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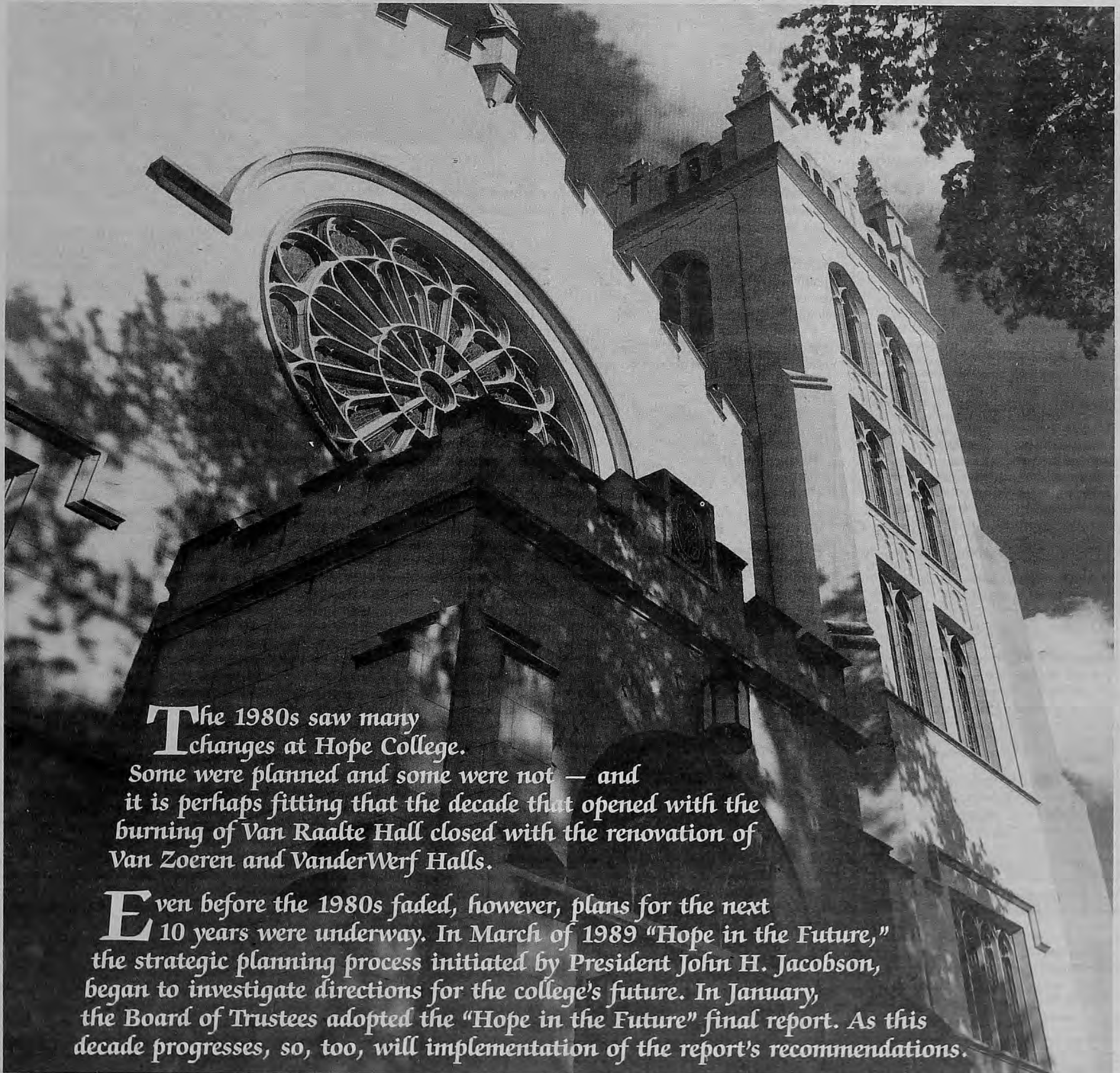
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# news from HOPE COLLEGE

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**T**he 1980s saw many changes at Hope College. Some were planned and some were not — and it is perhaps fitting that the decade that opened with the burning of Van Raalte Hall closed with the renovation of Van Zoeren and VanderWerf Halls.

**E**ven before the 1980s faded, however, plans for the next 10 years were underway. In March of 1989 "Hope in the Future," the strategic planning process initiated by President John H. Jacobson, began to investigate directions for the college's future. In January, the Board of Trustees adopted the "Hope in the Future" final report. As this decade progresses, so, too, will implementation of the report's recommendations.

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### On the Cover:

Hope College is ushering in the new decade with a bang — Van Zoeren and VanderWerf halls are newly-renovated, and *Hope in the Future*, the strategic plan, has charted directions for the college in the 1990s — creating much to anticipate.

As the college faces the coming decade, it is appropriate to reflect upon the past, and so this issue contains a retrospective on the 1980s. And, because this issue celebrates both the college's future and its past, Dimnent Memorial Chapel made an ideal cover illustration, symbolizing as it does the Hope College of yesterday, today and tomorrow.

For a look at the final report of *Hope in the Future*, see pages six and seven. For a retrospective on the 1980s, see page five. The story of the Van Zoeren/VanderWerf renovation appears on pages eight and nine.

# CAMPUS NOTES



Junior Elliott Church of Traverse City, Mich. received the 1989 Commandant's Trophy from the U.S. Marine Corps for achieving the highest average in Platoon Leaders' Class-senior. Pictured from left to right are William '64 and Sandra Sissing '64 Church, his parents; Elliott Church; Brigadier General (retired) Robert S. Raisch and President John H. Jacobson.

**MARINE HONOR:** Elliott Church, a junior from Traverse City, Mich., was named the 1989 Commandant's Trophy recipient by the U.S. Marine Corps.

Church was selected for the honor from approximately 600 participants nationwide by achieving the highest average in Platoon

Leaders' Class (PLC)-senior, a demanding, six-week U.S. Marine Corps officer candidate class.

Platoon Leaders' Class was instituted in the late 1930s as a means of increasing the number of commissioned officers in the U.S. Marine Corps, supplementing those

commissioned via the U.S. Naval Academy and the Naval ROTC Scholarship Program. Today 70 percent of all U.S. Marine Corps officers enter through PLC.

The program consists of two six-week officer training courses that college undergraduates take during the summer: PLC-junior and PLC-senior. Successful candidates are offered commissions as U.S. Marine Corps officers upon receipt of their Baccalaureate.

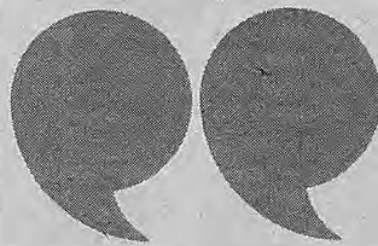
"The program was very rigorous — challenging physically, emotionally and mentally," Church said. "I was mainly pleased to have graduated, but to have received the award was an honor indeed."

Church was presented two trophies commemorating his accomplishments at a ceremony held at Hope in December. One trophy is Church's to keep, and the other will be displayed at Hope until next year's honoree is selected.

Church is earning a major in mathematics at Hope, and he tutors mathematics with the Upward Bound program at the college. He is the son of William '64 and Sandra Sissing '64 Church.

**USA TODAY HONOR:** Senior Jennifer Haskin of Farmington Hills, Mich. is one of 121 college seniors named to the first USA TODAY ALL-USA college academic teams.

Out of 749 students nominated by their schools, 60 were named to three 20-member all-academic teams while another 61 (see "CAMPUS" on page 3)



*Quote, unquote is an eclectic sampling of things being said at or about Hope College.*

— Burton F. VanderLaan '73 in "A Physician Looks at Social Psychology," an excerpt from page 160 of *Social Psychology* (third edition) by David G. Myers, John Dirk Werkman Professor of Psychology. Dr. VanderLaan is a physician living in Orland Park, Illinois.

He discovered Dr. Myers' book while browsing through the Hope-Geneva Bookstore during a visit to the Hope campus. Intrigued by the text, he bought a copy. "He wrote me a letter on the social psychology of medicine, which I adapted, with his permission, for the just-released new edition," Dr. Myers said. "The concepts he's referring to all have been explained in the book"

**R**eading this book helps me understand the human behaviors I observe in my work as a cancer specialist and as medical director of a large staff of physicians. A few examples:

"Reviews of medical records illustrate the 'I knew it all-along phenomenon,' physicians looking at cases in hindsight often believe they would have more

quickly recognized and treated problems such as cancer and appendicitis. Once you know the correct diagnosis, it's easy to look back and interpret the early symptoms accordingly.

"For many physicians I have known, the intrinsic motives behind their entering the profession — to help people, to be scientifically stimulated — soon become 'over-justified' by the high pay. Before long, the joy is lost. The extrinsic rewards become the reason to practice, and the physician, having lost the altruistic motives, works to increase 'success,' measured in income.

"Self-serving bias' is ever present. We physicians gladly accept personal credit when things go well. When they don't — when the patient is misdiagnosed or doesn't get well or dies — we attribute the failure elsewhere. We were given inadequate information or the case was ill-fated from the beginning.

"I also observe many examples of 'belief perseverance.' Even when presented with the documented facts about, say, how AIDS is transmitted, people will strangely persist in believing that it is just a 'gay' disease or that they should fear catching it from mosquito bites. It makes me wonder: How can I more effectively persuade people of what they need to know and act upon?"

"Indeed, as I observe medical attitudes and decision making I feel myself submerged in a giant practical laboratory of social psychology. To understand the goings-on around me, I find social

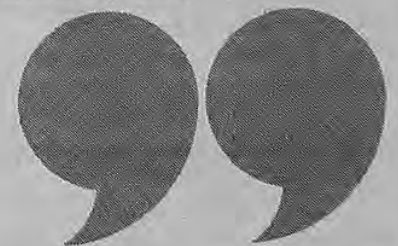
psychological insights invaluable and would strongly advise premed students to study the field."

Dr. Myers, a member of the Hope faculty since 1967, has authored or co-authored nine books. He recently wrote *Exploring Psychology*, an introductory psychology text designed with community colleges in mind. *Exploring Psychology* is a briefer, paperback version of Dr. Myers' other introductory psychology text, and has built-in pedagogical aids.

The hard-cover text from which *Exploring Psychology* is derived is used by a quarter of a million students annually.

He has published scientific articles in more than two dozen journals. Dr. Myers has also published articles for the lay public in magazines such as *Saturday Review*, *Psychology Today*, *Today's Education* and *Science Digest*.

Dr. Myers is also well regarded by his students. He received the H.O.P.E. (Hope Outstanding Professor Educator) award in 1972, and in 1974 was invited by the senior class to be the college's commencement speaker.



students, including Haskin, received honorable mention recognition.

Judges looked for a blend of scholarship, initiative, creativity and leadership. They also looked for students committed to serving others.

**FACULTY DEVELOPMENT:** The expanding faculty development program at Hope College has received support through a \$250,000 challenge grant awarded by the Knight Foundation of Akron, Ohio.

Faculty development activities to be funded by the grant include introductory programs to assist new faculty in gaining a strong start as scholar-teachers or teaching artist. The college will also establish Knight Fellowships to fund research activities of established teacher-scholars, and there will be funds aimed at revitalizing the teaching of veteran faculty.

The faculty development project will also allow faculty to examine ways to explore their disciplines relative to the Christian faith. Workshops will assist the faculty in teaching the college's senior seminar courses.

Dr. Jacob Nyenhuis, provost of Hope College, is project director for the program, Dr. Nyenhuis also wrote the grant proposal submitted to the Knight Foundation.

The grant is part of nearly \$3 million awarded to 13 private liberal arts colleges and universities from 11 states through the foundation's "Excellence in Undergraduate Education Program." All of the grants are challenge grants to be matched by the recipients. Participation in the program is by invitation.

