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Grads challenged to be “daring, adventurous”

American ambivalence regarding the press stems from a misunderstanding of the media's role in society, journalist Bruce van Voorst '54 said in his commencement address during Hope College's 126th Commencement on Sunday, May 5.

"The American ambivalence toward the media is astounding," said van Voorst, Senior Correspondent for National Security Affairs with *Time* magazine. "While lambasting the press for being overly aggressive and too skeptical during the Gulf war, Americans were reading and watching the news as never before."

"I'm not sure Americans understood, and understand now, the role of the press," he said. "The media is out there representing you—yes, even those inane questions at press conferences."

The media serves, van Voorst explained, by monitoring the activities of government,

which like any institution by its nature is reluctant to welcome the questioning of decisions and actions by outsiders.

"Yet government at all levels spends your money, demands your taxes, deregulates your airlines or your telephone service or your savings and loan. It will tell you what pills you can take and which medicine is acceptable. It may take you to war," he said.

"It is a demon that has to be dealt with, not ignored," van Voorst said. "There's no way you can know of this except through the press."

Van Voorst also noted that he considers the First Amendment protection for speech and press "the core of the Constitution."

"Nowhere in the world—and I have reported with every nationality from British to Dutch to German to Japanese—does there exist as competent and free press as in the United States, and I find in this an explanation for the dynamism of our society."

Hope College presented bachelor's degrees to 570 graduating seniors during Commencement, which was held in the Holland Civic Center with 2,700 family members and friends attending.

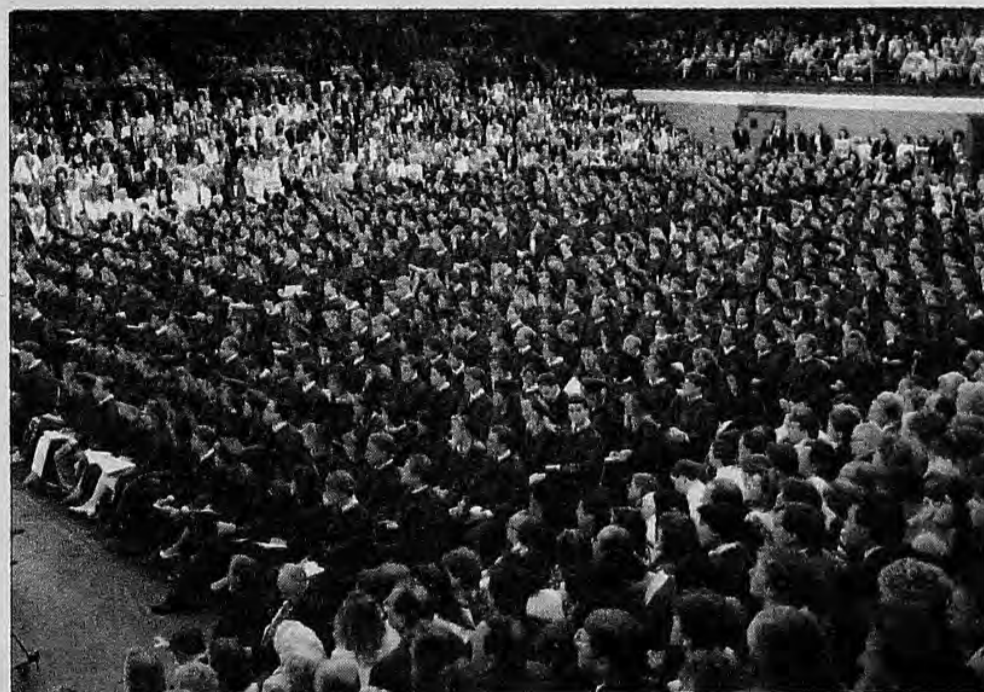
The day's rainy weather prompted the college to move the ceremony indoors for the first time since 1982. Commencement is otherwise held at Holland Municipal Stadium, which permits a larger audience, typically of 4,000. Parents from throughout the United States and as far away as Bahrain were present.

Van Voorst titled his address "The Road Less Traveled," and presented his views on the media during one of six major points designed to make the graduates "daring and adventurous" in the decisions they face. Both van Voorst, who is originally from Holland, Mich., and Zeeland, Mich., businessman Marvin G. DeWitt were also presented honorary doctorates during the ceremony, and were honored during a luncheon earlier in the day.

Van Voorst discussed not only the media but also knowledge, war, the future's uncertainty, attitudes toward government and multiculturalism.

Regarding knowledge, he said, "The principal lesson the world teaches is how little we know, or can know...My bottom line to you is avoid absolutes, disdain extremism, search for understanding and practice tolerance."

His discussion of war followed his active role in *Time's* coverage of the Gulf war. "When the Gulf war broke out, I was under Scud attack in Dhahran, and was shortly huddled in a Marine bunker at the front taking incoming Iraqi artillery



Although heavy rains forced the ceremony inside for the first time since 1982, the wet weather did little to dampen the spirits of the 570 graduates or their families and friends.

rounds," he said.

"It's hard not to spend moments like that reflecting on the grotesque stupidity of war," van Voorst said. "War may on occasion be unavoidable, but think long, and think hard."

The Gulf war also served his discussion of life's unpredictability. "Who among us in the profession would have predicted a year ago that we would deploy a half-million American troops in the Gulf, and drop three times the explosives on Iraq and Kuwait that we dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki?"

"Matters which are going to deeply determine the course of your lives come with so little warning. Life is so fragile," he said. "You will experience how classmates in

college, promising ones, are struck down by illness, accident or fate."

Regarding attitudes toward government, van Voorst said, "Do not walk through the world naive about the role of politics and government in your life. Next to the almighty, it's the most omnipresent thing you'll ever experience."

Concerning multiculturalism, van Voorst said, "As America becomes less white, less 'European,' there are Americans who can no longer identify with the prevailing cultural norms."

"This will affect not just education, but legislation, employment and public policy," he said. "Race is the great unresolved issue for America."

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Alumni Weekend '91



Nearly 900 alumni returned for reunions in May. See pages six through 11.

National caliber



The softball team advanced to the NCAA Division III finals for the first time in the 10-year history of the national competition. See page 12.

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On the Cover

Commencement, Alumni Weekend and the softball team's participation in the NCAA Division III finals were three highlights of an extremely busy close to the 1990-91 academic year.

We don't know who the gentleman holding the balloons is, and we don't have space in this brief column to identify all 570 graduates, but we can share the name of the exultant softball player in the photo at lower right. Deb Vashaw of Howell, Mich., is scoring a run as her enthusiastic teammates cheer her on during the Midwest Regional Tournament, held at Hope.

On a more somber note, the Hope community continues to mourn the death of Willard Wichers '31. Wichers died on Saturday, May 18, at the close of Tulip Time in Holland, and following his participation in Alumni Weekend two weeks before.

Although no single newspaper article could possibly do him justice, so varied and full of accomplishment was his life, a brief account of his achievements follows on pages three and 18. He will be missed.

