in Transition in Holland. During 1988–89, she was a social work fellow for the United States House of Representatives Select Committee on Aging in Washington, D.C., and provided research and organization for the August, 1989, Congressional Hearing on Mental Health Care in Nursing Homes.

Given her experience in counseling, the prospect of guiding the FOCUS and SOAR programs intrigued her. "It sounded really interesting—working individually with students," she said.

Note the word "individually." What she hadn't ever planned to do was stand up in front of a classroom full of students.

"The one thing in my life I never wanted to do was teach, because I was very, very shy," she admitted. "And so when Jon Huisken [Hope's registrar] approached me about doing it, I said, 'I don't think I



Both in the classroom and outside of it, Sue Williams, retiring as director of the FOCUS and SOAR programs, has shaped the academic experience of hundreds of students.

can,' and I did it with fear and trepidation."

She needn't have worried.

"And I've loved it," she said. "And it was really successful—the students liked it. And that was kind of special, to be able to learn something new at age 60, and to do something I never thought I'd be able to do—and to do it reasonably well."

As it happens, her experience fits well given the topic of her seminar: exploring the role of change, and using changing life patterns in positive ways.

"I think it's important for students to realize that they really can make a difference," she said. "I also wanted them to start thinking individually, and to be brave enough to express their opinions and the things they might like to do to make the world better." ✍

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Fred L. Johnson III, assistant professor of history, is author of the novel *Bittersweet*, published recently by One World/Ballantine Books of New York City.

The book tells of the three grown Matthews brothers as they navigate the different lives they've built and the challenges they face in their relationships. Clifford, on the fast track to career success, loses his wife and two sons to divorce. Victor, street-wise and survivor of a painful divorce himself, shuns the system and close relationships. Nathan, a minister, has a loving marriage but is drawn to a member of his congregation that he is counseling.

Essence has called *Bittersweet* "a book to curl up with on a winter evening. It's an appealing tale of sibling rivalry and revelry from a man's perspective." Noting Dr. Johnson's goal of writing "a really good story," *The Detroit Free Press* said, "Congratulations... you have done that exceedingly well."

"I wanted to write a story that anybody could pick up and relate to the characters—when the person puts the book down, they can go, 'Yeah, I know what you're saying, I hear where you're coming from,'" Dr. Johnson said. "We all know of a family member who may be hurting, or may be going through something—or we may be ourselves."

In telling a tale with universal qualities, Johnson is also seeking to dispel negative stereotypes. The Matthews brothers are African American, and through them Dr. Johnson hopes to show black men committed to making positive choices for themselves and the others in their lives.

James Kennedy of the history faculty examines euthanasia in the Netherlands in his new book, *Een weloverwogen dood (A Well-Considered Death)*, published in Dutch by Amsterdam trade publisher Bert Bakker in January.

In January and February, Dr. Kennedy completed a series of 15 media interviews in the Netherlands in conjunction with the book's release. He also presented a seminar on the topic during the college's "Winter Happening" on Saturday, Feb. 2.

According to Dr. Kennedy, who is an assistant professor of history and a research fellow at the college's A.C. Van Raalte Institute, the Netherlands in April of 2001 became the first country to legalize euthanasia. He noted that physician-assisted suicide in the Netherlands does not require a terminal illness, and that under some circumstances psychiatric patients may be euthanized. Further, he said, the Dutch are currently discussing whether or not older people who are "tired of living" should be eligible for physician-assisted suicide.

Dr. Kennedy's book examines euthanasia in the Netherlands and the social forces that have led to the Dutch policy—particularly the strong sense of openness that began in the 1960s—through the mid-1980s. By 1985, he noted, the major contours of Dutch euthanasia were set, based on themes worked out in the 1970s and 1980s.

As the Dutch continue to develop euthanasia policy, he believes that the distance in time itself merits consideration.

"I do think that Dutch society has changed significantly since the mid-1980s, and I want the Dutch to consider whether current Dutch euthanasia policy—drawn so much from the ideas and values of the

Grant boosts information instruction

An effort to help Hope students learn to use information technology more effectively has received support from the SBC Ameritech Partnership Awards for Independent Colleges program.

Hope is one of five Michigan colleges or universities to receive one of the \$10,000 awards. The college's project will link members of the English and library faculty in developing ways to help students in the college's first-year composition courses learn how to find and use appropriate information technology in research and writing.

Hope schedules about 37 sections of its first-year composition course, English 113, each year. About 20 members of the English faculty and the college's five teaching librarians work with the course, which enrolls nearly all of Hope's 700-plus freshmen.

The course includes instruction in using the resources available through the college's Van Wylen Library. Through the grant, members of the English and library faculties involved in English 113 are meeting this spring and summer to consider how to effectively incorporate information technology—such as electronic databases, web-based finding aids, electronic journals and electronic books—in the college's information literacy program. Faculty will be collaboratively seeking ways to help students find and use appropriate information technology in research and writing.

The results of their efforts will go into effect beginning with the fall semester.

The primary authors of the grant proposal were Kelly Jacobsma, librarian with the rank of associate professor and head of public services at the library, and Barbara Skidmore '70 Mezeske, adjunct associate professor of English. Others on the planning committee for the program are Priscilla Atkins, reference librarian with the rank of associate professor; Anthony Guardado, reference librarian with the rank of assistant professor; and Dr. David Klooster, associate professor of English.

The SBC Ameritech Partnership Awards program encourages the innovative use of technology in higher education at private colleges and universities in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio and Wisconsin. SBC Ameritech awarded five \$10,000 grants. ✍



Students will learn how to use information technology more effectively through a program that links the Van Wylen Library and the department of English. Above, Professors Barbara Skidmore '70 Mezeske and Kelly Jacobsma (standing left to right) work with English 113 students at the library.

1970s that I analyze in my book—was better suited to the Netherlands of yesteryear than it is to the country of today," he said. "I hope my book can be used as a retrospective on where the Dutch have been in regard to their unique euthanasia policy."

Donald Luidens '69 and **Roger Nemeth** of the sociology faculty have co-edited the book *Reformed Encounters with Modernity: Perspectives from Three Continents* (Media-Com, Stellenbosch, South Africa).

Other co-editors include scholars from the University of Stellenbosch in South Africa, the Free University of Amsterdam in The Netherlands and Calvin College, reflecting the "three continents" which are the focus of the study.

The articles in the volume consider the many ways in which Reformed communities have responded to the changes that accompany the modernizing of society. According to Drs. Luidens and Nemeth, urbanization, mass communication, globalization and a loss of traditional identities have gone hand in hand with the economic changes of modern society. They note that the church and people of faith have had to respond to these challenges, and it is the responses that are the focus of

Reformed Encounters.

Among the contributing authors are several pastors and researchers from the countries surrounding South Africa. Their unique perspectives, from countries experiencing the early stages of modernization, provide a valuable counterpoint to articles written by European and American scholars, Drs. Luidens and Nemeth believe. Along with their editorial role, Drs. Nemeth and Luidens contributed an article to the volume on social and demographic changes in the Reformed Church in America since 1920.

Hope faculty members Dr. Lynn Winkels '81 Japinga and Dr. Robert Swierenga have also written articles, on the Reformed Church and Christian Reformed Church respectively, in *Reformed Encounters*.

Jack Ridl of the English faculty has won the 2002 "Say the Word" poetry competition sponsored by The Writers' Center of the Ellipse Art Center in Arlington, Va.

"Say the Word" is a literary series that includes the annual national poetry competition as well as readings, performances and workshops. The competition features a different theme each year, and this year is exploring "Writing About Joy."

Professor Ridl's poem, "The Dry Wallers Listen to Sinatra While They Work," was selected by poet David St. John. The poem will be published in "Poet Lore," and Professor Ridl will give a reading at The Writers' Center on Friday, May 31, in addition to receiving a \$500 prize.

Peter J. Schakel of the English faculty is co-editor of a new collection of scholarly essays.

Eighteenth-Century Contexts: Historical Inquiries in Honor of Phillip Harth, published by the University of Wisconsin Press, was edited by Dr. Schakel and Howard D. Weinbrot and Stephen E. Karian, the latter two both of the University of Wisconsin.

The volume is a collection of 15 essays that consider literary, intellectual, political, theological and cultural aspects of the years 1650-1800, in the British isles and Europe. They were written by colleagues, friends, and former students of Phillip Harth, an internationally respected scholar of Restoration and 18th-century British literature, and professor at the University of Wisconsin-Madison for three decades until his retirement in 1996.

(See "Campus Notes" on page 16.)

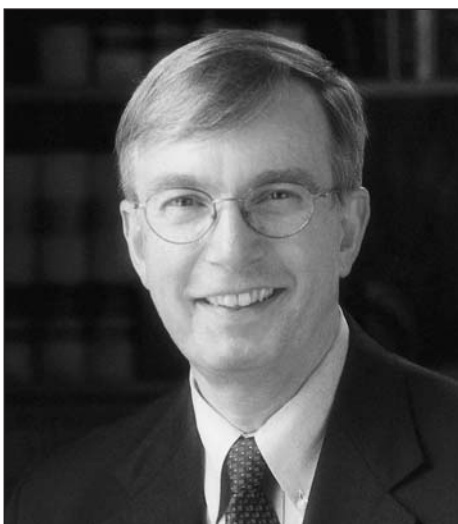
Awards will honor four

The Hope College Alumni Association will present four graduates with Distinguished Alumni Awards during the college's Alumni Day on Saturday, May 4.

Being honored this year are: Bruce Neckers '65 of Grand Rapids, Mich., William Poppink '37 of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., and Dr. Robert D. Visscher '51 and Marjorie Dykema '53 Visscher of Holland,

Mich., and Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

The annual Distinguished Alumni Awards are presented by the Alumni Association Board of Directors in recognition of the awardees' contributions to society and service to Hope. The award, presented during the college's Alumni Banquet, is the highest honor that alumni can receive from the college's Alumni Association.



Bruce Neckers '65

Bruce Neckers is serving a one-year term as president of the State Bar of Michigan, which consists of all of the 34,000 lawyers licensed to practice law in Michigan.

He has been in the private practice of law since 1968 with the Grand Rapids firm of Rhoades, McKee. His practice is limited to significant litigation in state and federal courts. He is also a certified facilitative mediator as part of the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Michigan.