"It was an honor for us to be invited to apply for a Knight Foundation grant, and an even greater honor to receive it," said (see "NOTES" on page 12)

# Sociologists' study finds RCA clergy and laity opinion closer

Clergy and lay members of mainline Protestant churches appear to have fewer differences of opinion than they did in the late 1960s, according to a recent study by Hope sociologists Dr. Donald A. Luidens '69 and Dr. Roger J. Nemeth.

In a study of the members of the Reformed Church in America (RCA) published in the December issue of *The Review of Religious Research*, the two sociologists found that pastors seemed to be more conservative than parishioners on matters of traditional theology, while lay members were more conservative on political issues.

"One of the reasons often cited for conflict in the mainline churches during the late 1960s and early 1970s was that the clergy tended to be more liberal on both theological and political issues," Dr. Luidens said. "This prompted many to become politically and socially involved — especially in anti-Vietnam War and Civil Rights activities — in a way that angered many lay people."

"In a celebrated study on this pattern, Professor Jeffrey Hadden suggested that there was a 'gathering storm in the churches' because of this profound disagreement between ministers and members," Dr. Luidens said.

Dr. Luidens and Dr. Nemeth noted that the churches seemed to be significantly more subdued in the 1980s than they had been only a decade before. They surveyed clergy and laity in the RCA in order to understand what had happened to the 1960s rift.

Their analysis showed that the clergy

were much more protective than the lay members of the theological and historical traditions of the church, supporting traditions such as the church's creeds and confessions. Conversely, the clergy were more liberal than RCA lay members on social and political issues such as defense spending, welfare programs, the death penalty and permitting prayer in public schools.

On a seven-point scale, with "1" being "far left" and "7" being "far right," the clergy placed themselves near the midpoint: 4.1. The laity, by contrast, placed themselves more to the right, at 4.5, although neither group was far from the midpoint.

"In contrast to a single-minded conservatism among the laity and a single-minded liberalism among the clergy, we found that there were 'parties' within both groups that were liberal and conservative," Dr. Nemeth said. "Some clergy were more liberal in political and theological issues, as were some laity. On the other hand, some clergy were more conservative on both agendas, and they were supported by some of the lay members."

Dr. Luidens and Dr. Nemeth suggest that a "pluralist patchwork of perspectives" is operating in the Reformed Church in America.

"With this cross-roughing of their viewpoints, the clergy and laity have found more grounds for agreement than existed in the 1960s and 1970s," Dr. Luidens said. "As a consequence, the church is not as

factionalized as it was, and stability is more likely."

Although their research does not directly address the question of how the change evolved, Dr. Luidens and Dr. Nemeth suggest that one of Hadden's earlier predictions has come to pass. "As Hadden speculated, the most liberal clergy seem to have left the church," Dr. Nemeth said. "They found that they could act more effectively upon their liberal agenda — especially as it related to welfare and civil rights issues—through secular institutions such as the social service system and in politics."

Dr. Luidens and Dr. Nemeth have conducted joint research into issues of Protestantism and the Reformed Church in America since 1986. Among their collaborative efforts is a series of articles entitled "The RCA Today," published in *The Church Herald* in 1987.

Dr. Luidens, an associate professor of sociology and chairperson of the sociology department, has been a member of the Hope College faculty since 1977. He is currently involved in a major research project investigating the religious beliefs and behaviors of post-World War II Presbyterians.

Dr. Nemeth, an associate professor of sociology, has been a member of the Hope faculty since 1983. On Oct. 28 he was designated Michigan's Outstanding Sociology Professor of the Year, in a category that included all of Michigan's four-year colleges, for his outstanding record as a teacher and scholar.

## Symposium topic is "The Quest for Justice: Christian Voices"

The 11th annual Hope College Critical Issues Symposium will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 28 and Thursday, March 1, and will include the conferring of an honorary degree upon the Reverend Allan Boesak of the Republic of South Africa.



Reverend Allan Boesak

### WEDNESDAY, FEB. 28

#### 11 a.m. Morning Chapel

"Justice: A Biblical Voice;" Nicholas Wolterstorff of Yale University; Dimnent Memorial Chapel

#### 7-8:30 p.m. Allan Boesak

Awarding of honorary degree and keynote address

#### 8:40-9:40 p.m. Focus Sessions

1. "The Politics of Hunger;" Kathy Pomeroy of Bread for the World; Wichers Auditorium

2. "Economic Freedom vs. Economic Justice: The Case of the Third World;" Alejandro Chafuen of Atlas Economic Research Foundation; Maas Conference Room

3. "Justice and Prisoners of Conscience;" Felix Richter of Amnesty International; VanderWerf 102

4. "Christ and the Oppressed: Biblical Perspectives;" Pablo Deiros, Hope Northrup Lecturer; VanderWerf 101

### THURSDAY, MARCH 1

#### 9 a.m. Keynote Address

"The Abuse of Love: Justice in Personal Relations;" Rita Nakashima Brock, assistant professor of religion with Pacific Lutheran University; Dimnent Memorial Chapel

#### 10:15-11:15 a.m. Focus Sessions

1. "A Theology of Economics;" Michael Novak, former U.S. ambassador, and professor of religion and public policy with American Enterprise Institute; Winants Auditorium

2. "Christ and the Freeing of Women;" Rita Nakashima Brock and Lynn Japinga; VanderWerf 102

3. "Political and Economic Rights and Christian Justice: A Black Perspective;" James Washington, professor of religion with Union Theological Seminary; Mass Conference Room

4. Panel: "Can Violence Advance the Cause of Justice?;" Donald Cronkite, professor of biology, Hope College; Jack Holmes, professor of political science, Hope College; James Van Hoeven, World Alliance of Reformed Churches, Geneva, Switzerland; and moderator Wayne Boulton professor of religion, Hope College; VanderWerf 101

#### 11:30 a.m.-12:40 p.m. Lunch

"The Shattering of Apartheid: South Africa in the Coming Decade;" Brown bag session with Allan Boesak and James Van Hoeven; Maas Auditorium

#### 12:45-1:45 p.m. Keynote

"Freedom, the Basis of Justice;" Michael Novak; DeWitt Theatre

#### 2-2:45 p.m. Wrap-up

"Within the Quest: Can Christian Voices Find Harmony;" Nicholas Wolterstorff; DeWitt Theatre

#### 2:45-3:30 p.m. Panel Discussion

"The Final Refrain: A Dialogue;" Allan Boesak, Michael Novak, Rita Nakashima Brock and moderator Nicholas Wolterstorff; DeWitt Theatre

# EVENTS

## ACADEMIC CALENDAR 1989/90

March 1, Thursday — Critical Issues Symposium (classes not in session. Topic is "The Quest for Justice: Christian Voices")  
March 15, Thursday — Spring Recess begins, 6 p.m.  
March 26, Monday — Spring Recess ends, 8 a.m.  
April 27, Friday — May Day; classes dismissed at 12:30 p.m.  
April 30-May 4, Monday-Friday — Semester examinations  
May 4, Friday — Residence halls close for those not participating in Commencement, 5 p.m.  
May 5, Saturday — Alumni Day  
May 6, Sunday — Baccalaureate and Commencement  
May 6, Sunday — Residence halls close for graduating seniors, 7 p.m.

## ADMISSIONS

### Visitation Days

For prospective Hope students, including transfers, high school juniors and seniors. Visitations are intended to show students and their parents a typical day in the life of a Hope student. There will be ample opportunities to meet students, faculty and staff.

Friday, March 2      Friday, March 30

### Holland Area Program — March 16

A special program geared for Hollaand area students.

### Junior Day 1989 — April 20

A day designed specifically for high school juniors and their parents to help them begin the college search.

### Pre-Medicine and Pre-Engineering Day — May 11

Activities for high school juniors interested in becoming medical doctors or engineers.

### Exploriation '90 — July 15-21

A "mini-college" experience for students who will be juniors and seniors in high school in the fall of '90.

For further information about any Admissions Office event, please call (9616) 394-7850 or write: Office of Admissions, Hope College, Holland, Mich. 42423.

## KNICKERBOCKER THEATRE

Gandhi — Feb. 23-March 1

The Four Adventures of Reinette & Mirabelle — March 16-22

Tom Jones — March 23-29

Voices of Sarafina! — April 7-12

## LECTURES

### Woodrow Wilson Visiting Fellow

The Federal Republic of Germany, its progress and relations to other nations will be the focus of a visit by Dr. Wilhelm A. Kewenig, lawyer and former member of Parliament of West Berlin, during the week of Feb. 25.

### Scholar in Residence

Dr. Keith E. Yandell, professor of philosophy and of South Asian studies at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, is presenting a series of lectures as the Spring, 1990, Hope College Scholar in Residence.

His topic is "What Can One Know in One's Heart? Is Religious Experience Evidence for Religious Belief?" Each of his lectures will be held from 11 a.m. until noon in Winants Auditorium of Graves Hall.

### II: The Religious Data: Experience East and West —

Thursday, Feb. 15

### III: The Principle of Experiential Evidence —

Thursday, March 8

### IV: The State of the Evidence: The Question Answered —

Thursday, April 5

As news from Hope College went to press, there was a chance that Dr. Yandell's lectures would be cancelled or postponed. Please call the Philosophy Department at (616) 394-7550 shortly before each lecture date to confirm it is still to be held.

## INSTANT INFORMATION

Hope Sports Hotline — (616) 394-7888

Activities Hotline — (616) 394-7863

## THEATRE

The Seagull by Anton Chekov, March 2, 3, 7-10

A dramatic portrayal of life's tragic injustice.

All performances begin at 8 p.m. in the De Witt Main Theatre.

Hope Theatre tickets are available by calling (616) 394-7890.

Senior citizens: \$4; other adults: \$5; and students: \$3. The

ticket office is located in the De Witt Center foyer and is open

10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Saturday, two weeks prior to and during a theatre production.



Musical Showcase this year will be on Tuesday, March 6 at DeVos Hall in Grand Rapids, Mich.

## THE ARTS

**Faculty Recital Series** — Sunday, Feb. 18: Robert Thompson, trumpeter; Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 4 p.m.

**Student Recital** — Thursday, March 1: Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 7 p.m.

**Senior Recital** — Saturday, March 3: Heather Thompson, pianist; Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 8 p.m.

**Faculty Recital Series** — Sunday, March 4: Wichers Auditorium, 4 p.m.

**Musical Showcase** — Tuesday, March 6: DeVos Hall in Grand Rapids, Mich., 8 p.m. Call (616) 394-7860 for information.

**Great Performance Series** — Thursday, March 8: featuring the Lydian String Quartet, masters of contemporary music and standard quartet repertoire; Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 8 p.m. Call (616) 394-6996 for ticket information.

**Senior Recital** — Friday, March 9: Kelly Strail, bassoonist; Wichers Auditorium, 8 p.m.

**Alumni Concert Series** — Saturday, March 10: Lorraine Duso, oboist; Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 8 p.m.

**Guest Recital** — Sunday, March 11: featuring Roy Schaberg, French hornist; Wichers Auditorium, 4 p.m.

**Hope College Orchestra** — Wednesday, March 14: with Roy Schaberg, French hornist; Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 8 p.m.

**Artist Piano Series** — Friday, March 30: Kenneth Bos, guest pianist; Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 8 p.m.

Call (616) 394-7650 for ticket information; students free with Hope ID.

**Alumni Concert Series** — Saturday, March 31: Beth Botsis, soprano; Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 8 p.m.

**Faculty Recital Series** — Sunday, April 1: John Gilbert, violinist; Wichers Auditorium, 4 p.m.

**Student Recital** — Thursday, April 5: Wichers Auditorium, 7 p.m.

**Great Performance Series** — Friday, April 6: featuring The Paul Winter Consort presenting living music combining classical, jazz and ethnic traditions with themes drawn from nature; Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 8 p.m. Call (616) 394-6996 for ticket information.