CAMPUS NOTES



Professor James Piers '69, right, was presented the 1991 Hope Outstanding Professor Educator (H.O.P.E.) award by Mortar Board Co-President Brett Keating '91.

H.O.P.E. WINNER: James C. Piers '69, professor of sociology, has been presented the 27th annual Hope Outstanding Professor Educator (H.O.P.E.) award by the 1991 Hope College graduating class.

Professor Piers was honored during the college's Honors Convocation on Thursday, April 25. The award, first given in 1965, is presented by the graduating class to the professor who they feel epitomizes the best qualities of the Hope College educator.

"I congratulate Professor Piers on this great honor that has been bestowed upon him by the seniors of Hope College," said

President John H. Jacobson. "This is a much deserved recognition of his excellent teaching, and it is a very touching tribute to him from his students."

Professor Piers has been a member of the Hope faculty since 1975. He is the first member of the department of sociology's faculty to receive the H.O.P.E. award.

Courses he has taught during the past year include "Sociology of the Family," "Human Behavior and the Social Environment" and "Social Interventions I." He has served in the past as chairperson of the department of sociology, and has been involved in developing an accredited social work program at the college.

His professional interests include foster parent and foster worker training, hospice staff stress management, psychotherapy and family therapy. He is active nationwide and also in Canada in the training of social workers, and has written a book, *Fostering the School Age Child*.

In addition, Professor Piers' professional expertise on mate selection theory has proven popular during the Valentine season, and he has been interviewed on the topic by the local media, the Associated Press and radio stations around the country.

GENERAL SYNOD: Hope and Western Theological Seminary are hosting the Reformed Church in America's annual General Synod Monday through Saturday, June 10-15. The college is also hosting most of the General Synod Festival, held Saturday and Sunday, June 8-9.

Approximately 500 persons are participat-

ing in the General Synod—about 280 regular delegates, with the balance being corresponding delegates from agencies and commissions of the church, observers, spouses and staff.

The General Synod Festival, this year titled "Communication: Getting the Word Out," provides an opportunity for the RCA family to join in worship, fellowship and learning. Festival workshops emphasized the process of communication.

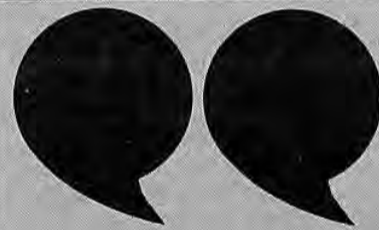
Among the items being discussed during General Synod are a proposal to restructure the denomination's governing bodies, a new plan for the participation of deacons at General Synod and other assemblies, a revised baptismal liturgy, a mandatory mentoring program for new pastors, and revisions of the Belgic Confession and the Canons of Dordt.

Hope last hosted the General Synod in 1987.

RUSSIAN HONORED: Hope College presented an honorary degree to the Rev. Vitaly Grigorievich Kulikov of the Soviet Union on Thursday, April 11.

A recognized leader in the evangelical community in the USSR, he was presented an honorary doctorate of divinity for his spiritual leadership and his many other activities in service of the promotion of the Christian faith.

"The Rev. Vitaly Kulikov is a very important spiritual leader within the evangelical movement in the Soviet Union, and at this time in the history of that (see "CAMPUS NOTES" on page three)



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

"Where are we now?"

"Kuwait burns. In two senses—first of all the one you see on television all the time, the black clouds, incredible environmental damage, incredible damage to the oil fields.

"There's another context in which Kuwait is burning, though, and that is politically and internally. The result of this whole thing is that there is a great division in Kuwait between those who stayed in the country and endured the occupation, and those who were outside and living in Taif in grandeur.

"And there's no sign that I can see since the Sultan came back that he's learned a lesson from all this. The shake-up of the cabinet a couple of weeks ago did not really bring in any effective opposition members, the promise for elections I don't think is very sincere. I foresee just a great deal of difficulty and instability there, which is exactly what the President hoped to avoid by going in.

"The situation in Iraq. Isn't it ironic. What were we talking about last November and December? The nightmare solution: 'What would happen if we went through all of this, or at least through the embargo, and Saddam Hussein stayed in office?"

"The irony is that after we've gone

through all this, including the war, there the guy is. In fact, to some extent we turn to him for stability.

"I would have no illusions in these talks that Saddam Hussein is having with the Kurds. You'll note that in the fine print on all these announcements they say that there are agreements 'in principle.' The difference between principle and reality is going to be substantial.

"Note the changing power structures that we're seeing evolve in the Middle East. Certainly Syria. It is ironic: this guy that we really don't like very much, President Assad, seems to be a focal point of some of the diplomatic actions that are emerging.

"Syria has emerged with great potential for the region if Assad wants to play it that way—and that will depend to some extent upon the negotiations with Israel. But surely it's a reminder to all of us, when you think of the Middle East think in terms of the four basic pillars: Egypt, Syria, Saudi Arabia and, eventually in some context, Iran has to be considered as well.

"I think it's amazing and interesting to watch how the United Nations has emerged in this. I must say President Bush used the United Nations in a most extraordinary fashion. He put together a coalition within the context of the charter and in a way that many of us doubted he'd be able to do was able to get international support for the operation.

"The interesting thing now will be to what extent we will be able to transfer this morass that we're in in Iraq to the U.N. hands. And I'm not personally very confident that even when the U.N. is there that the U.N. will be sufficient to maintain stability—but that we have to learn.

"Conclusion. Despite the disappointments, and there are a lot of them right now, despite the nervousness and anxiety right now as to what's going to happen, I think you have to look back on the performance of the United States with a great deal of pride.

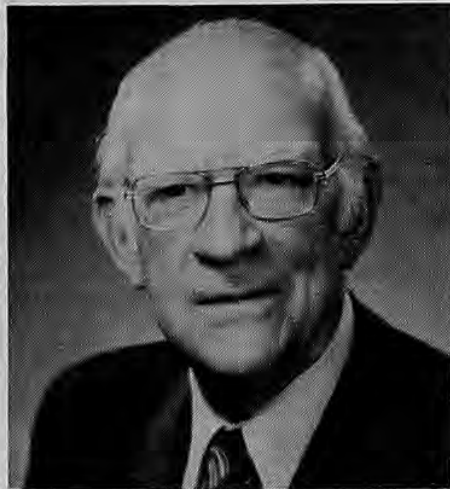
"As probably the only world power left, we moved into this vacuum, and I think you have to really commend President Bush for the way that he put together the coalition and the way that he conducted the war. The fact that the thing has turned somewhat sour now should not detract from the performance of our government and the performance of our troops.

"I think we can look back on that as a proud chapter, even for those of us who were reluctant to see the nation go to war. Nevertheless, we did it, and I think we did it with honor."

—Bruce van Voorst '54 reflecting on the Gulf war and its aftermath, during a breakfast meeting of about 175 business leaders, community members and college representatives on Monday, May 6, 1991. Van Voorst, who is Senior Correspondent for National Security Affairs with *Time* magazine, was actively involved in *Time*'s coverage of the war. He was in town to present the college's 1991 Commencement address on Sunday, May 5, at which time he also received an honorary Doctor of Letters degree from the college.