Neckers is a fellow in the American College of Trial Lawyers and the International Society of Barristers. He is former president of the Grand Rapids Bar Association.

He is active in the Reformed Church in America. He is an elder at Third Reformed Church in Grand Rapids, and has served the denomination in numerous capacities including a term as chair of the General Program Council. He was also a member of the General Synod Executive Committee.

Neckers came to Hope from Clymer, N.Y., as a Third Generation Hope student, the son of M. Carlyle Neckers '35 and Doris Van Lente '36 Neckers and grandson of Albert Neckers (Prep 1890s). He is a past member of the college's Alumni Board, and taught business law at the college for several years.

He and his wife Susie Sonneveldt '67 Neckers, who has been a teacher since graduation, met at Hope. They have three children: Matthew, who attended Hope for two years; Melissa '95; and Allison.

William Poppink is a retired educator, and remains active in his community as a volunteer.

He taught, coached and was a high



William Poppink '37

school principal in Rockford, Mich., until 1950. He is a World War II veteran, serving in the U.S. Navy from 1944 to 1946.

Poppink was principal of Godwin Heights High School in Grand Rapids, Mich., from 1950 to 1953, and from 1954 to 1963 served first as assistant superintendent and then as superintendent with the Hillsdale (Mich.) Public Schools. He was superintendent of the Reeths Puffer Schools from 1963 to 1967, and then of the Sault Ste. Marie Area Public Schools until retiring in 1975. In all three of the districts he served as superintendent, every millage vote passed on the first try; two, in Hillsdale and in Sault Ste. Marie, resulted in new high schools.

His community involvements include Hospice, Habitat for Humanity, the Salvation Army, United Way and Rotary. He is active at Central United Methodist Church. He is past president of the Sault Country Club.

He and his wife Loma were named local Volunteers of the Year in 1993. The Sault Ste. Marie Rotary Club established the William A. Poppink Distinguished Teacher Award in 1996. He received Honorable Mention in the "Retired Educator of the Year" program of the Michigan Association of Retired School Personnel in 1997.

Poppink was captain of the 1937 MIAA championship men's basketball team, and is a past member of the college's Alumni H-Club Board. He is past chair of the 50-Year Circle, and was also the 1937 Class Representative.

He and Loma met while teaching in Rockford. All five of their children attended Hope: Grace '63, William "Cal" '65 (deceased), James '67, Lyn (two years) and Sue '75.



Dr. Robert Visscher '51

Dr. Robert Visscher and Marjorie Visscher have been active in their careers, community and the life of the college.

Robert is retired from a career as a physician and medical educator. A pioneer in the field of in vitro fertilization, he founded and was the first director of the In Vitro Fertilization Program at Blodgett Memorial Medical Center in Grand Rapids, Mich.

He was an obstetrician and gynecologist in private practice in Grand Rapids from 1963 to 1990, and specialized in reproductive medicine from 1980 to 1990. Also from 1980 to 1990, he was program director for the Obstetrics and Gynecology Residency at Blodgett. He is professor emeritus of the College of Human Medicine at Michigan State University.

Robert was medical director from 1990 to 1992, and executive director from 1993 to 1996, of the American Society for Reproductive Medicine in Birmingham, Ala.

His honors include the AOA Honorary Medical Society at the University of Michigan Medical School (1954), the Spectrum Health Distinguished Physician Award (2000), the William Heath Byford Award from the OB-GYN Department of Northwestern University Medical School (1998) and the Lifetime of Teaching Excellence Award from the OB-GYN Department at Blodgett (1990).

He was a lieutenant commander in the U.S. Navy Medical Corps from 1956 to 1963. He has been active in the RCA, including service as elder and deacon.

Marjorie taught third grade in Ann Arbor, Mich. She was a substitute teacher in Traverse City, Mich., and in the Grand



Marjorie Dykema '53 Visscher

Rapids area. She has spent a significant amount of time as a volunteer tutor.

She has been active in the family's churches since graduation, including at Fifth Reformed in Grand Rapids for 25 years and more recently at Christ Memorial Church in Holland. Her service has ranged from singing in the choir, to serving on planning and building committees, to teaching and organizing Sunday school programs. She has held leadership positions in the Guild for Christian Service and Women's Circles.

Marjorie was on the board of directors of Bethany Christian Services in Grand Rapids, and volunteered with programs including the "Other Way" Community Center in Grand Rapids and the New Hope Baptist Church Lunch Program, and providing transportation and finding resources for needy persons through FISH (Fellowship in Serving Him) and Operation "Second Mile" respectively. She was a member of the Kent County Medical Society Auxiliary for 20 years. She was also a member of the Women's Committee of the Grand Rapids Symphony.

Marjorie directed spouse-guest activities for the American Society for Reproductive Medicine from 1993 to 1996.

Robert was on the planning committees for the college's Dow Center and the new science center, and is a past president of the Alumni H-Club and has been involved in planning for his class reunions. Marjorie has been active on the planning committees for her class reunions. Both are members of the Hope Academy for Senior Professionals.

They have three children: Beth '79, Steven '80 and Linn '82. ✍

Alumni News

Class Notes

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

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All submissions received by the Public Relations Office by Tuesday, March 12, 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) have been held for the next issue, the deadline for which is Tuesday, May 7.

1920s

Alice Brower '23 Hoffs of Kalamazoo, Mich., celebrated her 100th birthday on Monday, Feb. 25. Willard Scott announced the milestone on the *Today Show*. Born in Hamilton, Mich., she attended the Hamilton Public Schools through grade nine, finishing high school at Hope Preparatory School. She graduated from the college *cum laude* with majors in English and music, and taught in Wayland, Mich., and worked in her father's bank in Hamilton before marrying Marinus Adrian Hoffs in 1927. They lived in Lake, Odessa, Mich., until his death in 1970. She was a church organist for 42 years in Lake Odessa. Now living at Friendship Village in Kalamazoo, she recently helped to dedicate a grand piano at the village, playing a segment of the program. Her three daughters include Carole Hoffs '55 Bos of Westlake Village, Calif.

1930s

Andrew Nyboer '36 of Rockford, Ill., led Lenten services at his church for the 19th consecutive year this year. He noted that he was encouraged to begin doing so by the Rev. George Douma '36 when the late Rev. Douma, who was a close friend, was interim pastor at the church in the mid-1980s.

1940s

Blaise Levai '42 and **Marian Korteling '47 Levai** of Jacksonville, Fla., report looking forward to their Hope reunions (60-year and 55-year respectively) in May.

John H. Muller '42 of Altamonte Springs, Fla., completed his year as an interim pastor at the First Presbyterian Church of Buchanan, Mich., and is now serving as the pastor of calling at the Rolling Hills Community Church, Reformed Church in America, of Zellwood, Fla.

Preston Stegenga '47 of Sacramento, Calif., is a member of the advisory board Northern California Consultants on Global Education for Colleges and Universities.

1950s

Kenneth Smouse '51 and **Betty Dowd Smouse '52** of Antioch, Ill., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Oct. 18, 2001.

Charles Votaw '51 and **May Korteling '52 Votaw** of Johnson City, Tenn., report enjoying retirement activities including traveling, visiting their children and grandchildren, gardening, line dancing, golfing and playing bridge.

Gordon Laman '56 and **Evon Southland '57 Laman** retired at the end of March after nearly 43 years as Reformed Church in America missionaries in Japan, and are relocating to Holland, Mich.

James Baker '57 of Long Beach, Calif., has recently retired after 33 years as director of hematopathology at Memorial Medical Center in Long Beach and clinical professor of pathology at the University of California at Irvine. He is presently working part-time at Harbor/UCLA medical center. He and wife Elizabeth VanderJagt '59 Baker have 12 grandchildren scattered from Long Beach to Alaska which, he notes, makes it difficult to spoil all of them.

John Soeter '57 of De Pere, Wis., reports that he has 10 grandchildren.

1960s

Allen G. Buurma '61 of Flemington, N.J., retired in January from the pastorate of the Hillsborough Reformed Church at Millstone, N.J., where he had served for 23 years. He is now serving in a new part-time position as care coordinator for the Classis of Delaware-Raritan.

John Burggraaff '62 of Holland, Mich., is teaching personal protection courses.

James Hesslink '62 of Menomonee Falls, Wis., retired in June of 1999 after 37 years of high school teaching. Now he and his twin brother run a karaoke business and work for the Milwaukee Brewers at Miller Park part-time.

Betty Whitaker '62 Jackson of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, is a high school language arts teacher with the Cedar Rapids Community Schools. She is working on a national board teacher certification program. She received a "Friend of Literacy Award" from the Iowa Reading Council, and a Reading Grant from the Greater Cedar Rapids Foundation.

Karen Lefgren '62 Jansma and **Roger Jansma '64** of East Meredith, N.Y., have four grandchildren.

Richard Bennink '65 of Edison, N.J., is director of pastoral care and education at Somerset Medical Center in Somerville, N.J.

Melvin Andringa '67 is artistic director with Legion Arts in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. He visited Puerto Rico in June of 2001 as a guest of the Andy Warhol Foundation for Visual Arts.

Mary Esther '67 Baxter of Kennewick, Wash., and her husband visited Hope College during Easter Weekend to see their daughter Molly, a sophomore.

Robert Kilbourn '67 of North Branch, Mich., is retired from the North Branch Area Schools after 33 years as a teacher, coach and administrator.

Leslie Brueggemyer '67 Murphy of Alexandria, Va., in the summer of 2000 spent five weeks in Mpwapwa, Tanzania, as part of her church's outreach program, teaching computer skills and tree planting, and measuring eyes for glasses.

Ruth Sagendorf '67 Holleman of Dallas, Texas, runs her own billing service for psychiatrists in Dallas.

Kathleen Wilson '69 Mulder of Blue Springs, Mo., is a life scientist (wetlands/streams ecologist) with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. She has two children, Robert and Kristen.

1970s

Barbara Gleichmann '70 Dillbeck and **John Dillbeck '67** have moved to Grand Haven, Mich., after living in Holland for more than 30 years, to be closer to where she works as an educator-in-residence with the Council of Michigan Foundations in Muskegon. Barbara is on a leave of absence from the Holland Public Schools. John is a senior programmer/analyst with the City of Holland.