**Junior Recital** — Saturday, April 7: Susan Hollar, clarinetist; Wichers Auditorium, 8 p.m.

**Faculty Recital Series** — Sunday, April 8: Wichers Auditorium, 4 p.m.

**"Salute to the Duke"** — Monday, April 9: All Duke Ellington concert with the Hope College Jazz Ensemble; Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 8 p.m.

**Hope College Collegium Musicum Concert** — Tuesday, April 10: Maas Auditorium, 8 p.m.

**Student Recital** — Thursday, April 12: Wichers Auditorium, 11 a.m.

**Hope College Wind Ensemble Concert** — Tuesday, April 17: Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 8 p.m.

**Senior Recital** — Thursday, April 19: Verna Bond-Broderick, violinist; Wichers Auditorium, 8 p.m.

## SPORT SCHEDULES

For a copy of the spring 1990 Hope College athletic schedules, write to: Office of Public Relations; Hope College, Holland, Mich. 49423.

## SYMPHONETTE TOUR

Friday March 16 — Church of the Chimes; San Jose, California

Sunday, March 18 — Calvary Reformed Church; Ripon, Calif.

Monday, March 19 — Bethany Reformed Church; Redlands, Calif.

Tuesday, March 20 — Church on the Hill; Norco, Calif.

Sunday, March 25 (a.m.) — Crystal Cathedral; Garden Grove, Calif.

Additional performances were planned but not scheduled by the time news from Hope College went to press. For information concerning performances or concert times, please call the music department at (616) 394-7650.

## CHAPEL CHOIR TOUR

Thursday, March 15 — New Hope Reformed Church; Dublin, Ohio (held at the Performing Arts Centre, Dublin School System)

Friday, March 16 — Sunnyside Presbyterian Church; Winchester, Va.

Sunday, March 18 — Central Presbyterian Church; Baltimore, Md.

Monday, March 19 — North Branch Reformed Church; North Branch, N.J.

Tuesday, March 20 — Second Reformed Church; Wyckoff, N.J.

Wednesday, March 21 — New Hackensack Reformed Church; Wappingers Falls, N.Y.

Thursday, March 22 — Niskayuna Reformed Church; Schenectady, N.Y.

Friday, March 23 — Greece Baptist Church; Greece, N.Y.

Sunday, April 22 — Home Concert; Dimnent Memorial Chapel.

For performance times, please contact the music department office at (616) 394-7650.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

**Musical Showcase** — Tuesday, March 6: DeVos Hall, Grand Rapids, Mich., 8 p.m.

A concert featuring all dimensions of the Hope College music department, including the Chapel Choir, College Chorus, Jazz Ensemble, Wind Ensemble, Collegium Singers, Orchestra, chamber ensembles and soloists.

Tickets purchased through Hope College are \$8.50 each, and may be ordered sending payment to: "Office of Public Relations; Hope College; Holland, Mich. 49423." For information call the Office of Public Relations at (616) 394-7860.

**Dance XVI** — Thursday, April 5 -Saturday, April 7: Main Theatre, DeWitt Center.

An annual event featuring an outstanding guest artist, choreographed by Hope faculty and performed by Hope students.

Tickets are available two weeks prior to the performances. Call the theatre ticket office at (616) 394-7890.

## ALUMNI AND FRIENDS

### REGIONAL EVENTS

Detroit, Mich. — Thursday, March 29

Boston, Mass. — Sunday, June 3

Cedar Grove, Wis. — Tuesday, April 24

## WINTER HAPPENING

Saturday, Feb. 17, 1990.

9 a.m. - Registration

10 a.m. - Seminars:

"A Vision of India" - Boyd Wilson

"Mysterious Happenings" - Jeanne Jacobson

"From Russia with Love: The Hope College Chapel Choir Tours the Soviet Union" - Roger Rietberg and choir members.

11:15 a.m. - Rendezvous with History

12:30 p.m. - Luncheon

3 p.m. - MIAA Men's Basketball

Admission to all Winter Happening activities is free except for the luncheon, which costs \$6, and the basketball game.

Tickets for the game cost \$3 for adults and \$1 for students.

For additional information, contact the Office of Public Relations at (616) 394-7860.



Van Vleck Hall burns in April of 1980 (the building is saved). Van Raalte Hall burned to the ground a week later. The two fires shocked the campus.



Robin Pfeiffer '84 Eidson celebrated the final out as Hope won an AIAW state softball championship in 1981. It symbolized a decade of many accomplishments in women's sports.



The construction of the Gordon J. and Margaret D. Van Wylen Library, opened in January of 1988, added both space for the library's collection and comfort for its patrons.

# Hope in the '80s: The decade in retrospect

For Hope College, the 1980s were eventful. The decade saw buildings burned and built, enrollment and tuition rise, and a change in the college's leadership.

The college spent more than \$25 million in the past decade improving the physical plant — new buildings were constructed; older buildings were renovated; the grounds were beautified.

From 1980 through 1989, 4,722 students graduated from Hope. Those individuals now comprise 28 percent of the college's alumni body.

The new facilities constructed on campus during the decade developed in part from the need created by growth in the size of the student body. From the 2,335 students in 1979-80, Hope's student population climbed to 2,770 during 1989-90.

Tuition rates also climbed. During 1980-81, tuition, room, board and the activity fee cost \$5,775 for the entire academic year. During 1989-90, the same items cost \$11,936.

Despite the changes in numbers and the campus evolution, however, Hope remains fundamentally the same. Today, as in 1980, the college remains committed to providing its students with a liberal arts education. Today, as in 1980 — and in 1866 — the college remains committed to providing its education in the context of the Christian faith.

## 1979-80

The \$1.2 million renovation of the Phelps Hall dining room nearly doubles seating capacity and introduces the "scatter" system of serving.

The college holds its first Critical Issues Symposium. The topic is "Focus on the Middle East: Israel and the Arab World."

Two fires within a week shock the campus. Van Vleck Hall, 123 years old, burns on April 21 but is saved. Van Raalte Hall, 78 years old, is destroyed on April 28.

## 1980-81

The \$1.3 million restoration of 74-year-old Voorhees Hall is completed. The building had closed as a housing unit in 1969 after a small electrical fire.

The Physics-Math Building is re-dedicated as VanderWerf Hall, in honor

of Hope's eighth president, Calvin A. VanderWerf.

The Vienna Summer School celebrates its 25th anniversary.

## 1981-82

"Sundog II," the college's first outdoor sculpture, is placed on the lawn outside Phelps Cafeteria.

The college hosts Queen Beatrix of the Netherlands and husband Prince Claus in June, 1982, during the Queen's second visit to the United States.

Hope's first-ever national sports champion is a woman as swimmer Sarah Stanwood captures the AIAW title in the 200-yard individual medley. It marks the beginning of an excellent decade in women's sports.

## 1982-83

The 75-year-old Carnegie-Schouten Gymnasium is torn down in July, 1982.

The joint Hope-Calvin Nursing Program offers its first courses.

The new \$1.8 million DePree Art Center and Gallery is completed, as are the new \$1.6 million College East Apartments. Durfee Hall is renovated at a cost of \$1.1 million.

The sculpture "Ballyviktor" is added to Van Raalte Commons as a tribute to the college's founder.

Commencement is held outdoors — at Holland Municipal Stadium — for the first time.

## 1983-84

Renovations to DeWitt Center, expanded to become a student and administrative center following the burning of Van Raalte Hall, are completed.

The Board of Trustees approves preliminary plans for a new library that will complement the campus' Dutch architecture.

Dr. Jacob E. Nyenhuis, dean for the arts and humanities, is appointed the new provost in June, 1984.

Hope hosts the NCAA Division III national cross country championships, a first. Cross Country is a sport of distinction during the 80s as the men's and women's teams together win 10 MIAA championships.

Chip Henry is Hope's first first-team

All-American in basketball.

A most amazing year in sports as both the football (9-0) and men's basketball (22-0) teams are undefeated in the regular season.

## 1984-85

The college launches a \$26 million dollar, three-year fund-raising campaign called "The Campaign for Hope."

Rob Appell becomes the first Hope male to win an NCAA national championship as he high jumps seven feet.

## 1985-86

Dr. Irwin J. Lubbers, the seventh president of Hope College, dies on Sept. 8 in Grand Rapids, Mich. He was president from 1945-63.

WTHS becomes a full-fledged FM station (89.9) with its first official broadcast on Sept. 27.

Construction of the new Gordon J. and Margaret D. Van Wylen Library begins in March.

## 1986-87

The new \$1.1 million Maas Student and Conference Center is completed.

The Campaign for Hope surpasses its \$26 million goal in December — six months before its official completion in June.

Daniel Stid '87 is awarded a Rhodes Scholarship — the first received by a Hope student in more than 70 years.

Max O. DePree '48 is elected chairman of the Board of Trustees, succeeding Dr. Victor W. Eimicke.

The Philadelphia Center, for which Hope College is the agent school, celebrates its 20th year.

## 1987-88

Dr. John H. Jacobson is inaugurated as the college's 10th president. Dr. Gordon J. Van Wylen had retired after having served as the college's president since 1972.

The new \$8.7 million Van Wylen Library opens in January and is formally dedicated in April. The library replaces Van Zoeren Library, which will be renovated and transformed into office and classroom space.

Hope College is declared the winner for best total development program among American undergraduate colleges and universities with more than 10,000 alumni by CASE, the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (the college wins the award again during the 1988-89 academic year).

The Admissions Office moves into its new home on the corner of 10th Street and College Avenue.

Hope wins an unprecedented ninth consecutive Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association (MIAA) All-Sports Championship.

Two coaching legends — Gordon Brewer '48 and Russ DeVette '47 — retire with a cumulative 69 years service to the college.

## 1988-89

Dr. Calvin A. VanderWerf, eighth president of Hope College, dies on July 18, 1988. He was president from 1963-70.

The Van Wylen Library introduces an automated library system that allows patrons to locate books from computer terminals. The traditional card catalogs are removed.

The Hope College Chapel Choir travels to the Soviet Union in May and performs in Moscow, Leningrad, Tallinn and Kiev.

Shelly Russell is voted the National Division III female swimmer of the year for a second time. She was a national champion seven times during her career. The women's swimming team was a perfect ten for the decade, winning 10 straight league championships.

Men's basketball remains the premier sport, winning 77 percent of its games while claiming seven MIAA titles, gaining seven NCAA tournament appearances and beating Calvin 13 of 21 times.

## 1989-90

Renovation of the VanderWerf/Van Zoeren complex provides additional and remodeled space for several academic departments. The project is completed early in 1990.

Hope and Meiji Gakuin University of Japan celebrate the 25th anniversary of their exchange program.

# Steering Committee issues strategic recommendations

From the several months of research and discussion conducted by the 12 planning groups created for *Hope in the Future*, 189 pages of recommendations and information resulted.

The *Hope in the Future* Steering Committee culled from that report a set of strategic recommendations that promised to have a major effect on the direction of the institution, seemed likely to generate many positive consequences and represented a general approach to decision making, rather than a specific response to a specific problem. The Board of Trustees conducted an initial review of the Steering Committee's report during its January meeting, and following additional investigation and input will continue to discuss the document in May.

The bulk of the Steering Committee's report follows.

## Academic

We recommend a shift in the balance of Hope's priorities over the next decade. The past decade has been a highly successful period of academic enhancement and campus development, but we sense that the time has come for greater emphasis on the former and diminished emphasis upon the latter.

In recommending top priority for the enhancement of the academic program, we are not recommending that Hope move toward the recruitment of an elite student body. We believe that Hope should define the excellence that it seeks in terms of its students' educational progress rather than in terms of admissions data or other input measures.

