
Hope College
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**Abstract**

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**Scope and Content**

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**Container List**

Bonanza episode mentioning Holland and Hope College, 1963, 2001 (DVD)