Willard Wichers dies



As much a part of the Holland, Mich., community as the *De Zwaan* windmill (which he helped bring to the United States), and as familiar a presence at Hope College as Van Vleck Hall, Willard C. Wichers '31 died on Saturday, May 18. He was 82.

"Bill will be sorely missed," said Dr. John H. Jacobson, president of Hope College. "He was a very significant member of our community and much loved."

"He was one of the people that I got to know very early on at Hope College, and he was just such a very fine Christian person," Dr. Jacobson said. "He was a strong supporter of Hope College all his

life, and made so many contributions to Hope in many different ways."

Even Wichers' college years are the stuff of Hope legend. As editor-in-chief of the 1930 *Milestone*, he helped create a volume still known as the most elegant, elaborate and (relatively) costly of all Hope yearbooks. Not only a complete chronicle of Hope itself, the book also marked the first attempt to catalogue the alumni of the college and record their remembrances of student days as well as the achievements of their careers.

In the hard times of the Depression, however, many students were unable to purchase the book, and the financial liability—approximately \$3,000—rested solely with Wichers and his business manager, Chester Meengs '32. Both were forced to drop out of college to pay the deficit (within a year-and-a-half each had made enough gain to warrant re-entry to Hope).

Beginning in 1937, following an interest in alumni news reflected in the 1930 *Milestone*, Wichers helped co-produce an alumni bulletin on a volunteer basis. He became the college's first director of alumni relations in 1946, and edited the first seven issues of the *Hope Alumni Magazine*. Wichers was a long-time member of the college's Board of Trustees, first elected in (see "WICHERS" on page 18)



Dr. Elton Bruins '50 of the religion faculty arrives at Baccalaureate dressed for the weather.

COMMENCEMENT

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The Rev. Ronald Beyer '61, senior pastor at Third Reformed Church in Kalamazoo, Mich., delivered the sermon "The One Who Gives Life" during the college's Baccalaureate. Rev. Beyer, whose daughter Lisa was a member of the graduating class, based his discussion on John 10:7-17, which discusses Jesus' role as the good shepherd.

In the passage, Jesus says, "...I am the gate for the sheep. All who came

before me are thieves and bandits... Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture... I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."

Speaking before a standing-room only audience in Dimnent Memorial Chapel, Rev. Beyer encouraged the graduates to follow Jesus' model as the good shepherd, rather than the way of thieves, robbers and bandits. He observed that doing so requires fighting numerous temptations, and that the thieves and robbers of today often find respectability and acceptance in popular goals.

"The 'me generation' is all about us, and it calls today in this society like no other voice: 'You have the right to get everything you want for you, and you don't have to care about other people,'" Rev. Beyer said. "The majority of college graduates today say that is their goal in life, to go out and accumulate all they can for themselves."

"But you would be different, wouldn't you?," he said. "You come from a different stripe."

Rev. Beyer explained that the graduates' years and experiences at Hope had exposed them to good examples from which they could draw: caring coaches, involved professors, and supportive friends, counselors and parents. "And the list goes on and on," he said.

"You see, they all gave life to you," Rev. Beyer said. "They walked hand in hand with the good shepherd and gave life."

CAMPUS NOTES

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country, he is playing a very strong and positive role," said Dr. John H. Jacobson, president of Hope College. "By giving him an honorary degree, we wanted to signify our support of him and also offer what encouragement we could to him and to his colleagues by the recognition."

Rev. Kulikov is an ordained pastor with the Evangelical Christian Church and is preaching pastor with Moscow Evangelical Baptist Church.

In addition, for 23 years he has been editor of the bi-monthly magazine, "The Brotherhood Herald," published with a circulation of 50,000. He is also the author of the book *Radiance of Glory* and numerous articles.

From 1968 to the present, Rev. Kulikov has lectured to pastors in the Moscow Bible School. He is also a lecturer at Leningrad Theological Institute, presenting "Introduction to the Bible," and lectures elsewhere frequently.

EXCELLENT COMMUNICATION:

For the second time in three years, the department of communication at Hope has been recognized as a "Program of Excellence" by the Central States Communication Association, a professional association which includes colleges and universities in 13 states.

The recognition was based upon the concept and course design for the college's introductory course in communication, "The Communication Process."

The "Programs of Excellence" recognition is awarded to up to three programs each year on criteria which emphasize excellence in undergraduate curricular programs in communication. The college's department of communication was recognized in 1989 for the design of the overall curriculum. This year, the criteria for consideration emphasized excellence in instructional approaches or innovations.

Faculty Kudos

Donald Cronkite, professor of biology, has been named a winner of a 1990-91 Sears-Roebuck Foundation Teaching Excellence and Campus Leadership Award, the second consecutive year that a Hope faculty member has received the honor.

Dr. Cronkite is one of nearly 700 faculty members recognized nationally by The Sears-Roebuck Foundation for resourcefulness and leadership as an independent college educator. Each award winner receives \$1,000, and the institution receives a grant ranging from \$500 to \$1,500 based on student enrollment.

Winners are selected by independent committees on each campus. Dr. Cronkite was presented the award during the college's annual Honors Convocation on Thursday, April 25.

Jane Dickie, professor of psychology, has been appointed director of women's studies at Hope. She will teach one Women's Studies course each semester and will devote one-quarter time to the direction of the program, including service as a resource person to faculty colleagues.

Jack Holmes, professor of political science, has received several honors for his work with the Hope College Model United Nations.

He was honored by U.S. Rep. Guy Vander Jagt '53 and state legislators for his work with the college's Model United Nations. Rep. Vander Jagt, of Michigan's Ninth Congressional District, recognized Dr. Holmes' work in a resolution dated Wednesday, May 8. Rep. Vander Jagt presented Dr. Holmes with an engraved copy of the resolution, printed in the Congressional Record, during the 25th annual Vander Jagt Breakfast during Tulip Time on Saturday, May 18.

Later Saturday, during the third annual Tulip Time Luncheon, Dr. Holmes was also recognized through a concurrent resolution of the Michigan Legislature, presented by state Sen. William Van Regenmorter of the 23rd District. The resolution was co-sponsored by eight state senators and 30 state representatives.

On April 17, Dr. Holmes was one of five people inducted into the Mid-American Global Education Council's (MAGEC) Hall of Fame for Michigan Model United Nations. More than 300 attended the event.

The Hope College Model United Nations was established in 1971, and typically hosts more than one thousand high school students and their advisors from 30-40 high schools each year. Dr. Holmes has been the program's faculty advisor for

most of its existence, although political science faculty members Dr. Robert Elder Jr., Dr. Renze Hoeksema '48 (retired) and Dr. Pilkyu Kim have also coordinated the program.

Charles A. Huttar and **Peter J. Schakel**, members of the English faculty, were the editors of *Word and Story in C.S. Lewis*, published in March by the University of Missouri Press.