Warren Sherman '71 has been named managing director for client technical services and product management at Kamakura Corporation, a risk management software and information firm.

Mark Van Dort '71 of Midland, Mich., spoke at Hope College through the Chemistry Seminar Series on Friday, Jan. 25. He is with Dow Chemical Company, and presented "Careers in the Chemical Industry in the 21st Century."

Debbie Northrop '72 Mephram is an elementary art teacher in Hastings, Mich., a new position for her.

Jerry Wormmeester '73 of Jenison, Mich., has been promoted to vice-president sales with Mortgage Guaranty Insurance Corporation (MGIC), responsible for large customers in western and northern Michigan. He has been with MGIC since 1978, most recently as a senior account manager.

Pete Hoekstra '75 of Holland, Mich., U.S. Representative for Michigan's 2nd Congressional District, held an open forum at Hope College on Tuesday, Feb. 26. The event was sponsored by the Hope Republicans student group.

David LaGrand '75 has been appointed president and chief executive officer of Nordyne Inc. He has been with Nordyne since 1988, serving as president and chief operating officer since 1997. A wholly-owned subsidiary of Nortek, Nordyne manufactures and distributes a complete line of heating and cooling products for the residential and light commercial markets.

Kurt Pugh '75 of Kalamazoo, Mich., is director of operations with Terra Contracting LLC.

Gordon Alderink '76 of Coopersville, Mich., was recognized as the Grand Valley State University Alumni Association Outstanding Educator 2001 during Grand Valley's Commencement on Saturday, Dec. 8, 2001. He was also honored during a luncheon following

the ceremony. He is an assistant professor in the physical therapy department at Grand Valley.

Elisabeth Hager '77 of Pittsford, N.Y., is president of the Monroe County Medical Society, a 1,700-member professional group representing area private-practice doctors.

Rob Pocock '77 of Holland, Mich., is the new associate vice president of marketing and communications for Priority Health, the area's largest managed care company. He is responsible for strategic planning, market expansion, and all internal and external communications. He is in his ninth year with Priority Health. He is also an adjunct member of the communication and political science faculty at Hope College.

Michael VanHemert '77 has been promoted to vice president and secretary of CMS Enterprises, the diversified energy business unit of CMS Energy Corporation. He has been with the company since 1996.

Mary Harmelink '77 Wisner is pastor at Middleburgh (N.Y.) Reformed Church.

Mark Manning '78 of Loveland, Colo., spoke at Hope College through the Chemistry Seminar Series on Friday, Feb. 1. He is an associate professor of pharmaceuticals at the University of Colorado Health Science Center, and is co-director of the University of Colorado Center for Pharmaceutical Biotechnology. He presented "Hydrophobic Ion Pairing: Making the Most of a Simple Idea."

1980s

Rhonda Corrine Throndset '80 Sloyer of Gainesville, Ga., is a special education teacher at Chestatee Middle School. She has a stepson, Curtis, and a son, Christopher.

Jay Lindell '81 of Holland, Mich., was recently recognized at the Western Great Lakes Mission Conference for his 20 years of service on Young Life staff. Jay is currently the area director of the Holland Area Young Life organization.

R. Van Rathbun '81 and his wife returned from Hefei, China, on July 4, 2001, with newly-adopted son Joshua David, their sixth child. In August, they moved to Sioux Center, Iowa, where he is serving as senior pastor of Central Reformed Church. They also added a golden retriever, Libby, to the family.

Suzanne VanDenBrink-Webb '81 of Portage, Mich., is practicing with Bronson OB/Gyn Associates.

Jon Veldman '82 of Okemos, Mich., has been promoted to president of Asia Pacific Fuel Systems for TI Automotive. The family will likely relocate to Tokyo in June.

Sheryl Oomkes '82 Zandstra of Zeeland, Mich., reports that she continues to enjoy home-educating her five children.

Jack Huisingh '83 is a commercial development manager for Johnson Controls' General Motors Business Team. **Julie Rawlings '83 Huisingh** is

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Andrea Korstange '02, Grand Rapids, Mich.	Neil Petty '57, Honeoye, N.Y.
Karen Gralow '75 Rion, Schenectady, N.Y.	Beth Snyder '94, Fairfax, Va.
Kristin Tichy '92, Chicago, Ill.	Mary Browning '69 Vanden Berg, Grand Rapids, Mich.
Greg Van Heest '78, Minneapolis, Minn.	Ray Vinstra '58, Kalamazoo, Mich.
John Witte '54, Vero Beach, Fla.	

Liaison

Lynne Powe '86, Alumni Director

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Tulip Time overlap

Due to event overlaps, the college is encouraging those interested in Alumni Weekend and Graduation Weekend to book their lodging soon.

Alumni Weekend, featuring reunions for every fifth class from 1937 through 1982, runs Friday-Saturday, May 3-5. Baccalaureate and Commencement will take place on Sunday, May 5.

Both events coincide with the first weekend of Tulip Time in Holland. One of the largest festivals in the United States, Tulip Time consistently draws several thousand visitors to the Holland area.

Information concerning available lodging may be obtained by contacting the Holland Area Convention and Visitors Bureau, which is compiling a weekly list and will be able to provide the names and numbers of the facilities that still have rooms. The bureau may be called at 1-800-506-1299. The information is also on its web site, www.holland.org

Intramurals rate a perfect 300

For team “4 Flew Koop,” intramural bowling was a family night out.

Grandmother Mary Lou Hemmes '46 Koop of Hamilton, Mich., headlined the team, which also included daughter Janet Koop '75 Brondyke of Holland, Mich., and grandchildren Kristin Brondyke '01, Brad Brondyke '04 and Rand Arwady '03 of Kalamazoo, Mich.

“It’s been a lot of fun that we’ve been able to get together once a week,” said Arwady, the team’s captain. The family’s rapport shows in a joke that he can’t resist adding: “And Grandma has even been willing to shell out the seven bucks a night for bowling.”

In Hope intramurals, alumni (and Hope faculty and staff) are just as eligible to compete as students are. The only proviso is that current students must comprise at least half the field in any given game for the team to be eligible for the playoffs.

An experienced bowler who also competes weekly with a group of church friends, Koop took her commitment to the team seriously. At one point during the regular season’s six-week run this winter, an incoming ice storm threatened to make the drive in from Hamilton difficult at best, so she stayed with Janet in Holland rather than risk missing game night.



Intramural bowling at Hope became a three-generation family affair for the Koop-Brondyke-Arwady team. Following a successful frame, Mary Lou Hemmes '46 Koop of Hamilton, Mich., high-fives grandson Rand Arwady '03 of Kalamazoo, Mich.

Koop has found other ways to connect with her college-age grandchildren as well. When granddaughter Meredith Arwady '00 was a student, Koop agreed to enroll with her in any course she named. The two became classmates in Don Luidens’s criminology course. Lacking a computer to do her composing, Koop submitted all her papers in long-hand.

She already knew that she appreciated her grandchildren when she signed on for intramurals, but bowling night provided an added benefit: the opportunity

to meet other students as well. On game night during the playoffs (the team made it to the second round), for example, Koop talked easily with the members of the opposing “300 Club,” and had as much praise for them when they picked up a difficult spare as she did for her own.

“These kids here are so wonderful,” she said. “They’re just so giving; they’re just so accepting.”

“It’s such a privilege to have been asked to do this,” Koop said. “It has been lots of fun.”

working part-time for Hospice of Holland as event administrator, and frequently volunteers her help for teachers within the Holland school system. They have two children, Michael (11) and Lauren (nine), and live in Holland, Mich.

Derek Emerson '85 and **Mary Ann Permesang '85** and family are now residing in their own home after 16 years of living the full life of resident directors at Hope College. Instead of being kept busy by students, they are now busy fixing up a very old house, keeping up with their teenagers and toddler, and chasing their pet rabbits. They write, “Thanks to all the Hope residents, resident assistants and resident directors who have provided us with a plethora of memories!”

Julie Moulds '85 of Delton, Mich., and her husband read at Hope College through the Visiting Writers Series on Monday, March 11.

Randall R. Smith '85 of Holland, Mich., has been named chief operating officer of Paragon Bank & Trust. He was most recently senior vice president with the bank.

Ruth Vander Weide '85 of Grand Rapids, Mich., was selected by Rotary International as one of four group study exchange members to travel to Thailand in February and March. The purpose of the study was to foster international understanding through people-to-people diplomacy, and she taught, spoke and toured throughout Thailand. In April, Ruth is traveling to Langkawi Island and Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, and then to Sentosa Island and Singapore.

David VanGorder '85 of Rockford, Mich., in January of 2001 acquired controlling interest in Doyle Vacuum Products Inc., a Grand Rapids, Mich.-based manufacturer of vacuum systems for the car wash industry and the general commercial/industrial sector. He and his wife have a son, Bradley (age three).

David Rowell '86 of Clearwater, Fla., is executive director of the Mahaffey Theater Foundation.

Petra Gruen '87 has been married since 1993 and has two children, ages seven and four. The family lives near Bonn, Germany, where she is running an English language school especially for children.

Terri Herman '87 of Rochester, Mich., is vice president of marketing at Jonathan Witz & Associates (JWA), which produces Arts, Beats & Eats, Michigan’s fastest-growing Labor Day festival; a variety of other corporate and not-for-profit events; and Arts du Jour, a major metro-Detroit charity benefit event.

Ann Westerbeke '87 Kyle of Chicago, Ill., is international business planning manager with The Pampered Chef Ltd. in Addison, Ill.

Barbara Good '87 Van Heest of Grand Haven, Mich., has been promoted to vice-president of small business banking for National City’s Grand Haven and Muskegon regions.

Dyck E. Van Koevering '87 of Lansing, Mich., is general counsel for the Michigan Insurance Federation. He was most recently vice president for government relations for the Michigan League of Community Banks.

James Webster '87 of St. Charles, Ill., is a physical education teacher at Oak Park River Forest High School.

Kurt Arvidson '88 of Holland, Mich., has been promoted to partner with Norris, Perne & French LLP, an investment management and consulting firm. He is responsible for corporate, foundation and individual portfolio management.

Kevin Cowell '88 and his wife live in Hellertown, Pa. He is finishing family practice residency at St. Luke’s Hospital in Bethlehem, Pa., and will be in practice at St. Luke’s Family Practice at Palmer, Pa.