Our excellence should lie in what our academic program is able to do for our capable students and not in our success in recruiting an academically elite student body.

\*For the next decade the further enhancement of the academic program should be Hope's top priority.

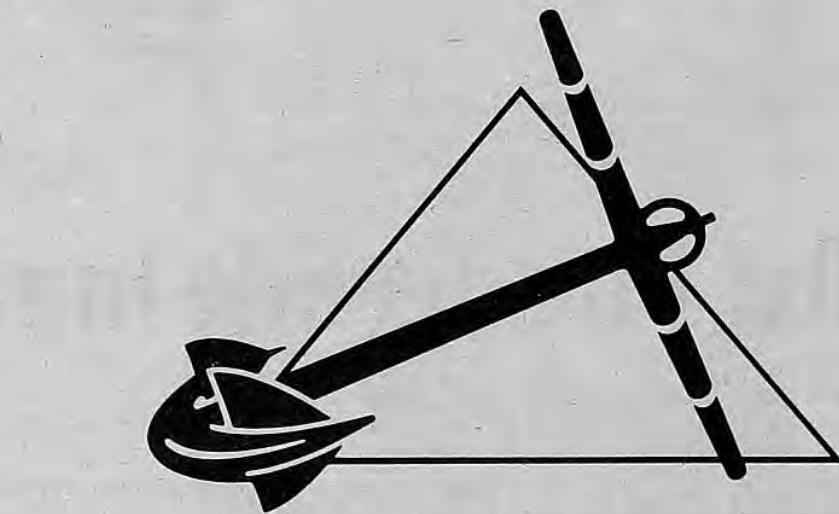
\*Each academic department and program should be continually improving. By the year 2000 all departments and programs should be either strong or exemplary in reference to criteria that Hope College will develop.

\*Hope should continue to develop aspects of its academic program which place emphasis on active learning, learning by doing, and creative collaboration in learning by faculty and students. These aspects include joint student-faculty research and internships that give hands-on learning experience.

\*In response to world developments and to its own Christian mission, Hope should become more aggressively international in its academic program, its faculty and student body, and in its outlook.

\*As an encouragement and support to its Christian scholars and as a part of its mission, Hope should found an institute to promote scholarship on matters affecting the relation of Christian faith and learning.

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## Hope In The Future 1990

### *Mission Statement of Hope College*

*The mission of Hope College is to offer, with recognized excellence, academic programs in liberal arts, in the setting of a residential, undergraduate, coeducational college, and in the context of the Christian faith.*

### *Vision Statement*

*(from "A Vision of Hope in the Future")*

*Hope should be, and be recognized as, the leading Christian liberal arts college in the country. Hope should be, and be recognized as, one of the nation's leading liberal arts colleges.*

emphasis among teaching, research and service. At Hope all faculty teach and serve as academic advisors to students. We should encourage a policy of individually-and flexibly-defined professional obligations for faculty. We should strongly encourage more substantial faculty involvement as advisors to co-curricular activities.

\*We should improve the salary, compensation, and faculty load of our faculty to allow us to attract and retain outstanding

faculty. We should achieve a similar improvement in salary and compensation for our staff.

\*For the next three to five years, Hope should strive for stability in the size of the student body and the quality of the student body at entrance. We should also strive to improve the financial base of the institution. This policy is dictated by current demographic trends and will be reviewed periodically.

\*We should improve our financial aid program by increasing the proportion of gift aid and reducing the self-help component in our financial aid packages. The purpose of this is to continue the present level of economic diversity among our students. The College should also selectively develop new approaches to merit-based aid.

## Diversity

We recommend that the College continue and extend its commitment to racial and cultural diversity among students, faculty, and staff.

\*Increasing the multicultural presence on our campus should be a top priority for the College. We should increase the number of domestic minority faculty, staff and students, and be sure that we create a situation on campus that is welcoming and nurturing.

\*We should appoint significant numbers of women to faculty and upper-level staff positions. We should assure that the Hope experience is as nurturing for women as it is for men.

\*We should continue our efforts to make Hope physically and psychologically accessible and welcoming for faculty, staff, and students with handicapping conditions.

\*We should increase the geographical diversity of our student body.

\*We should combine our efforts with other agencies and institutions to increase the pool of minority applicants to colleges and universities.

## Student Life

We affirm Hope's commitment to a residential campus in the context of the Christian faith. Our planning for campus life should be realistic and attuned to the Christian values of our tradition.

\*Hope should continue its commitment to be a residential campus, while creating even more diversity of living situations on campus, and striving to improve the attractiveness to students of on-campus living.

\*We should develop more effective educational programs to help students deal constructively with health and mental health issues that they face.

\*We should reaffirm the College's philosophy and approach to intercollegiate and intramural athletics, viz., that we place primary value upon academic accomplishment.

\*We should develop a more intentional program of centers of activity designed to foster a diverse and fulfilling on-campus student social life.

## Opportunities and Challenges

The College has many traditional strengths that provide sound footing for future developments. Two in particular are our historic ties to the Reformed Church in America and the beauty and utility of our campus.

\*We should seek further ways of supporting the program and needs of the Reformed Church in America while enabling RCA people to become more committed to Hope.

\*We should develop an approach which will enable the College to have a more extensive summer program which will use College facilities and also advance the mission of the College.

# President Jacobson on "Hope in the Future"

**H**ope in the Future is a direct result of President John H. Jacobson's vision of Hope College as both the leading Christian liberal arts college in the nation and one of the nation's leading liberal arts colleges, secular or denominational. Through *Hope in the Future*, the strategic planning process he proposed to the Board of Trustees in January, 1989, methods for achieving such distinction have been identified.

President Jacobson took time recently to reflect both on the process in general and a few of the 20 major strategic goals named by the Steering Committee.

**Q:** Why is strategic planning important to the college now, as the college faces the 1990s?

**A:** "Hope College is in a strong position now. We want to continue to build on the great strengths that we have and achieve our potential.

"We're strong in our academic program, in our students, our faculty and our campus. We're by no means a wealthy institution, but we do have good resources and loyal support from our friends and alumni.

"It's often said that if you aren't moving ahead you're slipping back. The fact that we're now in a good situation doesn't mean that we can sit back and rest. It does give us a good foundation for meeting the challenges of the future, the challenges of the society in which we live and the challenges that arise from our own situation.

"The guiding theme is the great hope we have of achieving a future that is even greater than our past has been."

**"We want to continue to build on the great strengths that we have and achieve our potential."**

**— President John H. Jacobson**

**Q:** How do you see us proceeding from this point with the recommendations?

**A:** "The Steering Committee will meet again and appoint subcommittees to prepare more specific reports on each of the 20 strategic directions. At their May meeting the Board will have a document that will enable them to see the full implications of the directions that have been proposed.

"In this stage of the work we will identify specific actions that the college needs to undertake. We will also reckon carefully with the available resources and the possibilities of gaining further resources."

**Q:** If the top priority at Hope College during the 1990s will be further enhancement of the academic program, how will the college differ from the Hope of the 1980s?

**A:** "We will focus more attention on the programmatic aspects of the academic

program. For the next 10 years bricks and mortar will be less prominent in college development — though to be sure, academic enhancement can never be separated from plant and equipment.

"It's a matter of emphasis rather than absolute change. There will be some further construction in the '90s. But the '80s will stand as the great decade for construction.

"We will continue to enhance our campus in a variety of ways but we will focus even more upon the enhancement of the program."

**Q:** What need is there for placing increased emphasis on forging a more international outlook at Hope College?

**A:** "The recent rapid changes in world economics and world politics are forcing us into a real global village. We have talked for the last 40 years in about the need for greater international understanding and cooperation. That has now become much more urgent, and much more a matter of present reality than a dream.

"We need to equip our students for a much more international environment. That reality is coming into being quite aside from anything that we might do about it."

**Q:** Why is it appropriate for the college to establish an institute to promote scholarship on matters affecting the relation of Christian faith and learning?

**A:** "The Christian college has its roots not only in Athens but also in Jerusalem. The responsibility of the Christian college is to equip the church to understand and be responsive to the world and the learning of our own day.

"We aim to provide support for faculty

who desire to participate in the exciting intellectual task of exploring the relation between faith and learning."

**Q:** Why did the committee recommend that the student body size be stabilized, and what are the implications of the "current demographic trends" mentioned in the eighth recommendation?

**A:** "Demographic realities will probably force the college to stop growing in size for the next few years because the number of 18-year-olds is declining sharply.

"The college should stay at about its present size without dropping in the quality of the students it admits and it should endeavor to do that without creating a greater strain on its financial resources."

**Q:** The report makes five recommendations concerning diversity. As an example, let's examine the goal of increasing the



Max O. DePree '48, chairman of the Hope College Board of Trustees, speaks during the Board's discussion of *Hope in the Future*. President John H. Jacobson, left, listens attentively.

multicultural presence at Hope. Why is that important?

**A:** "There are basically two reasons that underlie this recommendation.

"One is that we can offer fine educational opportunities to members of domestic minorities, thus providing a benefit to those students. We will be more effective in providing this benefit to those students if we have minority faculty and minority staff.

"Increased minority presence will create a more stimulating, and ultimately a more useful, educational environment for our students, whether they be minority or majority students."

**Q:** The report mentions a program of centers — plural — to foster diverse and fulfilling social life. How did that idea develop, and what form do you think it would take?

**A:** "We started out with the idea that students had expressed — that they felt the need for a student hangout.

As we discussed this and thought more about it, however, we realized that rather than one place for students to gather we need a lot of places where students with different interests, and different lifestyles and habits can congregate.

"We should have a place where certain kinds of academic interests can be reinforced. We could have places for different kinds of recreation.

"We started from the idea that we need to have one space in which students would feel comfortable in their 'off hours.' We moved quickly to the idea that we need many such spaces."

**Q:** What more can you say about the goal that discusses Hope and the Reformed Church in America?

**A:** "In the founding and sustaining of Hope College, the Reformed Church has been of central importance.

"We need to find ways of giving back some of what we have received. We need to support the work of the Reformed Church through programs offered at the college.

And we need to continue to enable RCA people to understand how very important Hope College is to the Reformed Church — and what the college can do for the church as well as the things that we occasionally ask the church to do for the college.

**Q:** As you look at these goals becoming strategies and eventually becoming implemented, how do you see the Hope College that will result from that implementation as being different — better — than the Hope College we know today?

**A:** "Hope College in the future will be known for academic strength in more areas than has been true in the past. We have great academic strength in departments that are not presently as well known as some of the others, and will continue to develop new areas of exceptional strength.

"Students increasingly will be drawn to Hope College because it is a place in which they can engage in active learning in joint student-faculty research, in internships and in other active hands-on modes of learning. Students will continue to be drawn to Hope because of the strong commitment to Christian faith and academic excellence.

"We will see a change in the complexion of the faculty, and student body and staff. As the years go by we will see more people of color in our community."

**Q:** As this process is now a year old (since it was initially announced) are you pleased with the way everything has been proceeding?

**A:** "I am pleased with it. I would not have imagined that it would go so smoothly or so productively.

"It's a tremendous tribute to the willingness of Hope people to work hard and to give their best thought and effort. It's also a great tribute to Ken Gibson, who has played a major role in helping us think through the organization and in keeping the process moving, and also to Marj Graves, who has been his highly capable assistant throughout this effort." ✍



# There's no place like home

by Greg Olgers '87

The newly-renovated VanderWerf/Van Zoeren complex is a worthy companion to Van Wylen Library, its neighbor to the east.

The changes in the original buildings, austere remnants of an earlier decade, are apparent even from the outside. Gone are the brick sun screens that guarded the buildings' second floors on Graves Place. Gone, too, is the sense that the buildings are lesser cousins — forgotten relatives from the "wrong" side of campus.