The book enlists well-known scholars to examine Lewis's ideas about language and narrative, both as stated in theory and as exemplified in practice. Owen Barfield, in the afterword to "Word and Story," calls the volume "superior...to any other collection that has so far appeared" on C.S. Lewis.

Dr. Schakel's responsibilities with the book included writing the text's introduction. In addition to his editing skills, Dr. Huttar also contributed one of the essays: "A Lifelong Love Affair with Language: C.S. Lewis's Poetry."

Arthur H. Jentz Jr. '56, professor of philosophy, presented a paper during the annual meeting of the Midwest Region of the American Academy of Religion, held Friday through Sunday, April 5-7 at Wright State University. Dr. Jentz's paper, presented in philosophy of religion, was titled "Religious Pluralism and the Christian Witness."

Carol L. Juth, librarian and assistant professor, was one of only 70 persons nationwide invited to attend the conference "Litigation, Justice and the Public Good," organized by the American Bar Association and held in San Diego, Calif.

The event provided Dr. Juth with additional background for three courses that she teaches at the college: "Criminal Justice," offered through the department of political science; "Women and the Law," offered through political science and women's studies; and "Issues in White Collar Crime," a senior seminar.

Nancy Taylor, professor of English, has written a guide that can make travel journal writing a more meaningful learning experience for students studying abroad.

"The Travel Journal: An Assessment Tool for Overseas Study," was published in January by the Council on International Educational Exchange. Professor Taylor's guide is designed to prompt and assist students to evaluate and record what they are experiencing in overseas study, to make writing—and the thinking it demands—an integral part of international education.

Bob Thompson, trumpeter and a member of the music faculty, has released his first compact disc, "Parallels," on Mark Records.

"Parallels" is an eclectic mix of jazz, classical and new age works which features two of Professor Thompson's compositions, the title cut "Parallels" and "A New Age Carnival of Venice." "Parallels" features premiere recordings of Byron Adams' "Sonata for Trumpet and Piano" and Jacques Casterede's "Breves Rencontres," along with jazz standards "Look to the Sky," "The More I See You," "Summer in Central Park" and "Have You Met Miss Jones."

In addition, in May Professor Thompson performed with the band accompanying comedian Bob Hope during a performance in Muskegon, Mich.

Pilkyu Kim, assistant professor of political science, participated in the 32nd Annual Convention of the International Studies Association in Vancouver, British Columbia in March.

Dr. Kim chaired a panel on "The Formation of Legal Standards: Human Rights and the Environment" on Thursday, March 21. He also presented a paper titled "The UN Decade for Women: Its Impact on the Development of International Standards of Human Rights for Women" as part of the panel.

Also participating in the conference was Dr. Jack Holmes, professor of political science and chairperson of the department, who served as a discussant on a panel titled "Functional Issues in American Foreign Policy," which focused on President George Bush's approaches to changes in the world situation.

Anthony N. Perovich Jr., associate professor of philosophy, was one of 19 scholars participating in a conference on Johann Gottlieb Fichte, the 18th and 19th century German Idealist philosopher, in March.

The three-day conference was held at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, Pa. In addition to presenting a paper, Dr. Perovich participated in the formation of the North American Fichte Society.

Carol Simon, an assistant professor of philosophy who specializes in moral philosophy, presented the paper "Verbal Virtue" during the 95th Annual Meeting of the Michigan Academy of Science, Arts, and Letters on Friday, March 15 at Eastern Michigan University.

EVENTS

ACADEMIC CALENDAR (1991-92)

Fall Semester (1991)

Aug. 23, Friday—Residence halls open for new students at noon. New student orientation begins
 Aug. 26, Monday—Residence halls open for returning students
 Aug. 27, Tuesday—Classes begin at 8 a.m. Formal convocation in evening
 Sept. 2, Monday—Labor Day, classes in session
 Oct. 4, Friday—Fall Recess begins at 6 p.m.
 Oct. 9, Wednesday—Fall Recess ends at 8 a.m.
 Oct. 11-13, Friday-Sunday—Homecoming Weekend
 Nov. 1-3, Friday-Sunday—Parents' Weekend
 Nov. 28, Thursday—Thanksgiving Recess begins at 8 a.m.
 Dec. 2, Monday—Thanksgiving Recess ends at 8 a.m.
 Dec. 6, Friday—Last day of classes
 Dec. 9-13, Monday-Friday—Semester examinations
 Dec. 13, Friday—Residence halls close at 5 p.m.

Spring Semester (1992)

Jan. 5, Sunday—Residence halls open at noon
 Jan. 6, Monday—Registration for new students
 Jan. 7, Tuesday—Classes begin at 8 a.m.
 Feb. 7, Friday—Winter Recess begins at 6 p.m.
 Feb. 12, Wednesday—Winter Recess ends at 8 a.m.
 March 5, Thursday—Critical Issues Symposium
 March 12, Thursday—Spring Recess begins at 6 p.m.
 March 23, Monday—Spring Recess ends at 8 a.m.
 April 24, Friday—May Day; classes dismissed at 12:30 p.m.
 May 2, Saturday—Alumni Day
 May 3, Sunday—Baccalaureate and Commencement

May Term (1992)

May 4, Monday—Registration and payment of fees from 8:30-11 a.m. in Maas Center auditorium
 May 4, Monday—Classes begin at 1 p.m.
 May 22, Friday—May Term ends

June Term (1992)

May 26, Tuesday—Registration and payment of fees from 8:30-10 a.m. in Maas Center auditorium
 May 26, Tuesday—Classes begin at 1 p.m.
 June 12, Friday—June Term ends

Summer Session (1992)

June 15, Monday—Registration and payment of fees from 8:30-10 a.m. in Maas Center auditorium
 June 15, Monday—Classes begin
 July 24, Friday—Summer Session ends

AUGUST SEMINARS

Taught from July 29-Aug. 2

Eight courses are available for one-hour undergraduate credit, two-hours undergraduate credit, one-hour graduate credit or on an audit basis. The courses are taught by the biology, education, English, history, music and political science departments. The eight course offerings are "Westering Women: Women and the American West in the Nineteenth Century," "One-A-Day Manipulatives in Elementary Math," "The Symphony in the Classic Era," "The Politics of White-Collar-Crime," "The Celluloid Book Jacket," "Introduction to the Orff Music Education Process," "Natural History of Local Vertebrates" and "Re-visioning Your Writing."

For more information, please call the Registrar's Office at (616) 394-7760.

ADMISSIONS

Exploriation '91—June 23-29

A "mini-college" experience for students who will be juniors and seniors in high school in the fall of '91.

For further information about any Admissions Office event, please call (616) 394-7850 or write: Office of Admissions, Hope College, Holland, Mich. 49423.

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. Contact Peggy Hallacy for details.