David Kuiper '88 of Zeeland, Mich., has been promoted to senior vice president of mortgage lending with Republic Bank. David has been with the bank for more than four years and has more than 12 years experience in mortgage

lending, and is recognized as one of the top performing mortgage loan officers in the country.

Kristen Buege '88 Philbrook of Cortez, Colo., transferred from the Northwest and now works for the Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management as a wildlife biologist in southwest Colorado. She writes, “I love my job, the mountains and the sun!”

Christine Prince '89 Baker of Hudsonville, Mich., has become a partner in the Grand Rapids, Mich., office of Economic Valuation Advisors LLC. The firm is a corporate value consulting firm specializing in valuation measurement, enhancement, exchange and recovery.

Kathi McGookey '89 of Wayland, Mich., read at Hope College through the Visiting Writers Series on Monday, March 11. Her first book of poems, *Whatever Shines*, was published by White Pine Press in November of 2001.

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Kevin Kenehan '90 of Shelby Township, Mich., is married and has a step-daughter.

Andrea Schmitz '90 Mascio moved back to Phoenix, Ariz., in the summer of 2001 and was hired by Gila River Indian Community to find permanent homes for children in legal guardianship or adoption within the community. She writes, “It has been a very challenging and an incredible learning experience so far. I am happy being back in the desert!!!”

Mark Van Genderen '90 heads marketing for Harley-Davidson’s Dyna and Sportster models. Many Hope classmates attended his wedding in October (please see “Marriages”). He and his wife rode away from the church on a motorcycle. The couple recently bought a home in Cedarburg, Wis., but they make it back to Holland as often as possible.

Christopher Barrett '91 of Detroit, Mich., is an

epidemiologist and data manager with the Michigan Department of Community Health.

Nathan Robrahn '91 recently became the principal at Zeeland High School and is thoroughly enjoying all of his new challenges and responsibilities. He currently resides in Zeeland with his wife, Rebecca Van Dyke '96 Robrahn, and sons Austin and Maxwell.

Jason Bomers '92 of Hudsonville, Mich., continues to work for Crowe Chizek in Grand Rapids, Mich., where he is a project manager.

Renee Gauthier '92 Bomers of Hudsonville, Mich., stays home with her three children, Jonathan (newborn; please see “Births/New Arrivals”), Meredith (two) and Timothy (four), directs the Praesulto Ballet Ensemble, and teaches and performs liturgical dance in area churches.

Aaron Boyd '92 of Whitehall, Mich., and his wife have a daughter, Madalyn Elizabeth, who will be two in June.

Tara Hansen '92 is a veterinarian on the staff of the Animal Medical Center in Saline, Mich.

Melissa Vanderjagt '92 Sandman completed her general surgery residency in June of 2001 and will be going into private practice in Grand Rapids, Mich., this summer.

Nora Thompson '92 Willison of Anchorage, Alaska, is a purchasing agent with You Don’t Know Jack, Inc.

Christy Hamtak '93 moved to the Minneapolis, Minn., area in January to join Minneapolis Cardiology Associates as a nurse practitioner. She specializes in congestive heart failure.

Gretel Van Wieren '93 was ordained as minister of Word and Sacrament on Tuesday, Feb. 19, 2002 at her home church, Christ Memorial Church of Holland, Mich. She graduated from Yale Divinity School.

Krista Widiger '93 Wortman of Grosse Pointe, Mich., is a partner at Summit Family Dental in Shelby Township, Mich.

Danielle Phebus '94 Bielby is a substitute teacher with the Battle Creek (Mich.) Public Schools.

Barbara Csutak '94 Howe of Wheaton, Ill., is a therapy program manager, providing services for a nursing home.

Ali Kooistra '94 of Washington, D.C., is a program assistant in the office of the senior vice president of programs at the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

Nicholai Ronningen '94 of Hendersonville, N.C., notes that he works at home, which he appreciates for the opportunity it presents to spend time with his daughter. He and his wife are expecting their second child in June. On March 10 he was ordained as a deacon at Reformation Presbyterian Church, Associate Reformed Presbyterian Synod, which he and his wife, and his and her parents, have been attending since its inception in 1998.

Kristin Armbruster '95 of Dallas, Texas, has completed CPA certification and is working in the Corporate Transaction Services group at Accenture.

Josh Blunt '95 is the pastor of a new church plant in Caledonia, Mich.: Wayfarer Community Church, a daughter congregation of Corinth Church in Byron Center, Mich. Services began on Sunday, Jan. 6, and are held at the Caledonia Middle School cafeteria. He and wife Jaime Houlihan '94 Blunt have two children, Lauren (age four) and Jason (age two).

Dan Brady '95 and **Kathy Mixer '95** Brady are living in Ann Arbor, Mich. Dan works for Ford Motor Company as the assistant marketing manager for the Ford Expedition. Kathy is the editor for the Romance languages and literatures department at the University of Michigan.

Christopher Brandt '95 of Grand Rapids, Mich., is a sales rep with Wurth USA.

Tonya Mann '95 of Royal Oak, Mich., is a senior in human capital advisory services with Deloitte & Touche.

Jason Nichols '95 of Westerville, Ohio, is a member of the faculty of the Ohio State University College of Optometry and College of Medicine and Public Health. He has received a five-year, Mentored Patient-Oriented Research Career Grant Award from the National Eye Institute, a division of the National Institutes of Health. The project is titled “Contact Lens and Dry Eye Study,” and is funded at a total cost of nearly \$600,000.

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Carrilyn Pavwoski '95 Stobert and her husband have purchased a dental practice in Kalkaska, Mich.

Joanne Van Genderen '95 of Holland, Mich., is a physician assistant at Fennville (Mich.) Health Center of Holland Community Hospital.

Lia Elisabeth Tinkelman '96 Festenstein of Rochester, N.Y., is an ESOL teacher in the Rochester City School District.

Letha Harnish '96 Chatham of South Lyon, Mich., has been a public health nurse with Oakland County Health Division for three-and-a-half years.

Todd Hoyer '96 is director of media at Cognitive Arts, and is writing a weekly column for the Internet magazine *Negative Waves*. He's living in Chicago, and reports that he finally has his bowling average above 200.

Kari Liljehorn '96 of Holland, Mich., has been promoted to quality engineer with Trans-Matic Manufacturing Co. Inc.

Anne Lucas '96 of Cincinnati, Ohio, anticipates completing her master's in women's studies and JD at the University of Cincinnati in May, when she will move to Connecticut and begin her new job as a housing attorney at Connecticut Legal Services.

Brad Sadler '96 of Chicago, Ill., is attending Chicago Medical School. He is being inducted this month into Alpha Omega Alpha, the national medical society, nominated as a junior to assume a leadership position during his senior year. He was one of only eight students selected for membership at this time, and is ranked first in his class of 183 students.

Tony Zorc '96 and **Angelique McDougall '98 Zorc** have relocated to Bath, England. Tony transferred to a new position with Herman Miller, and is finance manager-Europe. Angelique is taking a break from her three-plus years as a second grade teacher, and is working for the government housing authority in the United Kingdom. They plan to travel Europe extensively during their time there.

Lisa Bos '97 has left the Washington, D.C., office of Congressman Pete Hoekstra '75 to become education policy director for the Republican Study Committee. The RSC is a group of more than 70 House Republicans organized to advance a conservative social and economic agenda in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Eric Friedman '97 of Freeland, Mich., is district director for U.S. Representative Dave Camp, a Midland Republican.

Jodi McFarland '97 Friedman of Freeland, Mich., is an assistant metro editor for *The Saginaw News*.

Jodi James '97 danced in the Opening Ceremonies for the 2002 Winter Olympic Games in Salt Lake City, Utah. She reports that she had a blast performing for 55,000 spectators and billions of television viewers for a venue that aids in uniting the world.

Robert Taylor '97 of Rogers City, Mich. graduated from University of Detroit-Mercy Dental School and is now practicing as a dentist.

Rochelle Tedesco '97 of Arlington, Va., spoke to a committee of the Missouri State Senate, testifying in favor of a bill that would require greater accountability for state agencies hiring outside attorneys. An attorney in the Washington, D.C., office of the Kansas City-based firm of Shook, Hardy & Bacon LLP, she said that the bill would make such hiring less political.

Mary Walter '97 of Waterford, Mich., is a third-year medical student at the Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Victoria Cade '98 of Roseville, Mich., teaches second grade in Warren, Mich.

Jill Fischer '98 of Yonkers, N.Y., is employed by Ober, Onet & Associates in New York City.

Amanda Fry '98 Eldred is a wedding coordinator at Brook Lodge Hotel and Conference Resort, located in the Kalamazoo/Battle Creek, Mich., area.

Benjamin Gibney '98 of Oregon, Ohio, is a programmer/analyst at Owens Community College.

Jill Pohlman '98 of Holland, Mich., is an occupational therapist for the Laurels of Hudsonville, Mich.

Carrie Tennant '98 Shumaker of Pinckney, Mich., left Accenture (formerly Andersen Consulting) last October and joined the University of Michigan as a technical manager in the information services organization, working on HRMS software.

Natalie Williamson '98 of Farmington Hills, Mich., is a research executive with Millward Brown in Southfield, Mich.

Andrew Wyatt '98 of St. Louis, Mo., is a staff environmental scientist with Herst & Associates Inc.

Jonathan Brickner '99 is an environmental health specialist with Mid Michigan District Health Department in St. Johns, Mich.

Steven Paplawsky '99 of Ferndale, Mich., is an environmental project scientist with Onyx Environmental Services. He is also working as a torso model for the "GAP," to be featured in the spring/summer regional ad campaign.

Rachel K. Smith '99 of Nunica, Mich., spoke at Hope College on Wednesday, Jan. 16, 2002. She

discussed her solo trek through the Appalachian Trail in an event co-sponsored by the college's Environmental Issues Group, Outdoor Adventures Club and Women's Issues Organization.

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Joshua Brugger '00 and **Jennifer Linton '01 Brugger** live in Grand Haven, Mich. Josh works with Habitat for Humanity in Holland, Mich.

Paul Berke '00 is an emissions control engineer with Ricardo Inc. in Burr Ridge, Ill.