Connecting links join Van Zoeren to Van Wylen and VanderWerf to Van Zoeren. A doorway on the library's second floor makes it possible to travel from the east side of Van Wylen to the west side of VanderWerf without once stepping outside — a pleasant walk that brings all of the buildings' faculty and staff closer to the center of campus.

Instead of the fragmented sun screens, tinted, reflective glass wraps the upper floor of the two buildings — an effect that from the outside makes it seem the sky emanates from the building itself, and on the inside opens the outdoors to the occupants.

Even the entry foyer, sheathed in varnished wood, embellished with brass fittings and dominated by a winding, balustraded stairway, tells the visitor that he has arrived at a place that deserves a closer look.

And, perhaps best of all, the facility has become the new home of four disparate departments that for many years had been scattered throughout the campus' hidden nooks and crannies. The education and business administration/economics departments moved into the building late in the summer. They were joined during the semester break by the academic support center and the department of sociology and social work.

The academic support center, previously housed in the basement of Dimnent Memorial Chapel, is now in the second floor of Van Zoeren Hall, a move that strategically places it mere steps from the

library and provided space for a resource area and tutoring rooms.

Jacqueline D. Heisler, director of the academic support center, is pleased with the change. "This for us is a wonderful improvement," Heisler said, noting that the tutoring rooms are a particular advantage — providing a central meeting place when before tutors and their students had to forage for study space.

*"It's great to have classrooms in the same building with our office facilities . . . And we're very elated with the facilities we have."*

— Dr. Lamont Dirkse '50

*Professor of Education and chairperson of the department.*

The academic support center shares a full-time secretary (also new) with the department of sociology and social work, which moved to the second floor of Van Zoeren from the basement of Graves Hall.

The change was especially dramatic for Deborah Weiss '75 Sturtevant, assistant professor of sociology and social work, who formerly occupied a windowless, interior office in Graves. She now has a bright, second-floor office that provides a wide view of Pillar Church on Ninth Street and downtown Holland beyond.

"It's really nice having the window and seeing the weather," she said, adding "It's nice having the extra space, too."

Dr. Donald A. Luidens '69, associate professor of sociology and chairperson of the department, is happy to see the department in its new home. "I'm pleased that the college is committed to improving the environment in which faculty members work," Dr. Luidens said. "We appreciate the fact that the sociology and social work department on campus has been recognized as a significant department on campus and deserving of better quarters."

As a 1969 Hope graduate, and as a member of the Hope faculty since 1977, Dr. Luidens knows well the department's geographic history. "My guess is that it was probably down in the basement since it was founded in the '50s," he said. "I know for the time I was here in the '60s they were in the basement — and I think they were here before then."

The education department, also on the building's second floor, was previously in the old College Guest House, on 12th Street between College and Columbia Avenues.

"It's great to have classrooms in the same building with our office facilities. And we're very elated with the facilities we have," said Dr. Lamont Dirkse '50, professor of education and chairperson of the department.

Perhaps the department's greatest pride is the model classroom designed specifically with teaching future educators in mind. Special tables, marked with grids and able to tip or take attachments for experiments as needed, ring the room,



A model classroom on the second floor of Van Zoeren Hall contains many aids for help. They can be used in different ways — they contain grids for graphing, and can hold attachments for use as a large-scale graph for shoes.

and state-of-the-art audio-visual equipment allows the students to see what sorts of teaching tools are available. Even the grid-work carpet can be used for large-scale graphing.

The new room has proven popular. "It's used every hour from about 9 a.m. until about 4:30 p.m.," Dr. Dirkse said.

The department of economics and business



Jacqueline Heisler, director of the Academic Support Center, moved from a basement-level office in Dimnent Memorial Chapel to a second floor office in Van Zoeren.

administration moved into the Van Zoeren from the renovated building on 11th Street near the maintenance building. Robin Klay, associate professor of business administration and a faculty member since 1979, believes the department is pleased with their new quarters.

"I think all of us appreciate the move to campus — in terms of being closer to other faculty and being with other faculty."

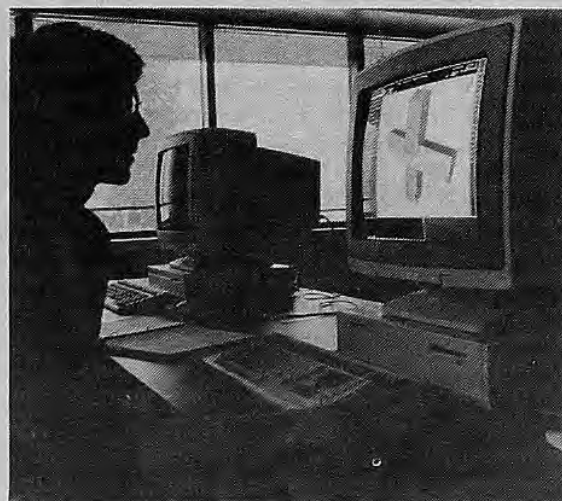
She said that one concern had been that the move would disadvantage their 11th Street real estate. That fear proved groundless.

"All of us were wondering how we would move from the house — the way to interact with each other. But it's turned out that it's really makes that easy."

Renovations to VanderWerf facilities to the departments of sociology and computer science, all of which were temporarily to Van Zoeren Hall, was redone. In addition to cosmetic changes, the building has acquired new classroom and office space. Renovation also allowed the south wall to be used for some of the offices more space.

Frank Sherburne Jr., associate professor of mathematics and a member of the faculty since 1959, was one of those who appreciated more office space, a better view of the campus, and permanent shelving (which was a long-time need).

"It looks more like an office building — maybe because of the people who work here."



The CAD (Computer Aided Design) laboratory in the connecting link between Van Zoeren and VanderWerf Halls has enhanced the college's engineering program.



for helping the education department teach tomorrow's teachers. Even the tables attachments for experiments. Here Professor Daniel Paul '50 uses the checkerboard

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Professor Sherburne said. "And you've got this nice view and sunshine."

The massive relocation project — which at times made it seem the college was playing a sophisticated version of musical chairs — has benefitted other departments as well. The counseling center and the office of career planning and placement have both moved to the business department's former home on 11th Street, gaining a sense of warmth and privacy their former offices lacked. And career planning and placement's move created space in the student development office for Dr. James R. Bekkering '65, vice president for student development services and admissions.

The office of international education moved from their house on Columbia Avenue at 11th Street to the education department's former home, gaining both space and a central location. The old international education house became a student cottage, and upward Bound and the department of modern and classical languages are claiming more of Graves.

Even after the start of the semester, fine tuning was still taking place. A new microcomputer lab in Van Zoeren was being wired; the sound system to the model classroom's observation room was being completed. The grounds, too, now covered with snow, are not yet complete.

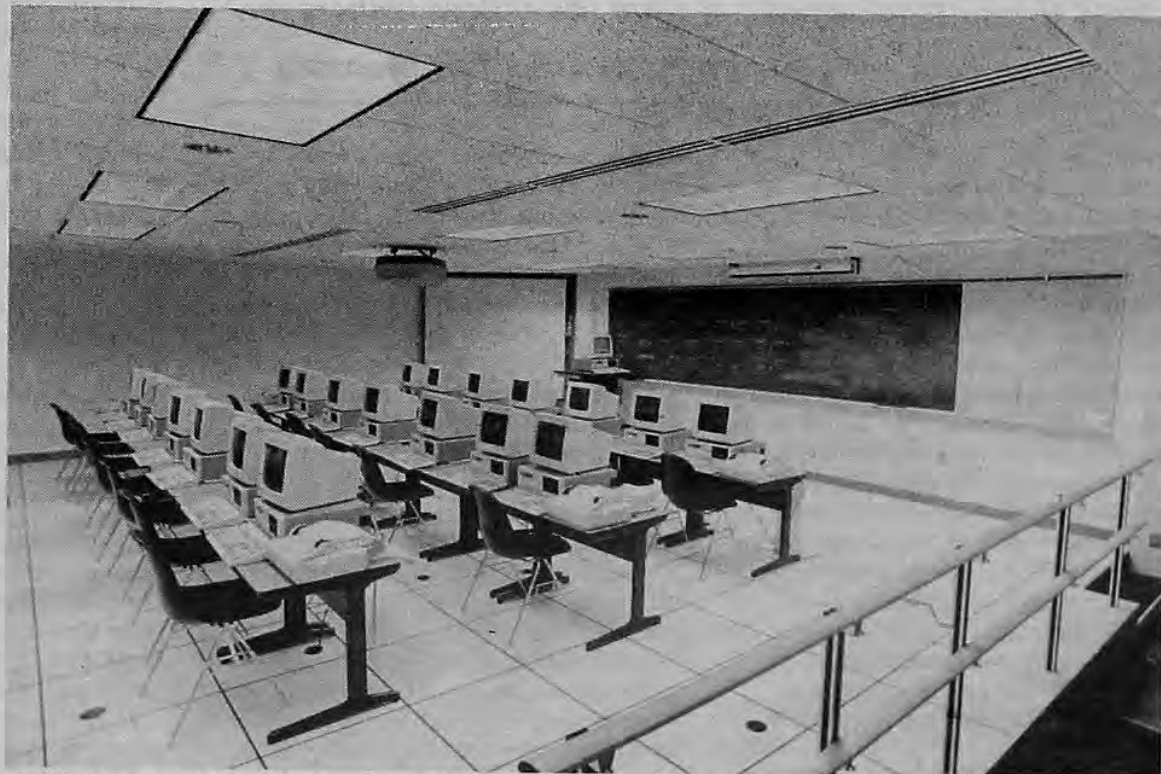
In time, the newness will fade, and as the current generation of students graduates the building will seem as familiar a part of the campus landscape as Van Vleck Hall. For now, however, the new facility is a novelty — and even when the novelty wanes it will remain needed, appreciated and a valued, fitting addition to Hope College. ✎



The wide, sweeping entryway to Van Zoeren Hall helps establish the building as an important part of the campus.



Several of the interior walls have had windows added, creating a sense of openness and breaking the monotony of solid-block construction.



Still being completed is a terminal room that features Swan microcomputers. The units have their own disk drives and are networked.

# John Van Iwaarden shares enthusiasm for Hope and teaching

by Lora Huizenga '90

Although things have pretty much settled down with the renovation and the changing facilities of the Van Zoeren/VanderWerf complex, there is still a great deal happening inside.

Tucked away in office 212 is the warm smile and lively voice of John Van Iwaarden, professor of mathematics, whose personality and presence are sparked with energy. Professor Van Iwaarden, a Hope alumnus himself (1957 graduate), has been on Hope's faculty since the fall of '61. During the mid-60s he worked in the physics department, and later, during the boom of the computer age when there was also a surge of students, he lent a hand and instructed some courses in the computer science department as well.

"I love my job," he explained.

But more than that, he has embraced and actualized the goal of not only providing a solid foundation in education, but making that learning real for the students. It's all about application, feels Professor Van Iwaarden, whose specialization is in applied mathematics.

"The application of the mathematics is where I find a great joy — in showing people how the stuff works out in the real

world," he said.

Professor Van Iwaarden further realizes and is concerned about how far the United States lags behind Japan and other countries in math. "It's been shown very clearly in competition with other countries that U.S. students are definitely lacking in mathematical ability," he said. "And it isn't that American kids are dumb. It's that, I don't think they have been really well prepared."

He does, however, acknowledge that improvement in the discipline is not only a goal but an occurring reality. He said that there has been an effort at all levels to improve math instruction in the classroom.

"I'm really glad to see that there is now going on in our country a real push revolutionizing mathematics at the high school, junior high and elementary levels," he said. "I look forward to something, say, in five to 10 years from now. We're going to just zip right bak to the top of the world because I think we're capable of doing that."