Friday, Oct. 11, 1991	Friday, Jan. 24, 1992
Friday, Oct. 25, 1991	Friday, Feb. 14, 1992
Friday, Nov. 8, 1991	Friday, Feb. 28, 1992
Friday, Nov. 22, 1991	Friday, March 27, 1992

High Achievers Day—Saturday, Dec. 7, 1991

Junior Day—Friday, April 24, 1992

Pre-Professional Day—Friday, May 8, 1992



1991 Hope Summer Repertory Theatre

Oliver!
**A Man For All
 Seasons**
**The Human
 Comedy**
**The Boys Next
 Door**
Brilliant Traces



20th Season Opens June 21

616-394-7890

DeWitt Center-Columbia Avenue at 12th St.

KNICKERBOCKER THEATRE

Downtown Holland at 86 East Eighth Street
 Extensively renovated during the summer of 1990, the Knickerbocker Theatre features a variety of art, foreign and classic films, and a number of live events. The Knickerbocker is open Monday through Saturday.

Admission to the theatre's films costs \$4 for adults and \$3 for senior citizens and Hope College students. For more information on programs and films at the Knickerbocker, call (616) 392-8167.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Summer Sports Camps

Boys Basketball School—July 8-19

Girls Basketball Camps:

Sixth-Eighth grades—June 17-20

Ninth-12th grades—June 24-28

Girls Basketball Team Scrimmage—June 24-27

Football Passing Camp—July 28-31

Swimming Program—June 10-20; June 24-July 5

T.U.F.F. Distance Running Camp—July 29-Aug. 3

Boys J.V. Basketball Team Camp—July 8-11

For more information, please call (616) 394-7690. Ask for Joyce McPherson.

Double Reed Camp—July 7-13

Held on the Hope campus, the Double Reed Camp is organized by Professor Gail Warnaar, who instructs beginning, intermediate and advanced double reed players. For grades eight through 12. The total camp fee is \$290, and the application deadline is June 15 (after June 15 a late fee of \$25 will be charged).

For more information, write "Double Reed Camp, P.O. Box 374, Grand Haven, Mich. 49417," or call the department of music at (616) 394-7650.

ALUMNI AND FRIENDS

Hope College Golf Outing—Wednesday, July 17
 Holland (Mich.) Country Club. Shotgun starts at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.
 For more information, contact the Office of Public Relations at (616) 394-7860.

VILLAGE SQUARE

Wednesday, June 26

Hobbyists, craftspersons and artists: the auction committee for Village Square '91 is soliciting items to be made available at the June 26 auction. If you are interested in making a donation, contact Mary Lammers '60 Kempker at (616) 394-7860 or write "Village Square Auction; c/o Mary Kempker; Office of Public Relations; Hope College; Holland, Mich. 49423."

SPORTS

1991 Football Schedule

Saturday, Sept. 7*FINDLAY, OHIO, 1:30 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 14at DePauw, Ind., 1:30 p.m. CST
Saturday, Sept. 21at Drake, Iowa, 2 p.m. CST
Saturday, Sept. 28AURORA, ILL., 1:30 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 12ALMA (Homecoming), 2 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 19at Albion, 1:30 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 26at Adrian, 1:30 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 2**KALAMAZOO, 1:30 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 9at Olivet, 1 p.m.

*Community Day **Parents Day

For season ticket information, contact Jane Holman at (616) 394-7691.

INSTANT INFORMATION

Hope Sports Hotline—(616) 394-7888
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Endowed chairs bring good teaching to life

by Greg Olgers '87

The names are often quite a mouthful, such as "The Reverend Frederick Garrett and Helen Floor Dekker Endowed Professorship;" the "Drs. Edward A. and Elizabeth Hofma Endowed Professorship;" or the "Howard R. and Margaret E. Sluyter Endowed Professorship."

The lengthy monikers, however, match the large role endowed chairs at Hope College play in both facilitating faculty research and honoring some of the college's best professors. The chairs' tangible benefits range from funds for summer research and travel, to special letter-head denoting status as an endowee.

And their only disadvantage, according to Provost Dr. Jacob E. Nyenhuis, is that there aren't more of them. "We have a significant number of people who have outstanding accomplishments who we would like to recognize with endowed chairs, but we simply do not have enough to go around," he said.

Eight members of the Hope faculty currently hold endowed chairs, which are awarded for seven to 10 years, generally to tenured, full professors (although the criteria are not absolute). A ninth endowed chair, the Dorothy Wiley DeLong Professorship in Dance, is used to bring visiting faculty to campus, and a 10th, the Robert W. Haack Chair of Economics, has just been established (see related story), and is as yet unfilled.

The faculty with endowed chairs are: Dr. Harvey D. Blankespoor, the Frederick Garrett and Helen Floor Dekker Professor of Biology; Dr. Elton Bruins '50, the Evert J. and Hattie E. Blekkink Professor of Religion; Dr. James Gentile, the dean for the natural sciences and Kenneth G. Herrick Professor of Biology; Dr. Eugene Jekel '52, the Drs. Edward A. and Elizabeth Hofma Professor of Chemistry; Dr. David Myers, the John Dirk Werkman Professor of Psychology; Dr. Ted Nielsen, the Guy VanderJagt Professor of Communication; Professor Judy Reckley, the Howard R. and Margaret E. Sluyter Assistant Professor in Art and Design; and Dr. Peter Schakel, the Peter C. and Emajean Cook Professor of English.

Like his colleagues, Dr. Bruins is well aware of the impact his endowed chair has had on his work. "I've known every summer I'll have a special stipend to con-



Endowed chairs provide faculty with both recognition for outstanding work and funds for research and other activities—rewards which ultimately benefit the students the professors teach. The college's eight current holders of endowed chairs are (front row): Dr. Eugene Jekel '52 and Dr. Elton Bruins '50; (back row): Dr. Peter Schakel, Judy Reckley, Dr. James Gentile, Dr. David Myers, Dr. Harvey Blankespoor and Dr. Ted Nielsen. A ninth chair, the Robert W. Haack ('38) Chair of Economics, has just been established and awaits an appointee.

tinue in my studies," he said. "It kept me on track in my scholarly work."

Dr. Schakel has found his appointment equally rewarding. "The sense of affirmation and encouragement was very important to me," he said.

"More concretely, the summer stipend has been the greatest help," Dr. Schakel said, noting that the stipend has allowed him to pursue a number of short projects, and a couple extremely lengthy projects, for which it would have been otherwise difficult to obtain funding.

"Having the regular stipend from the chair helped me keep those going—and looking back I got a lot done."

The range of uses to which the funds have been put is as varied as the professors and disciplines involved. Dr. Bruins has written on topics related to Holland history; Dr. Gentile has been able to travel to international conferences, including to Australia and Japan, and has supported student summer research; Dr. Nielsen worked on a video program on Yugoslavia, and has been conducting a study of television news in West Michigan; and the list goes on.

The result of such work is that it enables faculty members to bring what they have learned back to the classroom, sharing with their students fresh perspectives. Through publications based on their chair-supported activities they are also able to communicate what they have learned to the academic community beyond Hope.

The prospect of having such an enduring, positive impact on scholarship and students is part of what makes endowing a professorship attractive to donors, according to John Nordstrom, director of development at Hope. The same sort of commitment also underlies contributions to funds for endowed scholarships, honors and awards, and faculty development funds.