Rhonda Rop '00 Fitzsimmons of Jenison, Mich., is inside sales and marketing manager with Innovative Medical Systems in Grand Rapids, Mich.

Scott Hes '00 of Birmingham, Mich., attends Wayne State University School of Law.

Cathleen Jaworowski '00 of Princeton, N.J., is finishing her second year in the M.Div. program at Princeton Theological Seminary. Next fall she will also begin pursuing an MSW degree from Rutgers University. She anticipates that by May of 2004 she will be ordained in the RCA and have her degree as a social worker.

Jill Klinger '00 of Lansing, Mich., is teaching in Pottersville, Mich.

Lori Knudsen '00 of Lake Leelanau, Mich., is a PK-9 physical education teacher with the Leland Public Schools.

Jennifer Mark '00 of Wyoming, Mich., is a registered nurse at Holland Community Hospital.

Andrea Speers '00 of Grand Rapids, Mich., has been promoted to marketing and communication manager with Goodwill Industries of Greater Grand Rapids Inc. She was previously community relations coordinator.

Chris Lowe '00 is teaching at Learning Center Academy in Byron Center, Mich.

Callie Budd '01 of Quincy, Mich., works through the Branch Intermediate School District in the Family Support Program as a family support partner. The program serves families with children through age three.

Joseph Kattelus '01 of Lansing, Mich., is working in programming for Auto-Owners Insurance Co.

Kimberly VanDerWende '01 is a nurse on the oncology floor at Saint Mary's Hospital in Grand Rapids, Mich.

Kate Ver Heulen '01 is a social worker with Christian Rest Home in Walker, Mich.

Jennifer Strehle '02 has accepted a long-term substitute teaching position with Middleville (Mich.) Schools.

Marriages

We welcome your news. In fact, we *like* printing it, so please keep it coming. Please note, though, that we don't publish engagement announcements—that's what this "marriages" section is for! Please write us after your wedding takes place.

Christine Baird '56 Cloetingh and Lewis E. Kain, Oct. 27, 2001.

Pamela K. Eaton '67 and Stephen S. Brown, May 30, 1997, Grand Haven, Mich.

Albert VanderMeer '67 and Lenore Dieck, May 19, 2001.

Scott Elingson '86 and Veronica Colvin, May 27, 2000, Minneapolis, Minn.

Kimberly Anne Chapple '88 and John Bernard Mooney Jr., June 16, 2001, Marshall, Mich.

Mark Van Genderen '90 and Laura Neiss, Oct. 27, 2001, Chicago, Ill.

Nora Thompson '92 and Gray Willison, Oct. 7, 2001, Castle Rock, Colo.

Dan Furman '94 and Gillian Soholt, Oct. 5, 2001, Lancaster, Pa.

Sara Beaver '96 and Eric Vogel '98, Aug. 18, 2001, Kalamazoo, Mich.

Kimberly Ebright '96 and Benjamin Falconer, Oct. 20, 2001, Michigan.

Lia Elisabeth Tinkelman '96 and David L. Festenstein, Dec. 20, 2001, Rochester, N.Y.

Letha Harnish '96 and James-David Chatham, Sept. 7, 2001, Farmington Hills, Mich.

Justin Crawford '97 and Melissa Heselschwerdt, June 30, 2001, Kalamazoo, Mich.

Eric Friedman '97 and Jodi McFarland '97, June 16, 2001, Grand Rapids, Mich.

Kimberly VanOstran '97 and Michael Fiero, Dec. 28, 2001, Lansing, Mich.

Janet Comstock '98 and Brandon Doroh '98, Dec. 8, 2001, St. Joseph, Mich.

Rebecka Cook '98 and Chad Neff, Nov. 24, 2001.

Heather Maas '98 and Scott Roden, Feb. 9, 2002, Holland, Mich.

Andrew Wyatt '98 and Elizabeth Kelly, Oct. 31, 2001, St. Louis, Mo.

Matthew John DeBoer '99 and Rachel Sue DeYoung, Sept. 15, 2001, Holland, Mich.

Benjamin McLouth '99 and Angela Pickard, June 23, 2001, Shelby, Mich.

Tony Olds '99 and Maggie Maier, Sept. 29, 2001, Charlotte, Mich.

Joshua Brugger '00 and Jennifer Linton '01, Oct. 27, 2001, Holland, Mich.

Philip Leete '00 and Angela Lee '01, Nov. 10, 2001.

Charrie Meints '00 and Eric Hemmeke, Oct. 20, 2001, Holland, Mich.

Curt DeBoer '01 and Amy Evans '01, Sept. 28, 2001, Holland, Mich.

Lori Schilling '01 and Jared Van Haitsma '02, June 2, 2001.

New Arrivals

Phil Johnson '81 and Michelle Johnson, Katherine Elisabeth, May 6, 2001.

R. Van Rathbun '81 and Terry Rathbun, Joshua David, adopted, 2001.

Barbara Bradford-Unger '86 and Arthur Unger, Mercedes Veronica and William Arthur, Dec. 22, 2001.

David H. Carmer '86 and Kathryn L. Kuehl '86 Carmer, Sydney Victoria, Jan. 13, 2002.

Tim Hoffman '86 and Jenny Schakel '89 Hoffman, Michael David, April 27, 2001.

Todd Wehrmeyer '86 and Jan Looman '94 Wehrmeyer, Margaret Lynn, Jan. 29, 2002.

Cindy Hollenbeck '87 and Paul Flynn, Hunter Flynn Hollenbeck, Feb. 1, 2002.

Heidi Baehr '87 Lakanen and John Lakanen '87, Natalie Marie, Sept. 22, 2001.

Deborah Fleming Lentz '87 and William David Lentz, Mark Stanley, Nov. 5, 2001.

Emily Wilson '88 Armstrong and John Armstrong '89, Eliza Jean, April 6, 2001.

Laurel Housenga '88 Grose and Steve Grose '88, Evan Michael, Oct. 4, 2001.

Carrie Terpstra '88 Hodson and Robert Hodson '88, Simon Henry, January 10, 2002.

Todd Kuiper '88 and Michelle Teusink '89 Kuiper, Jackson Todd, Feb. 4, 2002.

Nancy Ann Hendrixon '88 Lillo and Douglas S. Lillo, Marnie Katherine (Marnie-Kate), Aug. 18, 1999; Juliana Lee, Aug. 21, 2001.

Susan Mills '89 Markus and Scott Markus, Mindy Nicole, Jan. 25, 2002.

Kathi McGookey '89 and Rhys VanDemark '89, Charles Raleigh McGookey VanDemark, Dec. 24, 2001.

Kristi Pearson '90 Austhof and Todd Austhof, Tyler John, Jan. 2, 2002.

David Byrne '90 and Rhonda Boelkins '90 Byrne, Brevin Tyler, Jan. 10, 2002.

R. Matthew Schmidt '90 and Cherie Schmidt, Logan Matthew Stevenson Schmidt, Aug. 19, 2001.

Michael Sullivan '90 and Karen Sullivan, Zachary Robert, Feb. 23, 2002.

Dal Townsend '90 and Jennifer Townsend, Tatum Beverley, June 7, 2001.

Jennifer Haskin '90 Will and Jerry Will, Liam James, Jan. 11, 2002.

Suzanne DeKorte '90 Walters and Ed Walters, Elizabeth Marie, May 3, 2001.

Kamal Perkins '91 Bridge and Steve Bridge '91, Emily Grace, Jan. 22, 2002.

Nanci Nastase '91 Dalton and Patrick Dalton '91, Maxwell Patrick and Regan Ann, Jan. 22, 2002.

Brian Morehouse '91 and Elizabeth Hain '93 Morehouse, Emma Blare, March 12, 2002.

Tiffany Smith '91 Reed and Grant Reed, Jack Goldwyn Reed, Nov. 22, 2001.

Gilda Van Skiver '91 Sorenson and Kirk Sorenson, Emma Katherine, Nov. 30, 2001.

Mary Postmus '91 Van Skiver and Bill Van Skiver, Davis Goodloe, June 28, 2001.

Jason Bomers '92 and Renee Gauthier '92 Bomers, Jonathan Gerard, May 2, 2001.

Christopher Cole '92 and Brittany Cole, Samuel Hutchins, Jan. 24, 2002.

Jennifer King '92 Dahlgren and Christer Dahlgren, Freya Joy, Dec. 21, 2001.

Kate Francomb '92 Halbert and Tom Halbert '92, Jaxon Richard, Jan. 30, 2001.

Kim Bundy '92 Salisbury and David Salisbury, Eric Andrew, April 17, 2002.

Melissa VanderJagt '92 Sandman and Geoffrey Sandman, Elianna Elizabeth, Jan. 23, 2002.

Campus Notes

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The collection includes an essay by Dr. Schakel titled "Swift's Voices: Innovation and Complication in the Poems Written at Market Hill."

Heather Sellers of the English faculty is holding a prestigious visiting professorship at St. Lawrence University in Canton, N.Y., this semester.

Dr. Sellers is serving as the Viebranz Visiting Professor of Creative Writing. She is currently on a year-long sabbatical leave from Hope.

The Viebranz professorship was created by friends of Salfred C. Viebranz, an SLU trustee emeritus and graduate. The donors stipulate that "the intended end product of the endowment is to attract visiting writers capable of inspiring students of already recognized talent to rise to a new level of proficiency."

Allen Verhey of the religion faculty is the author of *Remembering Jesus: Christian Community, Scripture, and the Moral Life*, published recently by Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co. of Grand Rapids, Mich.

In the book, Dr. Verhey, who is the Evert J. and Hattie E. Blekkink Professor

of Religion at Hope, asserts that following Jesus requires remembering Jesus, which entails reading and understanding Scripture, where the memory of Jesus is found. "Remembering Jesus" examines what Jesus said and did, and applies it to medical, sexual, economic and political ethics. The book also explores the church in relation to Jesus' teachings.

"Remembering Jesus requires participation in, and formation by, practices of the church, like reading Scripture, prayer and moral discourse," Dr. Verhey writes in the book. "By remembering Jesus—and by remembering the early churches remembering Jesus—[this book seeks] to contribute to the efforts of Christian congregations to discern the shape and style of lives 'worthy of the gospel' and 'in memory of Jesus.'"