Education for Professor Van Iwaarden, both learning and teaching, seems to be less of a process than it is an experience.

"I think the enjoyable part of it is to take a class of students who don't know a particular subject — the content of a given course in something — and take them through the subject matter."

When he arrives at the final exam or the last day of a course, Professor Van Iwaarden

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***— Professor John Van Iwaarden '57***

world," he said.

He is concerned that students really understand the material. "I don't want them just to be number crunchers," he said.

Like many others, Professor Van Iwaarden is genuinely concerned about the lack of preparation students receive in math prior to college. Although he feels the problem cannot be pinpointed as beginning in the high schools, or potentially even earlier, he did speculate on just what may be happening.

"Unfortunately, I think what has happened is that people have become more like robots in their math. Rather than to get the real foundations thoroughly, they're becoming more and more number pushers," he said. "People aren't *thinkers* like they used to be. They're more mechanical."

Professor Van Iwaarden feels a push in our society away from ingenuity may be at fault.

"Creativity might be lacking — and maybe creativity is what would instill more

said he asks himself "Have I really accomplished my goal? Did I really pour something into their minds that's going to stay there? Do they really understand what mathematics is?"

Evaluations he's received say the answer to all the questions is "yes." His energy and enthusiasm, the 110 percent of himself he gives to his job, seem to have paid off.

Professor Van Iwaarden's accomplishments extend beyond the classroom. He is also the author of four textbooks, including one released in December. He has an open-ended contract with his publisher — a compliment to any writer — and noted that he definitely plans to continue text writing.

In his books, Professor Van Iwaarden again stresses the importance of application — so they are very much a reflection of his own philosophy. Most importantly, the texts are a source of personal satisfaction and pride for him.



*John Van Iwaarden '57 (left) gives the play-by-play on WHTC radio for a Hope men's basketball game. At right is Ray Backus, who does "color." Professor Van Iwaarden has been doing the play-by-play for more than 20 years, demonstrating an enthusiasm for the college that extends to his teaching in the math department.*

"Writing is an expression of my feelings for a contribution to the mathematical community," he said. "Those textbooks are extensions of me — they become my expression of my professional ideas."

When he's not preparing for classes and teaching, or working hard on the next book, Professor Van Iwaarden may be found on the courts, or in the broadcasting booth. He has been announcing Hope College basketball and football games, both home and away, for more than 20 years now.

Via WHTC, a Holland-area AM radio station, his voice brings all the excitement of the games to Hope fans who aren't able to make it to the field or court themselves.

"It's a hobby I love," Professor Van Iwaarden said. "It's also a promotion for Hope College to have all the Hope basketball and football games that we play broadcast — home and away. I feel I'm a part of the presentation of 'This is Hope College.'"

He also likes to see his broadcasting position as showing a faculty member having fun doing something as a hobby and "thoroughly enjoying it."

He is rightfully pleased that his broadcasts bring satisfaction to other people. "I've had a lot of people over the years say 'We really enjoy listening to you do the out-of-town games, John.'"

Professor Van Iwaarden himself is a genuine sports enthusiast. He's played fast-pitch softball for 40 years, spending some time in a professional league on the East Coast. He also enjoys golfing, tennis, ping pong, biking and other activities.

"I just have fun being out doing recreation," he said.

When asked if he thinks athletics are an important aspect of a college education,

Professor Van Iwaarden replied that the answer is a definite yes.

"Somewhere I've read, or heard, or had someone quote to me that what Hope College attempts to do is to develop a student in a variety of ways: intellectually, spiritually, physically, right on down the line," he said. "I think those are all aspects of what college is there for — to provide an overall, well-rounded education for the student."

Professor Van Iwaarden is a family man as well. He's been a busy father of six children.

Two are Hope graduates — John Van Iwaarden Jr. '82 and Deborah Van Iwaarden '86 De Mino — and two are presently attending Hope — Mark, a senior and Daniel, a sophomore.

He said that having his children attend Hope "has never been a problem. In fact, it's been a plus." Professor Van Iwaarden likes that he is right on campus with them, and can be available for them.

The oldest of his children are now involved in running a successful family business — VIPets — and have recently opened their third store. Although he is mainly a reference person in the business, he noted "It's a lot of fun — we're having a great time doing it."

Professor Van Iwaarden is also the proud grandfather of three, including a bright-eyed three-month-old.

Between his position on the math faculty at Hope and the many shoes he fills beyond that, Professor Van Iwaarden is definitely a busy man. But whether he's in the classroom, in the broadcast booth, on the playing field, or in the pet store lending a helping hand, one thing is certain: everything he does receives energy and commitment.

# ALUMNI NEWS

## alumni alert

by Janet Mielke '84 Pinkham

Campus is covered with a layer of fluffy white snow... just in time for the Alumni Association's sixth annual Winter Happening on Saturday, Feb. 17 — a day of entertainment, education and excitement.

Recently, I returned from two meetings of our California alumni. In Los Angeles, more than 70 alumni and their families attended a marionette performance of *The Nutcracker* hosted by Hope alumnus Don Battjes '68, owner of Bob Baker Productions. Prior to the show, we were treated to a backstage tour allowing us to see the 3-foot tall puppets up close. Afterward, a special reception was held. Many thanks to Don who made the day magical for us all!

Our Greater San Francisco area alumni enjoyed an "After Hours" event at the Holiday Inn of Palo Alto. An abundance of good food and conversation combined with extremely attractive surroundings made for a winning evening. Thanks go to John DeVries '41 and Jan Evert '57 who helped us.

If you plan to be in the Holland area next month, please join us for Musical Showcase, March 6 at Grand Rapids' DeVos Hall. Now in its second year, this annual event features the College's musical groups in a festive atmosphere. Ticket information is available by calling the Office of Public Relations (616) 394-7860.

Perhaps you are wondering how the Alumni Office determines the cities in which regional events are held. Generally, they are defined by their alumni population. To ensure high quality, low cost events, we must anticipate attendance of 10 percent, or a minimum of 20 people.

Population also plays a role in the frequency of events. Regions with smaller alumni populations tend to meet every other year, whereas those with a larger concentration may meet several times annually.

Should you have an idea for an event in your region, please contact me at (616) 394-7860. I always appreciate hearing from you.

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## class notes

News and information for class notes, marriages, births, advanced degrees and deaths are compiled by Greg Olgers. The deadline for the next issue is March 1.

### 20s

**Isabel Everse '25 Kamps** of Gallup, N.M. turned 90 last May. She has six sons, 16 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

**Alice Van Hattem '28 Jones** and her husband of Two Rivers, Wis. are enjoying their winter home in Honduras.

**Julius Schipper '28** of Akron, Ohio and wife Janet observed their 60th wedding anniversary of Aug. 16. All five children were present to help them observe it, as were his brother and two sisters (all of whom have observed their 50th wedding anniversaries).

### 30s

**M. Carlyle Neckers '35** of Leesburg, Fla. is a "third generation grandparent." Grandson Matthew is a freshman at Hope.

**David A. Laman '36** of Artesia, Calif. is serving as assistant pastor for visitation and senior activities with Emmanuel Reformed Church in Paramount, Calif.

**Doris Van Lente '36 Neckers** of Leesburg, Fla. is a "third generation grandparent." Grandson Matthew is a freshman at Hope.

**Morris Folkert '38** of Jenison, Mich. is visitation pastor at Seventh Reformed Church of Grand Rapids, Mich.

### 40s

## Class of 1940 50th Reunion Alumni Weekend May 4-6

**Eunice Scholten '40 Jelsma** continues to be very involved in the Presbyterian Peace program in Third Presbyterian of Rochester, N.Y. of Genesee Valley Presbytery. She also chairs the Educational Foundation program and Great Decisions discussion group at AAUW.

**Harmon Wierenga '40** and wife **Ann Van Eck '48 Wierenga** are retired and living in Boise, Idaho.

**Eloise Boynton '41 Bosch** with her husband Don in May attended the "kick-off" conference held at New Brunswick Seminary to celebrate the 100 years that Reformed Church missionaries have served in the Middle East. In October they visited Muscat, Oman and attended the dedication of a new church in nearby Ghala. She also reports that their home and car in South Carolina survived Hurricane Hugo without mishap, although "all around us was a disaster."

**Walter J. Macak '41** of Stockton, N.J. is retired and involved in the restoration of historic homes and barns in Hunterdon County, N.J.

**Cornelius Pettinga '42** represented Hope College at the inauguration of F. Sheldon Wettack as the 13th president of Wabash College on Dec. 3.

**Vernon Boersma '44** of Holland, Mich., long a Holland-area pediatrician and an early provider of medical care programs for migrant workers, was in November recognized with Holland Rotary Club's Distinguished Service Award.

**George Lumsden '44** of Birmingham, Mich. is retired but continues to write business articles for Darnell Publications of Chicago, Ill.

## Class of 1945 45th Reunion Alumni Weekend May 4-6

**Thomas Boslooper '45** is active guest preaching, singing and song leading at the Community Reformed Church in Clearwater, Fla.

**Marian Smallegan '45** received the doctor in divinity degree from Virginia Theological Seminary on Oct. 24. She attended the seminary as its first woman student.

**Robert J. Danhof '47**, chief judge of the Michigan Court of Appeals, on Nov. 1 became president of the Council of Chief Judges of the Courts of Appeal. The organization is part of the American Bar Association and is composed of the chief judges of the 37 states which now have intermediate Courts of Appeal.

**Marian Dame '47 Hoekstra** with husband **John Hoekstra '50** in April and May visited Kenya, Tanzania, Malawi, Zimbabwe, Zambia and South

Africa to visit Reformed Church missionaries.

**Max O. DePree '48** had his book *Leadership is an Art* reviewed in the October issue of *VISAVIS*, the magazine of United Airlines Inc.

**Jean Snow '49 Bloemendaal** of Pembroke, Maine is teaching English in the continuing education program at Washington County Technical College in Eastport, Maine.

**Jay Weener '49** was installed on Oct. 16, 1989 as the Henry Bast Professor of Preaching at Western Theological Seminary. He also serves as vice chairman of the Hope College Board of Trustees.

### 50s

## Class of 1950 40th Reunion Alumni Weekend May 4-6

**Donald Boss '50** of Waupun, Wis. retired on Oct. 1. **Lawrence De Voogd '50** of Muskegon, Mich., has recently received two different administrator of the year awards. He was named the 1988 Administrator of the Year by the Michigan Reading Association, and the 1989 Administrator of the Year by the Federal and State Programs Association.

**Roger Hendricks '50** since Nov. 1 has been "visitation pastor" at First Reformed Church of Portage, Mich. **Robert Kranendonk '50** is married to Barbara Ann Kranendonk, De Pauw '60, not Barbara Kranendonk '50 Allen, as was mistakenly reported in the February, 1989 issue of *news from Hope College*.

**Harvey W. Moes '50** is Hillsdale County (Mich.) Circuit Court Judge.

**Wade Moore '50** and wife **Patricia Kinney '50 Moore** both have their ministerial licenses and are in mission work to the Indians and Mexicans in Oklahoma. Wade was previously superintendent of engine assembly with Ford Motor Co. in Cleveland, Ohio. "Retired from Ford, rehired by the Lord!" he notes.

**Shirley Volkema '50 Richardson** of Farmington, Mich. in November was unanimously elected her city's first woman mayor by her fellow city council members. **Richard F. Welch '50** in July and October gave workshops for chemistry teachers in Las Vegas, Nevada and Detroit, Mich. respectively. He visited members of the Hope chemistry faculty this fall, and found seven of his former students on campus — even though he had retired more than three years ago (he visited or spoke with each of them).

**Irene Little '51 Malewitz** of Harleysville, Pa. has retired after teaching for 25 years, and enjoys substituting, traveling, crafts and grandchildren.