"Endowed funds give an opportunity to donors to direct their funds in perpetuity to strengthen the educational program at the college," Nordstrom said. "These kinds of gifts are ways to keep giving to the college long after we're gone—because that gift stays and has an impact on students and faculty."

The gift can also continue to have an impact on the donor—or at least remain a lasting tribute. Dr. Nielsen, for example, has shared his Yugoslavia experiences with Congressman VanderJagt, who is U.S. Representative for Michigan's Ninth Congressional District. And Professor Reckley is very conscious of the intentions that inspired her chair.

"I think anybody, whatever they did, would benefit from the class as the Sluyters thought of it," she said. "We discuss design in a general sense so that people can be discriminating and improve their quality of life."

"I'm constantly keeping in mind what their intention was," she said. "I feel a responsibility toward those people." ✍

Alumnus funds new economics chair

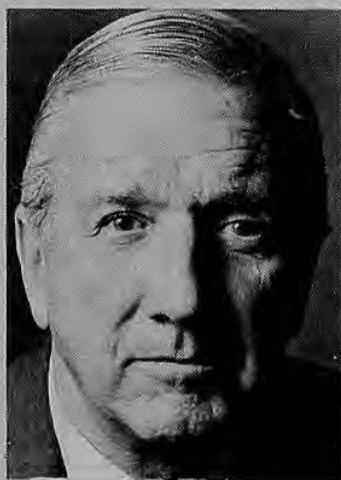
A new endowed professorship in economics has been made possible through a major gift from Robert W. Haack '38 of Potomac, Md.

The addition of a professor through the "Robert W. Haack Chair of Economics" will raise to 13 the number of faculty teaching in the department. About 25 percent of the college's students take majors in economics and business.

"The Robert Haack gift is a very extraordinary one," said Dr. John H. Jacobson, president of Hope College. "Robert Haack is a distinguished alumnus of Hope College, having had a career of great distinction in the sphere of finance."

"So it's a special honor to have his name associated with a chair of economics," Dr. Jacobson said. "And he has contributed doubly by giving us not only his name but also the funds with which to establish this endowed professorship."

The chair is to be filled by an economist of established national reputation who is dedicated to the professional field of economics and to the excellent education of undergraduate students. The Robert Haack Professor will teach Hope students at both lower and upper division level, will be actively engaged in scholarship in his or her chosen field and will work with several



advanced-level undergraduate students in research in some phase of economics.

Haack was president of the New York Stock Exchange from 1967-72, and is still remembered on Wall Street for a landmark address that called for the elimination of fixed commission rates (which happened in 1975). He later served as interim chairperson of Lockheed Aircraft Corporation, and was instrumental in saving the company from bankruptcy. He has been president of the National Association of Securities Dealers, and has served on the board of directors for several companies.

In addition to his busy professional life, Haack has had a full family life. He and his wife, Catherine raised four children: Thomas, Barbara, Elizabeth and Linda. He suffered the loss of Catherine to cancer in 1984, but found new companionship in Ann, his wife since 1989.

Like so many others, the college has been a beneficiary of both his character and business acumen. From 1968 until 1982, he served capably and faithfully on the Board of Trustees. He has also been a loyal supporter and friend of the college through the years in many other ways. He was the college's Commencement speaker in 1968, at which time he received from Hope the honorary doctorate of laws.

A return to common roots

Dire forecasts threatened the entire weekend, but Alumni Day '91 could not have been less a victim of inclement weather.

Nearly 900 alumni gathered for activities that began Friday, May 3 and continued through Sunday, May 5. While Sunday—and Commencement—was plagued by fierce rainstorms, a bright and sunny Saturday allowed those present to reacquaint themselves with not only their classmates but the campus as well.

The weekend featured reunions for 11 classes—every fifth year from 1926 through 1976, including Alumni Weekend's first 65th class reunion. In addition, 52 members of the Class of 1941, numbering 130 at graduation, were inducted into the 50-Year Circle at a ceremony Saturday afternoon. The group encompasses all alumni who graduated more than a half-century ago.

In remembrance of a class of a more ancient vintage, a tree was dedicated in honor of the Class of 1866 Saturday afternoon at Voorhees Hall (at the building's 10th Street and College Avenue corner). The tree and a commemorative plaque were given by Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Woltman '30 of Lynn, N.C. Harvey's great-uncle was Harm Woltman 1866.

Also on Saturday, five alumni received Distinguished Alumni Awards during the alumni dinner Saturday evening. Those honored were H. Sidney Heersma '30, Harvey Staal '43, Harrison C. Visscher '51, Mary Zweizig '52 Visscher and Sue Bruggink '73 Edema. They are pictured on page 13.



Class of 1926—Row 1: Jeanette Veldman; Row 2: Jo Derks, Mildred Kemme, Catherine Wilson VanDenBrink, Mabelle DuMez Frei; Row 3: Al Derks, Gerrit Kemme, Henry Bos, Alonzo Wierenga, Theodore VanDenBrink



50-Year Circle — Row 1: Betty Smith '31 Becker, Bill Wichers '31, Margaret Van Donselaar '22 Lubbers, Marian Den Herder '32 DeCook, Charlotte Morehouse '31 Duesing, Mildred Schuppert '31, Jeannette Veldman '26, Harriet E. Laman '36, Lois Lohuis Laman, Wayne Woodby, Marian Bocks '38 Woodby, Alice Hinkamp, Esther Hinkamp '38 McCoy; **Row 2:** Evelyn Heffron '31, Edith McGilvra '29 Vander Hart, Esther DeWeerd '28, Hazel Paalman '31, Ruth Dalman '30 Roos, Jeane Walvoord '30, Evelyn Wierda '33 Monroe, Henry A. Mouw '40, Emily Bielefeld '41 Mouw, Cordelia Haysom, Wilhelm Haysom '36, Eloise Boynton '41 Bosch, Donald Bosch, David Laman '36, Doris Van Lente '41 Slager, Howard Van Egmond '41, James Hinkamp '40, Don McCoy; **Row 3:** Alma Stegenga '41 Halko, Marion Stroberg Nyboer, Andrew G. Nyboer '39, Alda Kuyper Miersma, Tunis Miersma '41, Edward Damson '34, Mildred Klow '33 Damson, Lois Glerum '41 Alofs, Ellen Heersma, Sidney Heersma '30, Jack Jalving '41, Phyllis Newcastle '41 Jalving, Ruth Klassen '41 Wassenaar; **Row 4:** Tom Houtman '40, Alyda Houtman, Pauline Potter '35 Borr, Frank Moser '28, Edith Rameau '41 Eenigenburg, Florence Vis '36 Douma, Paul Holleman '38, Florence Kraay Holleman, Esther Glerum '31 Lake, James Riekse '41, Helena Braendle Riekse, Harold Hakken '41, Mary Jacobs '41 Hakken, Elmer Hartgerink '39; **Row 5:** Birdie Vis '41 Van Wyk, Gordon Van Wyk '41, Don Reek, Helen Van Kooy-Reek '41; **Row 6:** Isla Pruijm '24 Van Eenenaam, Lois Ketel '34 Kinkema, Fred Bertsch '41, Lorraine Timmer '42 Bertsch, Dick Lemmer, Margie Bilkert '41 Lemmer, Margaret Nagy '42 Osterhaven, Theodore Boot '28, Henry Kleinheksel '36, Henry Burggraaff '27, Frances Colenbrander; **Row 7:** Clarence Becker '31, Jay Wabeke '27, Cornelia Nettinga '27 Neevel, D. Ivan Dykstra '35, Kathryn Dykstra, Henry Kinkema '36, Robert Curtis '41, Mildred Van Egmond, William Coons '41, Lois Knooihuizen Coons, Theodore F. Zandstra '41, June Smit Zandstra, Helen Thompson '45 Voogd, Henry "Cy" Voogd '41, Chester Toren '41; **Row 8:** Paul VanderHill '40, Trudy Visscher '40 VanderHill, Eugene Osterhaven '37, Howard Duesing, Dennis Roelofs '34, John Jacobson, J. Norman Timmer '38