The 538-page book grew out of a series of lectures, "Remembering Jesus in the Moral Life," that Dr. Verhey presented more than a decade ago for the summer program in continuing education at Union Theological Seminary in Virginia. The book is dedicated to Dr. Jacob E. Nyenhuis, who retired from Hope in 2001, for his distinguished service to the college as provost. ✍

Winter Sports Roundup



Freshman swimmer Elizabeth Fredericks (right) enjoyed a first year of collegiate competition by gaining honorable mention All-America honors in two events.

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200-yard butterfly and 15th in the 100-yard butterfly.

Cheerleading and ice hockey earn national recognition

Hope College offers many athletic opportunities beyond the intercollegiate scene.

For many years the cheerleading squad has been viewed as one of the best at the small college level. In recent years a growing club sports program has included ice hockey. Both groups shined in the national spotlight this winter.

The basketball cheerleaders finished eighth at the national collegiate championships held January 10-12 in Orlando, Fla. The coed squad of 18 was competing at nationals for the first time.

The coaches of the squad are Wes Wooley '89, Kris Ritton '91 and David Muir '96.

The ice hockey club finished fifth at the American Collegiate National Ice Hockey Championships held Feb. 28 to March 2 in Atlanta, Ga.

The Flying Dutchmen won two of three games in the 12-team Division III tournament. The only loss was a 4-3 overtime decision to defending national champion University of Wyoming. Victories were posted over Georgetown University and the University of Florida.

Juniors John Collins of Bloomfield Hills, Mich., and Matt Wynalda of Grand Rapids, Mich., were voted to the all-tournament teams.

The squad was coached by Chris Van Timmeren '97.



The Hope cheerleaders were crowd pleasers at home and on the national stage.

Kary Potts '92 Vogel and Joshua Vogel '95, Alekzander Martin, Dec. 31, 2001.

Holly Patrick '93 Linzell and Samuel Linzell, Julia Grace, Aug. 28, 2001.

Sarah Blackburn '93 Yakes and Matthew Yakes '94, Katherine "Kate" Alice, Feb. 1, 2002.

Christopher Backus '94 and Emily Haviland '96 Backus, Jack Christopher, Dec. 30, 2001.

Danielle Phebus '94 Bielby and C. Adam Bielby, JoElla, Dec. 5, 1998; Jewel, Nov. 25, 2001.

Reynolds Brissenden '94 and Megan Holden '95 Brissenden, Alexandra "Lexie" Clare, Jan. 24, 2002.

Jason A. Crouch '94 and J. Yvonne Crouch, Chloe Shea, March 20, 2001.

Susan DeBoer '95 Mohler and Brian Mohler, Benjamin James, Sept. 3, 2001.

Dana Thomson-Peroni '95 and John Peroni, Julia, Sept. 21, 2001.

Sara Gortsema '95 Zang and Dan Zang, Luke Daniel and Drew Thomas, Nov. 16, 2001.

Steve Dunn '96 and Tara Hoekwater '96 Dunn, Lauren Fay, Feb. 13, 2002.

Molly West '96 Moore and Eric Moore, Josephine Hope, Feb. 11, 2002.

Sara Looman '97 Gortsema and Thomas Gortsema '97, Thomas Jack Gortsema III, Jan. 7, 2002.

Kimberly Hinze '97 Wiersema and Mark Wiersema, Zachary Mark, April 7, 2001.

Alicia Tiesma '99 Van Eyck and Will Van Eyck, Megan Elizabeth, Dec. 18, 2001.

Advanced Degrees

Mary Harmelink '77 Wisner, master of divinity, Western Theological Seminary, May, 2001.

Sue Widmer '86, master of arts, German language and literature, University of Hawaii-Manoa, May, 2001.

James Webster '87, master's, education, St. Xavier University, January, 2002.

Victoria Derr '90, doctorate, forestry and environmental studies, Yale University, December, 2001.

Dan Brady '95, master's in business administration, University of Michigan, April, 2001.

Joanne Van Genderen '95, master's of medical science and a certificate in physician assistant, Saint Louis University, St. Louis, Mo., December, 2001.

Laura Baker '96 Showers, master's of education, with K-12 school library media endorsement, Grand Valley State University, December, 2001.

Robert Taylor '97, University of Detroit-Mercy Dental School.

Deaths

Marian Sluyter '31 Barber of Grand Rapids, Mich., died on Thursday, Dec. 6, 2001. She was 94.

She was born on July 12, 1907. She completed

a master's degree at the University of Michigan in 1933.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph Miles Barber.

Survivors include her daughter, Amy Heitzman; son-in-law, Jon Heitzman; and granddaughter, Melissa Bauman.

Word has been received of the death of **Henry J. Beukema '38** of San Diego, Calif., who died on Monday, Jan. 21, 2002. More information will appear in the next issue.

Donald Buitendorp '52 of Holland, Mich., died on Sunday, Jan. 7, 2001. He was 70.

He was born in Muskegon, Mich., on June 29, 1930, to Leonard and Catherine Buitendorp. He attended the Muskegon public schools, graduating from high school in 1948.

After Hope he attended the University of Michigan, completing a master's in education and history in 1953.

He taught U.S. history in Shelby, Mich., Muskegon and Hamilton, Mich.

Survivors include his wife, the former Arlene Eby. They were married in 1958.

Bryce Elton Butler '66 of Voorheesville, N.Y., died on Tuesday, Dec. 4, 2001, after a 20-month battle with cancer. He was 56.

Born on Jan. 22, 1945, he grew up in Altamont, N.Y., and graduated from Guilderland High School. He majored in philosophy and minored in English at Hope, where his activities included the *Anchor*, drama and student government.

He completed a master of divinity degree in 1972 at Union Theological Seminary in New York City. His career experiences included chaplaincy work at Connecticut College, teaching retarded children, teaching outdoor education, serving as an aide on a van transporting retarded adults and being a radio board operator.

He had been an editor and writer with *The Altamont Enterprise* for the past 19 years. He chronicled his cancer experience through a series of columns, which he titled "Dead Man Writing," that began with the disease's diagnosis in April of 2000. The newspaper published a multi-page tribute in his memory, including columns by co-workers and selections from a collection of essays he had worked into book form shortly before his death.

He was active in Emmanuel Baptist Church in Schenectady, N.Y.

He was preceded in death by his parents. His mother, Sara Barkley Butler, died in 1963. His father, Elton Butler, died in 1998.

Survivors include his life's companion, Marilyn Mowry of Voorheesville; and two brothers, Bradford Butler and Barkley Butler, both of Pennsylvania.

Ruth Malefyt '37 Colby of Vienna, Va., died on Saturday, Jan. 19, 2002. She was 85.

She was born on Aug. 22, 1916, in New Jersey. She was married to John D. Colby '37, who survives her.

She taught high school English for 25 years.



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She had been a Vienna resident since 1974. She was active in the Vienna Flower Society and the Humane Society.

In addition to her husband, survivors include two sons; a daughter; four grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; a sister, Grace Eleanor Mallory; and a brother, the Rev. Calvin Malefyt '46 of Carrboro, N.C., who conducted her funeral service.

Jerry H. Decker '53 of Worth, Ill., died on Friday, Jan. 18, 2002. He was 70.

He was a retired teacher and counselor, and had been with Chicago Christian High School for 40 years.

Survivors include his wife, Delores Crooks ("Crooksie") '53 Decker; four children, Deborah Decker '77 Thompson and Greg Thompson of Milwaukee, Wis., Jerry Decker '80 and Mary Ellen Decker of Apex, N.C.; Gregory (Mary) Decker and Joel (Jennifer) Decker; 12 grandchildren; siblings, Connie (John) Janke, Howard (Thea) Ausema, Ruth (Terry) Hofmeyer and Joyce (Don) Greenfield; and nieces and nephews.

Bernard James DeWitt '37 of Akron, Ohio, died on Monday, Feb. 11, 2002. He was 85.

He was born on Jan. 29, 1917, on Whidbey Island, Wash., and raised in Zeeland, Mich. He was an Akron resident for more than 60 years.

He completed a master of science degree in physical chemistry at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, Pa., in 1938, and his doctorate in 1940.

He joined PPG Industries in September of 1940 as a research chemist at the Barberton Research Center. His research encompassed a wide variety of topics, including work on ophthalmic plastics that are used extensively by the eyeglass industry today; organic solvents; silica pigments; and chlorine fuel cells. He received a number of patents.

After 43 years of service, he retired from PPG in December of 1983 as associate director of research.

He was a member of the American Chemical Society, Sigma Xi and the Alpha Chi Sigma Fraternity for research chemists.

Survivors include his wife of 59 years, Pauline Johns DeWitt; a daughter, Deborah DeWitt of New Rochelle, N.Y.; a son, David DeWitt of Madison, Wis.; his son-in-law, Charles Lucas; his daughter-in-law, Julie DeWitt; four grandchildren, Sarah Lucas of Washington, D.C., Andrew Lucas of Del Mar, Calif., Anne DeWitt and Elizabeth DeWitt; a sister, Miriam Gordon of Douglas, Mich.; a niece, Linda Den Uyl of Fennville, Mich.; and a nephew, Robert Gordon of Tecumseh, Mich.

Word has been received of the death of **Herman M. Gross '37** of Louisville, Ky., who died on Friday, March 1, 2002, at age 88. Survivors include his wife, Ethel Mae.

Marie Haldenwang '51 Goodwin Hunter of Lexington, Va., died on Saturday, Jan. 12, 2002. She was 76.

She was born on Jan. 6, 1926, in Brooklyn, N.Y., the daughter of the late William John Haldenwang and Hedwig Schellhorn Haldenwang, and the step-daughter of the late Patience Rebele Haldenwang. She attended Green Mountain College as well as Hope.

She moved to Lexington in 1987. She was a member of the Lexington Presbyterian Church, the Lexington Women's Club, the Book Club and PEO.

She was preceded in death by her two husbands, Ralph Cleveland Goodwin and William Everett Hunter.

Survivors include a daughter, Heather Goodwin Palframan of Middleton, N.J.; a son, Scott Goodwin-Johansson of Pittsboro, N.C.; and six grandchildren, David, Mark and Kristen Palframan, and Reed, Annika and Lucy Goodwin-Johansson.

Keith Liddle '51 of Holland, Mich., died on Wednesday, Jan. 2, 2002. He was 86.