**Tom Malewitz '51** of Harleysville, Pa. continues teaching at Villanova and being their pre-med advisor. He looks forward to retirement in two years.

**Vern Schipper '51** represented Hope College at the

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inauguration of Helen Popovich as the 15th president of Ferris State University in Big Rapids, Mich. on Friday, Nov. 10.

**Clayton Borgman '52** of Midland, Mich. from early September through mid November worked on a wildlife photography project in four Rocky Mountain states. On his way back to Michigan he stopped at Central College in Pella, Iowa a paid a surprise visit to **Ken Weller '48**, president of the college — a former mentor, coach and friend. "We both had a good time with the chance to reflect on good memories," he notes. **Verna Van Zyl '52** Post retired in August after 26 years as a speech pathologist with the Tacoma (Wash.) School District.

**Marlene Meniga '54 Craul** of Lewisburg, Pa. and husband Donald were featured in the Dec. 3 *Daily Item* (the Sunbury, Pa. newspaper) for their "Moose Brand" Christmas tree farm.

## Class of 1955 35th Reunion Alumni Weekend May 4-6

**Thomas Carlson '55** is vice president of Wheaton's Concession Supply Co. of Columbus, Ohio and was awarded the Silver Beaver Award by the Central Ohio Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

**William Heydorn '55** retired from the U.S. Army in January, 1989 after more than 28 years of service. He served as chief of the department of surgery and commander of Letterman Army Medical Center. He received the Legion of Merit for his teaching programs at the center. He resides in Tiburon, Calif. with wife **Joan Kilian '55 Heydorn** and works with the American Medical Association as an accreditation representative in graduate medical education.

**Richard Decker '56**, senior research fellow with Abbott Laboratories, will assume a new responsibility for worldwide scientific support for Abbott's Hepatitis C business. His primary presence will be in Delkerheim, West Germany. He has been head of Abbott's divisional research and development in Hepatitis and AIDS since 1982. He will relocate to Europe in mid-1990.

**John P. Drost '57** has retired as a minister of the Reformed Church in America and is now living in Kitchener, Ontario.

**Robert Quisenberry '57** is retiring from the Hamilton (Ohio) School District after 30 years with the district — the last 13 as superintendent. His last work day will be March 15.

**Calvin P. Langejans '58** was featured in the *Grand Haven (Mich.) Tribune* as director of the 75-voice Holland Chorale. He has been the director for 29 years.

**Yoshie Ogawa '58**, staff vice president, International

Affairs, with Northwest Airlines Inc., on Thursday, Nov. 21 spoke on "The Changing Role of Women in Japan" at the Gerald R. Ford Museum in Grand Rapids, Mich.

**Paul Elzinga '59** in November was featured in an "Executive Profile" in the *Grand Rapids (Mich.) Press*. He is chairman of the construction services and management firm Elzinga and Wolkers.

**Harold S. Gazan '59**, director of audits, investigations and licensing administration for the Michigan Department of Social Services (DSS), has been named the 1989 Michigan Public Servant of the Year by the GAA Foundation Inc. The GAA Foundation is a charitable, non-profit corporation affiliated with the Government Administrators Association. The Foundation's Michigan Public Servant of the Year award program is coordinated through the Public Administration Program of the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

## 60s

## Class of 1960 30th Reunion Alumni Weekend May 4-6

**C.J. Stringer '60** represented Hope College at the inauguration of Dr. Abel B. Sykes Jr. as the second president of Lansing (Mich.) Community College on Friday, Jan. 12.

**Robert Trimmer '60** of Elkhart, Ind. is in his second year as a state officer for the Gideons International.

**Ronald Beyer '61** of Allegan, Mich. gave the closing prayer at the Layman's National Bible Association's luncheon in New York City in November. The bishop of the Greek Orthodox Church of North and South America was present, and Ed Derwinski of President George Bush's cabinet was the speaker. The event took place at the Park Plaza Hotel and was attended by people from throughout the nation.

**L. William Kuyper '61**, a French hornist, performs the Benjamin Britten "Serenade" for tenor, horn and strings on a New York Virtuosi album being distributed by Academy of Sound and Vision in the United Kingdom and on the European continent.

**Barbara Wood '61** of Benicia, Calif. is a certified public accountant with Scott B. Price & Co. of San Francisco, Calif.

**Jean Schregardus '62 Beyer** of Allegan, Mich. initiated and directs the Shepherd Center Ministry to older adults in the Kalamazoo, Mich. area. More than 200 adults from 55 churches attended the weekly "adventure in learning" classes. Jean is also director of the senior adult ministries of the Third Reformed Church in Kalamazoo.

**Ruth DeBeer '62 Wilson** of Grosse Pointe Woods,

Mich. was elected president of the Classis of Lake Erie (RCA), and was also elected to the RCA General Synod Executive Committee at the 1989 General Synod.

**Peter Eppinga '63** of Pacific Palisades, Calif. was recently named senior vice president of Sears Savings Bank, owned by Sears Roebuck.

**Robert Gordon '63**, associate provost and an associate professor of education had "Seeing Worlds Close By," an exhibit of his photography, displayed in December at Studio Angelico on the Siena Heights College campus in Adrian, Mich.

**Bob Klebe '63**, an agent with Equitable Life in St. Louis, has been awarded the designation of Chartered Financial Consultant by the American College, Bryn Mawr, Pa.

**Gail Pennington '63 Siefert** has moved to Morehead City, N.C. after retiring from 25 years of teaching high school German, French and English. She plans to work in real estate and operate a small "bed and breakfast."

**John Blemendaal '64** of Pembroke, Maine is teaching boat building at Washington County Technical College. **L. Calvert Curlin '64** of Painesville, Ohio is author, Kirk Othmer Encyclopedia of Chemical Technology section on chlorine and sodium hydroxide.

**Helen Rose '64 Vandenberg** of Wyckoff, N.J. on Jan. 1 became director of psychiatric social service of St. Mary's Hospital.

**Paul Wackerbarth '64** is economic counselor (head of the economic section) at the U.S. Embassy in Warsaw, Poland.

## Class of 1965 25th Reunion Alumni Weekend May 4-6

**Bruce Neckers '65** and **Susan Sonneveldt '67** Neckers are "generation student" parents. Their son, Matthew, is attending Hope College.

**John B. Richardson '65** of Gallup, N.M., a social worker in the Indian Health Service, was awarded the U.S. Public Health Service's Commendation Medal.

**Mary Morris '66** continues to be a reading specialist in the Yonkers School System and lives in Manhattan, N.Y., with husband Malcolm, and sons David and Michael.

**Robert White '66** and **JoAnne Kemink '66 White** are "generation student parents." Their son, Erik, is attending Hope College.

**Gerald Auten '67** is on leave from Bowling Green State University and working as an economist in the office of tax policy in the U.S. Treasury Department.

**Randall M. Miller '67** co-edited the *Dictionary of Afro-American Slavery*, which won a Best Reference Book award from *Library Journal*. Another book,

**James A. Herrick** assistant professor of communication, has had his article "Miracles and Method" published in the August issue of the *Quarterly Journal of Speech*, the oldest and most selective journal of rhetorical criticism in the field of speech communication.

Dr. Herrick's recent research focuses on the eighteenth century controversy between the Deists and Orthodox Christians. The controversy concerned whether or not biblical miracles can reasonably be believed, and thus more generally whether or not Christianity itself was fit for the acceptance of thinking people.

In "Miracles and Method," Dr. Herrick concludes that the arguments advanced in the miracles controversy were shaped not only by the beliefs of the various writers, but by their objectives in the controversy as well. He shows that in some instances both Deist and Christian writers modified their beliefs and values in order to make their arguments more persuasive, a phenomenon still common in public debates.

**Theodore Nielsen**, Guy VanderJagt Professor of Communication at Hope College, and two alumni produced an instructional videotape on tissue injuries that will be used by medical schools and physicians throughout the country.

"Management of Soft Tissue Injuries" was produced for the International Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeons. The 30-minute program was released in

*Shades of the Sunbelt*, was just released by the University Presses of Florida.

**Ruth Ziemann '67 Sweetser** has been named associate director of Illinois Institute of Technology's west suburban campus.

**Donald Scott '68**, following 18 years in the pastorate, the last 11 of which were at the First Baptist Church of Rome, N.Y., has accepted the position of minister of world mission support for the American Baptist Churches of Indiana and the American Baptist Churches of Greater Indianapolis. He assumed his new responsibilities on Sept. 1.

**Sharon Dykstra '68 Teusink** of Houston, Texas, is sales manager of Gary Greene Realtors, Better Homes and Gardens Residential Sales.

**George Arwady '69** of Kalamazoo, Mich. was the convocation speaker at Central College on Dec. 5, speaking on "Moral Dilemmas in the Media."

**Judith Deenik '69 Gouwens** of Ottawa, Kan., is coordinator for the Educational Assistance Center, an alternate school for high school dropouts.

## 70s

## Class of 1970 20th Reunion Alumni Weekend May 4-6

**Susan Wierda '70 Bolton** in October began serving as principal of Mio (Mich.) AuSable Elementary School.

**Steven Harms '70** of Rochester, Mich. is an adjunct lecturer at Walsh College in Troy, Mich. He appears in the sixth edition of "Who's Who in American Law."

**Lon Eriks '71**, president of the Cambridge Group of Merrillville, Ind., has been appointed chairman of the computer services committee of The Commercial Investment Real Estate Council of The National Association of Realtors (NAR). He has also been named as computer liaison between The Realtors National Marketing Institute and NAR.

**Stephen Wing '71** was installed as pastor of the West Broward Community Church in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., which was organized as an RCA congregation on Oct. 29 with 112 adults and 59 children as charter members.

**Brenda Boote '72 DeBruyn** of Two Rivers, Wis. plays flute with the Lakeshore Wind Ensemble, which is connected with the University of Wisconsin, Manitowoc County.

**Bob Douglass '72** of Park Ridge, Ill. was recently elected president of the board of Northwest Chicago Group Home for the Mentally Ill, a new program of Lutheran Social Services of Illinois (LSSI).

**Thomas Gouwens '72** of Ottawa, Kan., is university organist with Ottawa University, an instructor of music

## NOTES

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President John H. Jacobson.

"An excellent faculty is a college's strongest asset," Dr. Jacobson said. "Our on-going faculty development program will be enhanced by this grant because it is aimed at supporting the work of our faculty at various points in their careers." The new program will continue through the summer of 1993 with the funding provided by the Knight Foundation grant and Hope College.

**RESERVE RESTRICTED:** Use of the Hope College biology preserve, long a favorite hiking and cross-country skiing site for Hope students and Holland area residents, has been restricted for the sake of the land's plant and animal life, according to members of the biology faculty.

The preserve, popularly known as the "Biology Field Station" for many years, is west of the city of Holland near Lake Michigan. Owned by the college for more than 20 years, the tract consists of approximately 50 acres.

Increased development and traffic in the area, as well as the department's desire to study the land's plant and animal life, have prompted the decision to limit access.

While the college hopes to eliminate the indiscriminate public use that has occurred at the facility in the past, allowances are being made for certain groups whose use will be compatible with the college's goals,

such as the Audubon Society. If they first obtain the written permission of the biology department, such organizations are granted access to the land.

**ADMISSIONS ADDITION:** Darryl Davis has joined the Hope College admissions staff as an admissions counselor.

Davis will be involved with the recruitment of minority students, and will work primarily with students in western Michigan and selected schools in the Detroit, Michigan and Chicago, Illinois areas.

## FACULTY KUDOS:

**James M. Gentile**, dean for the natural sciences and Kenneth G. Herrick Professor of Biology at Hope, is one of the managing editors of *Mutation Research*, the leading international journal on mutagenesis, chromosome breakage and related subjects.