1931—Row 1: Josephine De Haan Wyma, Esther Glerum Lake, Cynthia Palmer Healy, Willard Wichers, Betty Becker, Evelyn Heffron, Mildred Schuppert; Row 2: Donald VandeBunte, Ruth VandeBunte, Lucille Walvoord Busker, Eunice Bos, Sadie Grace Winter, Nell Wichers, Clarence Becker, Charlotte Morehouse Duesing; Row 3: Geneva Dykhuizen, Arnold Dykhuizen, John Schuiling, Howard Duesing



1936—Row 1: Helena Visscher Winter, Janice Van Koevering Hildebrand, Agnes Patterson, Harriet Laman, Trude Spaan, Margaret DeJongh; Row 2: Roger Leestma, Pat Van Koevering Prins, Lois Ketel '34 Kinkema, Fern Corteville '38 Joeckel, Milton Spaan, Leon J. De Jongh; Row 3: Henry Kleinheksel, Henry Kinkema, Stan Joeckel, David Laman, Lois Lohuis Laman, Mina Becker Buys; Row 4: Emma Jean Zagers Yntema, Kelly Yntema, Florence Vis Douma, Donna Mansen, Albert Mansen, Ekdal Buys; Row 5: George C. Douma; Also attending but not pictured: John E. Buteyn Sr. and Margaret Buteyn



1941—Row 1: Hulda Rigterink Folkert, Doris Van Lente Slager, Donald Bosch, Eloise Boynton Bosch, Helena Braendle Riekse, James Riekse, Mildred Van Egmond, Howard Van Egmond, Helen VanKooy Reek, Don Reek, Frances Colenbrander, Henry "Cy" Voogd, Helen Thompson Voogd; Row 2: Irvin Folkert, Dick Lemmer, Margie Bilkert Lemmer, Lois Glerum Alofs, Henry A. Mouw, Emily Bielefeld Mouw, Theodore F. Zandstra, June Smit Zandstra, Tunis Miersma, Alda Kuyper Miersma, Ruth Klaasen Wassenaar; Row 3: Alma Stegenga Halko, Nelvie Vanderbilt Vander Woude, Berend T. Vander Woude, Robert Curtis, Helen Hayes, T. Phillip Waalkes, Phyllis Newcastle Jalving, Jack Jalving, Don Vander Haar, Margaret Knoor Vander Haar, Gary Veenschoten, Elsie Ulmer Baehre; Row 4: Fred Bertsch, Lorraine Timmer Bertsch, Wallie Macak, Gordon Van Wyk, Birdie Vis Van Wyk, Edith Rameau Eenigenburg, Chester Toren, William Coons, Mary Ruth Jacobs Hakken, Harry Hakken, Madeline Veenschoten



1946—Row 1: Dale Van Lente, Adeline Sybesma, Lucille Teninga Toren, Elaine Bielefeld Walchenbach, Betty DeVries Veldhuis, Lena Hibma, Ethelyn Van Leeuwen Rezelman, Libby Romaine Hillemonds; Row 2: John Smith, Marian Mastenbrook Smith, Claire Peterson Hansbrough, Paul G. Fried, Al Rezelman, Shirley Otteman Outhouse; Row 3: Roger Patterson, Marie Stickney, Kenneth Stickney, Mildred Timmer Van Oostenburg, Andrew H. Veldhuis, Bob Outhouse; Row 4: Elsie Parsons Lamb, Bill Lamb, Gordon Van Oostenburg, Edith Wolbrink McMullin, Harriet Stegeman VanDonkelaar; Row 5: Max Boersma, Connie Hinga Boersma, Mary Lou Hemmes Koop, Harvey Koop, John J. Geary, Sue Leestma Pettinga



1951—Row 1: Judson Davis, Marjorie Fenton Davis, Clayton Van Hall, Nancy Vyverberg Van Hall, Elmer Vrugink, Ellen Lidston Rieck, Alice Gravenhorst Cook, Marijane Borr Mead, Margaret Schoonveld Kraay, Louis Kraay, Marie Haldenwang Goodwin, Suzellen Roest Webb, Arthur Webb, Alicia Van Zoeren Hermance, Myron Hermance, Mary Zweizig '52 Visscher, Harrison Visscher, Dolores Freyling Campbell, Maralyn Ferris Slikkers, Connie Shilling Kruse; **Row 2:** Vern Schipper, Edward Kerle, Harry Bylsma, Lorraine Bylsma, Wayne Fieldhouse, Norman Rieck, Paul Cook, Lois Timmer Appledorn, Arlene Shoemaker Timmerman, Tim Timmerman, Mae Van Ark, Mike Van Ark, Dutch Van Ingen, Al Rauschenbach, Bob Hartley, Rita Hartley, Betty Dowd Smouse, Ken Smouse; **Row 3:** Don Hazekamp, Lucille Hazekamp, Mary Coffey Veltman, Dean Veltman, Harold Kooyers, Mary Kooyers, Irene Little Malewitz, Beth Thomson Murley, Richard Murley, Nancylee Corp Marema, Jack Marema, Leon Voss, Dorothy Fennema Voss, Don White, Margaret Radcliffe White, John Van Eenenaam; **Row 4:** Dick Stewart, Ken DeWitt, Barbara Wipperfurth DeWitt, Evelyn Van Dam Smallegan, John E. Smallegan, Jean Van Den Biesen Wansor, Maurice Boon, Marjorie De Neur Boon, Lynne Van Weelden Ihrman, Hugh Campbell, Barbara Van Neuren Taylor, Eloise Hinkamp Van Heest, Gerard Van Heest