He was born in Detroit, Mich.

He was a veteran of World War II. He was retired from *The Holland Sentinel*.

He was a member of First United Methodist Church of Holland.

Larry Walter Mannino '79 of Lansing, Mich., died on Monday, Jan. 7, 2002, after a battle with multiple sclerosis. He was 44.

He was born on Aug. 4, 1957, in Lansing, the son of Joe and Kitty Mannino, who survive him. He graduated from Harry Hill High School in 1975, and after Hope attended Asbury Seminary,

graduating in 1983.

He was a clergyman in the West Michigan Conference of the United Methodist Church. He served congregations in Eaton Rapids, Mich., from 1983 to 1986; Byron Center, Mich., from 1986 to 1990; Indian River/Pellston, Mich., from 1990 to 1994; and Niles, Mich., from 1994 to 1995. In 1995 he moved to Grand Ledge, Mich., and was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church.

In addition to his parents, survivors include his wife of 22 years, Barbara Francis '80 Mannino; two sons, Ben and Mike Mannino; sister, Laurie (Bob Jr.) Haddad; brother, Joe (Marilyn) Mannino; three aunts, Betty Mannino, Angie Mazzola and Rosie Zulli; an uncle, Vito (Deloros) Mannino; and several nieces and nephews.

Frances Frye '55 Nostrand of Cincinnati, Ohio, died on Tuesday, Feb. 19, 2002. She was 68.

She was born on May 20, 1933, to William P. and Frances Frye. She grew up on Chicago's North Side.

After Hope, she became a teacher.

She and her husband Bill, who preceded her in death, were married in 1960. They spent most of their lives living in Western Springs, Ill. They retired to Niceville, Fla., in 1990.

Survivors include her children, Matthew (Anne), Kristen and Clifford (Julie); grandchildren, Connor Parker, Morgan and Adam; a sister, Helen Williams; a brother-in-law, Robert Taylor; and many nieces and nephews.

Jean Carol Moore '49 Nyboer of Whittier, Calif., died on Saturday, Feb. 23, 2002. She was 81.

She was born and raised in Flushing, N.Y. She was a veteran of World War II, serving in the U.S. Navy for three years prior to attending Hope.

She was a skilled secretary, and while at Hope was able to take complete lectures in shorthand.

After graduating from Hope, she continued her education at the National College of Education in Evanston, Ill., and later received her master's in education at Whittier College. Her teaching career spanned almost 40 years, beginning in Cicero, Ill., and ending in Whittier.

She enjoyed travel, and after retirement was able to visit every continent. In addition to her travels, she was active in many organizations, from the Audubon Society to the Sierra Club.

Survivors include a daughter, Carolyn Senseney of Placentia, Calif.; and three grandchildren, Michael, Michelle and Melanie.

John R. Plasman '57 of Florence, S.C., died on Monday, Aug. 7, 2000. He was 70.

He was born in Manchester, Mass., a son of the late John Bernard and Lucy Hanson Hayes Plasman.

He had retired from the U.S. Navy after 20 years of service. While serving in the military, he was awarded the Vietnam Service Medal with Bronze Star and the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal. After his military career, he was employed by Carolina Hospital System before retiring in 1996.

He was a member of College Park Baptist Church, the church choir and the Moore Sunday School Class.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Evelyn Ray Plasman, and a sister, Lucille Plasman Grosse.

Survivors include a daughter, Lisa P. Boseman of Greenville, S.C.; two sons, John Joseph Plasman of Ararat, Va., and Paul David Plasman of Florence, S.C.; two grandchildren, Kathryn Amy Boseman and Jordan Timothy Boseman, both of Greenville; and three nieces, Paula Dillenger of Snohomish, Wash., Christine Grosse of Salem, Mass., and Heidi Grosse of Milton, N.H.

Mary Voorhorst '71 Pott of Hamilton, Mich., died of a heart attack on Saturday, Feb. 23, 2002. She was 52.

She graduated from Hamilton High School. She held a master's degree from Western Michigan University.

She taught at Hamilton Elementary School for 31 years. A Hamilton resident her entire life, she grew up in a home across the street from the school.

She was a member of Haven Reformed Church, where she had been a church organist since age 16.

Survivors include her husband of 31 years, Robert Pott; children, Jonathan and Janie Pott of Holland, Mich., and Anne Pott and Sarah Pott, both at home; a grandson; mother, Una Voorhorst of Hamilton; father-in-law, Marinus Pott of Holland; brothers, John and Jane Voorhorst of Ann Arbor, Mich., and Paul and Karalyn Voorhorst of Warsaw, Ind.; and in-laws, Terry Pott of Holland, and Naurine and Merlin McPherson of Muskegon, Mich.

Harold John Ritsema '57 of Holland, Mich., died on Friday, Feb. 1, 2002. He was 66.

He was born in Momence, Ill., on Nov. 8, 1935.

He graduated from Hope with a music major in 1957, and completed a master of music education degree at the University of Michigan (1959) and a master of education degree, in administration and supervision, at Rutgers University (1970).

He and his wife, Anna Geitner '58 Ritsema, who survives him, were married on July 10, 1959.

He first taught English in Onarga, Ill. He and Anna subsequently moved to New Jersey, where he directed bands and taught instrumental music in Hawthorne and Oakland.

After receiving his master of education degree, he shifted into administration at Indian Hills High School in Oakland, N.J., from 1970 to 1976. He then served as principal at Saugerties (N.Y.) Senior High School from 1976 to 1978, at Midland Park (N.J.) Middle School from 1978 to 1981 and at West Morris Mendham (N.J.) High School from 1981 to 1983.

He worked at Hope College from 1983 to 1987, first as a development officer and then as associate director of college advancement. He had since been on the staff of Western Theological Seminary, where he served as director of planned giving.

He was active in the Reformed Church in America throughout his life, active in congregations in New Jersey, New York and in the Holland area, with service including being music/choir director for 30 years, a deacon, an elder, a Sunday school teacher and an adult Sunday school teacher. He had served on the board of trustees for the Particular Synod of New Jersey for 13 years, including 10 years as secretary of the board.

He was currently a member of Third Reformed Church in Holland, where he served as

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Ruth A. Cortright; Allegan, Mich.
Laura A. Evans; Holland, Mich.
Suzanne L. Hekman; Grand Rapids, Mich.
Lori A. Hiligan; Holland, Mich.
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Mark D. Meulenber; Grand Rapids, Mich.
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Kyle B. Pullano; Holland, Mich.
Megan E. Riley; Kalamazoo, Mich.
Tiffany M. Ripper; Macatawa, Mich.
Jill L. Schaap; Holland, Mich.
Brian A. Schaidt; Grand Rapids, Mich.
Virginia A. Schodorf; Stevensville, Mich.
Jordan E. Scholz; Portage, Mich.
Shelly L. Shanahan; Chicago, Ill.
Katrina J. Tewinkle; Plymouth, Wis.
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Kate E. VerHeulen; Grand Rapids, Mich.
Katie M. Wierenga; Hopkins, Mich.

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Joshua M. Carstens; Double Oak, Texas
Vickie L. Carter; Grayling, Mich.
Leanne J. Cook; Byron Center, Mich.
Christopher J. DeAlvare; Holland, Mich.
Christina Firmiss; Holland, Mich.
Manuel Garcia; Holland, Mich.
Joseph J. Gavin; Holland, Mich.
Abigail S. Glass; Hudsonville, Mich.
Kristine A. Harrison; Grand Rapids, Mich.
Fred A. Herschelman; Lake Orion, Mich.
Tobi E. Hill; Portage, Mich.
Kelly A. Kiewit; Kalamazoo, Mich.
Ryan M. Klingler; Holland, Mich.
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Christine L. Lutz; Rochester, N.Y.
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Melani J. Saettler; Lansing, Mich.
Emily J. Schwartz; Palos Heights, Ill.
David J. Willeumier; Palatine, Ill.

Former chairman Ek Buys dies

Ekdal J. Buys '37, former chairman of the Hope College Board of Trustees, has died.

Buys, who lived in Holland, Mich., died on Wednesday, March 27, 2002. He was 86.

He was born on June 7, 1915, and graduated from Grand Rapids Central High School in 1933.

He graduated from Hope with a history major. His co-curricular activities as a student included Blue Key, the YMCA cabinet, the debating team, the Pull tug-of-war and the Fraternal Society. He was a multiple letter winner in football and track, and co-captained the 1936 football team and held the college's shotput record for 33 years.

Buys served on the college's Board of Trustees from 1955 to 1966, and chaired the board from 1961 to 1966.

He had since served as an honorary trustee, and had remained actively involved in the life of the college. He was a founding member of the college's Second Century Club. He played leadership roles in a variety of fund drives and projects, including chairing the college's *Build Hope* capital campaign in the early 1970s.

"Ek Buys was a giant among the Hope College constituency as a student-athlete and member of our trustees," said President James E. Bultman '63. "He has made an indelible mark on the fabric of Hope College. He will be missed."



Ek Buys '37

Buys received an honorary degree from Hope in 1966. The college named the athletic fields near Holland Municipal Stadium in his honor in 1982. In October of 1994, the college's Alumni H-Club presented him with its fifth annual "Hope for Humanity" award in recognition of his service to others and consistency of commitment.

Buys was chairman of the board emeritus of the investment banking firm Buys-MacGregor, MacNaughton-Greenwalt and Company, an organization he founded in 1955. He began his investment career with John R. Schermer & Co. in Grand Rapids, leaving the business for a few years while serving as an officer in the U.S. Navy in the Pacific

Theater during World War II. During his business career he served on various state and national boards relating to his profession.

A long-time leader in community and church affairs in Western Michigan, Buys had served local congregations and the denomination of the Reformed Church in America through the years. He had been president of the Board of North American Missions of the RCA, and active with the Pine Rest Foundation and Western Theological Seminary. He was a member of Hope Church in Holland.