The journal is divided into several monthly sections so that its readers can receive concentrated information on subfields of particular interest to them. As a managing editor, Dr. Gentile is responsible for both the journal as a whole and for the section entitled "Mutation Research Letters."

The 16-member board of managing editors of *Mutation Research* consists of a select group of research scientists involved in academia, government and industry. An international organization, the board includes representatives from the United Kingdom, Italy, The Netherlands, Japan and the United States.





Lake, Mich.; and Pella, Iowa. Trained as a teacher, she taught an ecumenical released-time Bible course for students of the Pella Public Schools before moving to New Jersey in 1958.

A 30-year resident of Ridgewood, N.J., she had been active in the Old Paramus Reformed Church as a choir member, member of the music committee and in other church-related activities. She was a leader of national stature in the denomination, serving as president of the Reformed Church Women and as the president at the Triennial Conference held in Philadelphia.

She was deeply committed to the ordination of women, and was one of the leaders in that successful struggle.

She was later employed as a real estate agent with Century 21 in Ho-Ho-Kus, N.J. She passed her state real estate exam at age 65, and went on to become a member of the real estate Million Dollar Sales Club in 1983-84.

Surviving are her husband; two daughters, Kathleen VandeBerg of Mahopac, N.Y. and Jane Coyle of Newport, R.I.; a son, James of Philadelphia, Pa.; a brother, John Engelsman of Alexandria, La.; and seven grandchildren.

**Minnie Rozeboom '24** Sanko died on Nov. 10, 1989. She is survived by a son, Tom; a daughter, Barbara; and five grandchildren.

**Howard C. Schade '32** of Seminole, Fla. died on Monday, Sept. 25, 1989, at University General Hospital, Seminole.

Born Oct. 27, 1908 in the Bronx, N.Y., he graduated from New Brunswick Theological Seminary in New Jersey after earning his degree from Hope. From 1935 to 1959, he served pastorates in Coxsackie, Tappan, N. Terrytown and Nyack, N.Y.

In 1958, he was elected president of the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America. From 1959 to 1966 he served at their national headquarters as an executive secretary of the Board of North American Missions. He then returned to a pastoral ministry in Bogota, N.J., serving there from 1966 to 1972.

During his long ministry, Reverend Schade was active in a wide variety of state and community affairs. For example, he had been a member of the Governor's Conference for the Aging and served on the President's Conference on Traffic. He had worked as chaplain in both military and hospital settings.

After retiring to Seminole in 1973, he was called to be associate pastor of Lake Seminole Presbyterian church from 1974 to 1979. As associate pastor emeritus of that congregation, he continued in ministry there by teaching a Sunday school class, leading a Thursday morning prayer group and visitation until shortly before his death.

He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth; a son, Thomas V. of Tempe, Ariz.; and a brother, Arthur, of Albuquerque, N.M.

**Earl M. Slagh '30** of Elsie, Mich. died on Monday, Dec. 25, 1989. He was 81.

He was born in Holland, Mich. on March 1, 1908, to Tieman and Alice Boyenga Slagh. He attended Holland High School, and in addition to Hope attended the University of Michigan and the University of St. Louis.

He moved to Elsie in 1939. He and Carol Degan were married on Dec. 28, 1937 in Bay City.

Slagh was a member of St. Cyrils Catholic Church, and the Elsie United Methodist Church. He served in the U.S. Army as a captain during World War II, was a member of the American Legion Post 502 in Elsie, a charter member of the Elsie Lions Club and a member of the AMA. He was a retired medical doctor on staff at Clinton Memorial Hospital and the Memorial Hospital in Owosso.

Surviving are his wife, Carol; two daughters, Kathryn Olson of Ovid, Mich. and Mary Slagh of Daytona Beach, Fla.; a son, Michael Slagh of Queensland, Australia; and four grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers and four sisters.

## sympathy to

The family and friends of **William H. Vande Water** of Holland, Mich., who died on Friday, Dec. 8, 1989. He was 88.

Hope College honored him in 1971 for 50 years of news coverage of Hope athletic events. In 1985, the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association honored him for dedicated and distinguished service to intercollegiate athletics since 1920.

His newspaper career began in 1920, and he was a staff correspondent for *The Grand Rapids Press* from 1927 to 1985. He wrote the first Tulip Time story to ever appear in an outstate daily newspaper. Vande Water also wrote for *The Holland Sentinel*, *Detroit News*, *Detroit Free Press*, *Chicago Tribune* and *Kalamazoo Gazette*.

His civic activities in Holland spanned decades. The organizations in which he had been involved included the Tulip Time board, Holland Chamber of Commerce, Boy Scouts and Holland Rotary Club.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Randall P. '52 and Mary E. DeKock '72 Vande Water of Holland; one granddaughter, Nancy Vande Water '81 Sivertson of Tyler, Texas; two great-grandchildren; two brothers, Bernard and Charles Vande Water; and one sister, Mrs. Ralph (Florence) Dokter, all of Holland; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 58 years, Kitty, in 1983.

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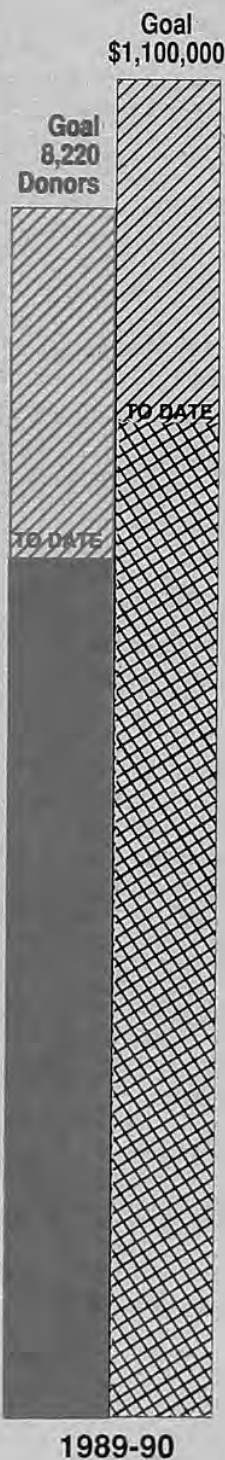
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# The other athletes: intramurals offer fun, friendship, variety

by Stephanie Wright '91

**H**ave you ever heard of pickleball? It's a fairly unusual sport that combines ping-pong, tennis and racquetball.

It's also one of the new sports being offered through the Hope College intramural athletic program.

The program has been in existence at Hope for several years. In the fall of 1988, however, Dr. Anne Irwin, already an associate professor of physical education and the athletic director for women, became director of intramural sports.

With the help of students, Dr. Irwin restructured the intramural program so that it could include more sports and different sports, such as pickleball, than in the past. The program already had traditional sports such as football, basketball and softball, but Dr. Irwin thought that by offering other sports as well, she could boost participation.

"My focus was on trying to get participation up really high, so I was trying to think of things we could do to hopefully make that happen or at least give an opportunity to make that happen," Dr. Irwin said.

Consequently, she has shortened the seasons so that she could keep the sports already being offered and add new sports as well. She is hoping that everyone at Hope will be able to find an intramural sport they like to play.

Some of the sports Dr. Irwin has added are fairly traditional, such as tennis, racquetball, badminton and indoor soccer. She has also added some unusual sports, like pickleball and inner tube water polo, and social sports, like one-day bowling and miniature golf tournaments.

The tactic seems to be working. During the 1988-89 academic year, 950 people participated in the intramural program — and with 546 persons having been involved during the past fall semester alone, there is every indication that participation will be even higher this year. The campus seems to appreciate the variety.

This year there are approximately 25 sports or seasons offered to men's, women's and co-ed teams. There are also special freshmen tournaments offered at the very beginning of the year to introduce the freshmen to the program. And, May Day, a traditional event at Hope which has often had many Greek participants, is getting more publicity and participation through the intramural program.

Teams can be formed through any combination of members of the Hope community, and while the teams are mostly students, there are a few faculty and staff team members. Last year there was a team called "The Graduates," which consisted entirely of faculty members.

While the main emphasis of the intramural program is on participation and fun, there is always going to be competition in a sporting event. Keeping these two things in mind Dr. Irwin developed a system of points and awards for the program.



Inner tube water polo is one of many activities offered through the intramural program at Hope College. Others include basketball, football, bowling, miniature golf and pickleball. Pictured are senior Melanie Bogo (foreground) and sophomore Andrea Schregardus. Last year their team, "The Anchors," took first place against a faculty team called "The Graduates."

An "Outstanding Team Award" is given to a men's and a women's team which has accumulated the highest number of points throughout the year. An "Outstanding Individual Award" is given to each man and woman who has on an individual basis accumulated the highest number of points throughout the year.

Doreen German, a junior from Greenville, Mich., has been very involved with the intramural program since Dr. Irwin took it over. As a freshman she played on the women's junior varsity basketball team and didn't know much about the intramural program, but as a sophomore she was one of the students who helped Dr. Irwin re-structure the program. She also was the captain of an intramural team and won the "Outstanding Individual Award."

German is positive about the program and how it has changed since she's been at Hope. She discovered that for her it has been not only a lot of fun, but a great way to make friends and relieve stress. She found being involved in varsity athletics here very time-consuming and stressful, but intramurals has a more relaxed atmosphere and the activity itself is a great stress release.

She says that competitiveness exists but that it is part of the fun. "You can be competitive and enjoy that part of it, but then after the game it's cool and it's not like you lost the conference championship. You can just go back to the dorm and goof around with those same people (you played against)," German said.

She also said she has made many friends

through the program and points out that the environment of intramurals is so casual that it is a great way to meet people.

Dan Otis, a sophomore from Ludington, Mich., has also been fairly involved with the intramural program. He was the team captain of "The Beefcakes," who finished third last year in overall points. Otis, who finished second for individual points, echoed some of German's comments.

Otis played several varsity sports in high school, but when he came to Hope he decided he didn't want to play on the varsity level. He was concerned that being on a varsity team would mean having to fit studies around the sport, whereas he feels that intramurals are very flexible and don't interfere with his studies.

One aspect of intramurals that both Otis and his teammate Rob Riekse, a sophomore from Grand Rapids, Mich., enjoy is the camaraderie of the team. "It helped in my freshman year to be with a group of guys who would get together at least once a week for the different competitions and put aside our schoolwork for awhile, just be guys," Otis said. "And that camaraderie, and the fact that it's a very, very fun program to be involved in brought me back."

He said he also likes the variety that the short seasons and different sports offers. Otis said he believes that there is a lot of participation in the program, but that he would like to see even more. The number of people participating this year is already up quite a bit from last year at this time, and Otis said they have added more people

to the "Beefcakes" team roster.

Dr. Irwin is happy with the way the intramural program is running.

She is hoping to continue to build participation, and she is experimenting with activities that may interest people who, as she puts it, "don't like to get sweaty."

She has also thought about orienteering, which for many people would also involve learning a new skill. "I'm trying to come up with a variety of things, so everybody would be interested in at least one thing during the year," Dr. Irwin said.

She is also concerned that the program exist for the students and "that everybody is considered." She asks students what they think about ideas she has. She calls up some of the students who have been very involved in the program or she talks to students she has in class. She also talked to the Sports Management class about the intramural program and asked them if they had any ideas or suggestions.

She found it interesting that some of the things they suggested, such as a T-shirt contest to design the championship T-shirt, were ideas she had already been exploring.

One thing she is thinking about doing this year is having a play-off game between the over-all winning team of Hope's intramural men's basketball and Calvin's winning intramural team. If the competition happens, it has every chance of catching the spirit of the Hope-Calvin rivalry. For Riekse, however, there is no question which team would emerge on top.

"We would probably win," he said. ✪