Survivors include his wife, Mina Becker '36 Buys; two sons, Dr. Ekdal Buys Jr. '62 and his wife Jean Littrell of Tucson, Ariz., and Dr. Christian Buys '66 and his wife Beth Van Kuiken '67 Buys of Grand Junction, Colo.; grandchildren, Arthur Buys '83 and his wife Mary of Holland, granddaughter Stacey and her husband Guy Quattrocchi, Amy Buys, and Matthew Buys '92 and his wife Beth Byrn '93 Buys of Asheville, N.C.; great-grandchildren, Andrew, Carolyn, Spencer, Kaleigh, Clark, Zachary, Stephen and Rachel; a sister, Mrs. Barbara Peck of Grand Rapids; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Arthur Becker '38 of Zeeland, Mich., James D. MacGregor '46 and Louise Becker '43 MacGregor of Grand Rapids, Mrs. Jack (Helen) Crandle of Grand Rapids, and John and Beverly Becker of Grand Rapids; and several nieces and nephews.

The family requests that memorial gifts be given to the Buys Athletic Fields Improvement Fund at Hope College. 🏹

Zwemer '25 Violette of Arlington, Va., who died on Thursday, March 7, 2002. More information will appear in the next issue.

Geraldine Walvoord '28 of Holland, Mich., died on Wednesday, Jan. 30, 2002. She was 95.

She was born in Nagasaki, Japan, to missionary parents. She moved to Holland at age 13, when her father died, and lived in Voorhees Hall, where her mother was house mother.

After graduating from Hope, she was employed by the Holland Furnace Company until 1963, and then at Herrick District Library. She retired from the library in 1976, and then continued at the library as a volunteer until a few weeks before her death.

She was a member of First Reformed Church, Women's Guild and adult Sunday school, and was a former Sunday school teacher and organist for more than 42 years.

Survivors include her sister, Jeane Walvoord '30 of Holland; and cousins.

Glenn Allyn Weener '72 of Holland, Mich., died on Saturday, Jan. 12, 2002. He was 51.

He was born and raised in North Holland, Mich., and lived in the Holland area his entire life. He was a 1968 graduate of West Ottawa High School.

He had worked with the Holland Public Schools, Prince and, for the last 25 years, at Howard Miller as a systems analyst. He attended Lakeshore House of Prayer, and formerly attended Central Wesleyan Church.

Survivors include his wife, Dona Weener of Holland; children, Lisa and Todd Whiteman of Holland, David Wainer of China, and Anne Weener '00 of Grand Rapids, Mich.; two granddaughters; parents, Raymond and Loretta Weener of Holland; brothers and sisters, Sherwin and Shirley Weener of Jenison, Mich., Denny and Barb Weener of Grand Rapids, and Randy and Sally Weener of Walker, Mich.; parents-in-law, Mrs. Henry (Verna) Boeve of Holland; in-laws, Kathy and Ron Sikkema of Minnesota, Mike and Lois Boeve of Holland, Jane Boeve of Adrian, Mich., Ruth Haverdink of Hamilton, Mich., Tim Boeve of California, Joe and Kate Boeve of the Philippines, Bob and Sally Boeve of Traverse City, Mich., and Jeff and Jane Boeve of Grand Haven, Mich.; and many nieces and nephews.

Word has been received of the death of **Sarah Helen Jack '45 Yeater** of Bridgeport, W.Va., who died on Sunday, Sept. 16, 2001. More information will appear in the next issue.

William Zomer Jr. '58 of Kalamazoo, Mich., died on Tuesday, Jan. 29, 2002, following a 10-month struggle against lung cancer. He was 66.

He was born on Aug. 25, 1935, in Kalamazoo. He was a member of the Cosmopolitan Fraternity at Hope.

He completed a master of arts in counseling and guidance at Western Michigan University. He retired from the State of Michigan in 1997, after working at Kalamazoo Regional Psychiatric Hospital for 34 years, first in social work and later in administration.

He was a member of Bethany Reformed Church in Kalamazoo, where he served as elder and deacon, sang in choir and Bethany Praise, and was a youth group leader and Sunday school teacher. He was a member of the Gary Fund (WMU), Singing Crusaders, the State Employees Retirement Association (SERA) and the Citizens Association (KRPH).

Survivors include his wife, Carol Zwart '61 Zomer; his children, David William Zomer '91 (and Joy Brumels '91 Zomer) of Budapest, Hungary, and Ann Zomer '92 Nabozny-Ruelas of Kalamazoo; four grandchildren, Nicholaas and Katarina Zomer, Tyler Nabozny and Taya Ruelas; and his mother and brother.

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The family of **Janice Hart Needham** of Clinton, S.C., who died on Wednesday, Oct. 10, 2001, from complications stemming from diabetes. She was 63.

Survivors include David C. Needham '62, her husband of 43 years; three children; and four grandchildren.

deacon, elder and vice president of consistory in addition to serving on and chairing several classis committees.

He also organized capital campaign drives for nearly 60 churches, raising almost \$100 million for church growth, development and capital improvements.

In addition to his wife, survivors include three sons, Paul '86 and Krista Beukema '85 Ritsema of Rochester Hills, Mich., Tim '90 and Amy DeVries '90 Ritsema of Zeeland, and Andrew Ritsema '92 of New York City; four grandchildren; brothers, Dr. Herbert '50 and Jeanne VerBeek '51 Ritsema of Orange City, Iowa, and Dan '61 and Evonne Taylor '66 Ritsema of Holland; in-laws, the Rev. E. Peter '61 and Judy Patterson '60 Geitner of Lynchburg, Va., Barbara Geitner '61 of Bethlehem, Pa., Alison Beck '64 Esther and the Rev. James Esther '63 of Somerset, N.J., and Sharon Beck '61 Seavy of Catskill, N.Y.; and nieces, nephews and cousins.

Harvey L. Scholten '34 of Holland, Mich., died on Saturday, Feb. 23, 2002. He was 89.

He graduated from Grand Haven (Mich.) High School, and from the University of Michigan Law School in addition to Hope.

He was a veteran of World War II, serving in the U.S. Navy Reserves.

Prior to forming the law firm of Scholten and Fant in 1957, he had been employed by Justice North, and by Leo C. Lillie.

He was a charter member and former president of Kiwanis Club, Ottawa County Bar Association, and the State of Michigan and American Bar Associations. He served as director and chair of the board of People's Bank and Trust Co., and was former director of Union Bancorp in Grand Rapids, Mich., and former director of the Chamber of Commerce.

He served on the Ottawa Area Intermediate School Board, and was former director and president of the Michigan Association of School Boards.

He was a member of Grand Haven Rotary

Club, American Legion-Charles Conklin Post 28 and the Salvation Army Advisory Board, and a trustee of the Loutit Foundation. He was a member of First Presbyterian Church of Grand Haven, Mich.

Survivors include his wife of 60 years, Gail; son, Dr. Paul and Linda Scholten of Oxford, Ohio; and a niece and nephew.

John C. Sloan Jr. '52 of Ballston Spa, N.Y., died on Wednesday, Jan. 30, 2002. He was 73.

He was born on July 8, 1928, in Scotia, N.Y. He graduated from Scotia High School before attending Hope.

He served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean Conflict. He and his wife, Barbara (Pierce) Sloan, who survives him, were married on June 19, 1954.

He was an accountant for H. Lynn Cushing of Colonie, N.Y., for four years until his retirement in 1982. He previously worked as an accountant for Colonie Motors for 16 years.

He was a member of the First Reformed Church of Scotia, where he was a past deacon and elder. He was also a member of the Mohawk Valley Model Railroad Association.

He was predeceased by his parents, John C. Sloan Sr. and Frances (Anderson) Sloan.

In addition to his wife, survivors include a daughter, Susan (Sloan) Bodnac and her husband James D. of Nassau, N.Y.; and a son, David Pierce Sloan of Scotia.

Valerie M. Smith '94 of Indianapolis, Ind., died on Wednesday, March 6, 2002. She was 29.

She was born in Little Rock, Ark. She lived in Michigan from 1990 to 1999, when she moved to Indiana.

She was a graduate of West Lafayette High School as well as Hope. She was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Zionsville.

Survivors include a daughter, Natasha Koopman, at home; her parents, Wayne and Alice Smith of Lafayette, Ind.; sisters, Christine

Carmany of Dugway, Utah, and Amanda Smith of Lafayette; and grandparents, Frances and Ray Harrington of Bicknell, Ind., and Dorothy Burchfield of Clinton, Ark.

Gerald Gerber VanArendonk '50 of Kalamazoo, Mich., died on Saturday, Jan. 12, 2002, following a long illness. He was 78.

He was born on May 30, 1923, in Stickney, S.D., the son of Gerber and Dora (DeRoos) VanArendonk. His early life was spent in Stickney, where he graduated from high school. As a teenager, he was the organist for the Aurora Center, S.D., Reformed Church.

In 1954 he graduated from Northwestern University Medical School. On June 12, 1954, he married Barbara Francis Johnson of Morris, Ill., who survives him.

He served in the United States Public Health Service from 1955 to 1960, and was attending physician at Indian reservations in Oregon and Montana, and at the U.S. Public Health Hospital in Detroit, Mich. In 1960, he settled in Kalamazoo and established a practice of family medicine. During his 30-year medical career in Kalamazoo, he was active in the Kalamazoo Academy of Medicine and was a member of the American Medical Association.

He was an active member of the Second Reformed Church, serving as elder and singing in the choir. His hobbies included photography, piano and gardening.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Arthur.

In addition to his wife, survivors include four sons, Dr. Mark D. (Susan) of Kalamazoo, Dr. John V. (Lori) of Bigfork, Mont., Craig G. (Jane) of Grand Haven, Mich., and Rev. Scott R. (Sherri) of New Era, Mich.; nine grandchildren, Kathryn, Rachel, Ben, Sarah, Laura, Nathan, Michael, Joseph and Grace; his sister, Thelma (Rev. Martin) Hoekman; and several nieces and nephews.

Word has been received of the death of **Amy**

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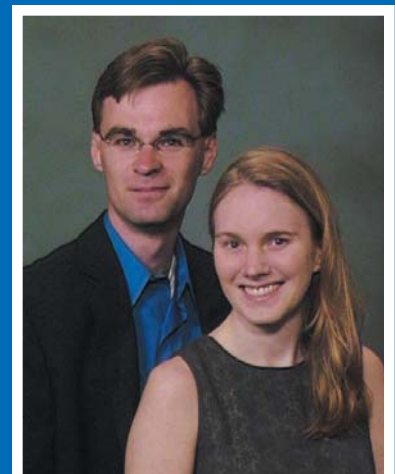
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