1956—Row 1: Jerry Kruyf, Janet Kinney Ortquist, MaryJane Adams Dykema, Alan Dykema, Elaine Vrugink Spieldenner, Richard Spieldenner, Tom Carey, Julie Smith Carey, Marcia Smith De Young, Bob De Young, Georgia Brookstra, Don Brookstra; **Row 2:** Barb Kruizenga Davies, Jim Davies, Carl DeVree, Marilyn Glupker DeVree, Lois Tornga Veldman, Jerry Veldman, Betty Coon, Ed Coon; **Row 3:** Henry A. Stegenga, Charmaine Vandermyde Stegenga, John Kools, Kathy Kools, Suzie Van Slageren Ross, Bob Ross, Marcia Veldman Thompson, Roy S. Lumsden, Penny Ramaker Lumsden; **Row 4:** Ivan Moerman, Glennyce Kleis Moerman, Jim Galer, Rainey Shufelt, Mary Burggraaff Vander Kooy, Ed Vander Kooy, Audrey Nienhouse Fritts, Marianne Wierks Van Eenenaam, Barbara Brookstra Suby; **Row 5:** James Neevel, Barbara Jeffrey Neevel, Arjen Teitsma, Jerry Redeker, Sue Underwood Ten Hoeve, Thomas Ten Hoeve, Bob Fritts, Wilma Beets Nock, Dick Nock; **Row 6:** Sherwood Hazelton, Judith Kingma Hazelton, Richard Ten Haken, Kay Gallup Ten Haken, John F. Nordstrom, Eileen Mugg Nordstrom, Dean Hogenboom, Marion Hogenboom



1961—Row 1: Wayne Joosse, Verla Nyhof Joosse, Ken Baker, Dottie Welch Bennink, Don Sytsma, Carol Joelson Sytsma, Ruth Mokma Vander Lugt, Bob Vander Lugt, Sharon Crossman Bolthouse, Judy Eastman Faber, Arlene Cizek Schoon, Norma De Boer, Phyllis Smith DenUyl; **Row 2:** Bill Smith, Jane Wezeman Smith, Dean Nederveld, Hank Clausen, Pat Wagenaar Clausen, Jack Romence, Lija Romence, Jim Bolthouse, Dale Schoon, Barb Geitner Swart, Marilyn Rocks Cox, Ken Cox; **Row 3:** Harley Brown, Phyllis Prins Brown, Thomas G. Bos, George Boerigter, Sibilla Boerigter, Ruth Ausema Hofmeyer, Margery Kempers Wiegerink, Evelyn Hollander Bosman, Bonnie Beyers Bruins, Cal Bruins, Judy Thomas Hall; **Row 4:** Bill Vanderbilt, Dale Church Paarlberg, P. John Paarlberg, Terry Hofmeyer, Ron Wiegerink, Marilyn Vander Wilt Rynbrandt, Cal Rynbrandt, Dan Ritsema, Nancy Matthews, Clark Matthews, Beth Wichers DuMez



1966—Row 1: Ellen Anker, Marcia Bennink Knapp, Gwenn Dacus Edman, Evonne Taylor Ritsema, Carol Witter Miedema, Al Miedema, Walt Naumann, Sue Rose Naumann, Ruth Meyer Nienhuis, Margaret Diephuis Mackay, Phyllis Baker Sharpe, Lynn De Young Brownback, Joanne Wognum Hoeksema, Mary Kay Paalman Schoon, Rich Koster, Gary Gilmore, Tim Stegeman, Graham Duryee, Bill Potter; **Row 2:** Paul Eenigenburg, Pat Elzerman Eenigenburg, Brian Dolphin, Betty Dolphin, Carol Roberts Thompson, Cheryl Rollston Sturgis, Thelma Leenhouts, Rich Weper, Robert Mackay, Linda Tiezzi, Cheryl Richardson Peterson, Marty Campbell Costos, Sue Short Strong, Rick Strong, Kathy Walsma Jackson, Bob Jackson, Julie Postmus Berens, Doug Berens; **Row 3:** Donald Thompson, Robert J. Smit, Judy Grabinski Smit, Marilyn Hoffman Serum, James Serum, Lois Engelsman, Bob Engelsman, Ric Smies, Kit Janssen Leggett, Joan ten Hoor, Mary Hakken Mulder, Barbara Kouw Forman, Judyth Thomas, Karen Dryfhout DeBoer, Anita Joeckel, Stephanie Cook, Doug Cook; **Row 4:** Bob Pangle, John Simons, Bud Edman, George DeBoer, John Knapp, Conrad Nienhuis, Lloyd Helder, Roy Anker, Herm Hoeksema, Trudy Van Dyk Waldron, Jeff Waldron, Mary Leestma Houser, Dennis Houser, Neil DeBoer



1971—Row 1: Tim De Voogd, Hendrika Vande Kemp, Laura Mumford, Gary VanKempen, Dorinda Kelsey VanKempen, Janet Bumford Flier, Bob Flier '69, Linda Wells, Ray Wells; Row 2: Kate Halliday De Voogd, Bernie Renner Van Dort, Linda Provo Fulton, Barb Godshalk Lester, Diane Dotter Robbins, Mary Ponstein De Lange, Bill Leismer, Meredith Jensen Purvis, Mary Scott Siptak, Barry Schreiber; Row 3: Jim Stoops, Barb Traas Stoops, Joyce Van Houzen—Stacy, Sue von Bergen O'Connor, Nancy Warner Taylor, Pat DeBoer Pedersen, Marcia Tiezzi Hyma, Patricia Machiela Mack; Row 4: Mike Reed, Rae Huizenga Reed, Bill O'Connor, Sherry Slager Heart, Al Pedersen '70, Steve Harms '70, Nancy Banta Harms, Ross Mack; Row 5: Arlan TenClay, John Allen, Fern Frank Sterk, Nancy Lupton Garraghan, Lois McAlister Mulder, Lyn Swanlund Van Beek, Bonnie Brooks Garbrecht, Allen Garbrecht; Row 6: Eildert Zwart, Mary Etta Buis Zwart, Stan Sterk '70, Rick Bateman, Sue Broekstra Hondorp, Hoss Bone, Drake Van Beek; Row 7: Ric Scott, Corinne Havinga Vander Molen, Jerry Bosscher, Bill Hondorp, JoAnn Huizinga Bateman, Woody Woudenberg, Nancy Riekse Norden, John Norden, Leigh Martin; Row 8: Lon Eriks, Jane Selfridge Fochtman, Dale Merrick Hillermeier, Dee Dee Gunther Piers, Jim Piers '69; Row 9: Glenn Lowe, Bart Merkle, Anne Wildgen Merkle, Ken Kulhawy, Bill Chandler, Jack Kuiper, Beth Maassen Piel, Jane Witherspoon Jungst, Linda Morrison Litherland, Betsy Noice Martin, Jane Colenbrander Hunyadi; Row 10: Jan Luben Hoffman, Shellie Jewell '70 DeGraff, Garrett E. DeGraff, Brad Green, Deborah Noe Schakel, Nate Fuller, Margaret Sudekum



1976—Row 1: Nancy Bennett Page, Barbara Mouw Poppe, Susan Northuis Liang, Russ Johnson, Barry Stewart, Cindy Clair, Susan Boers Smith, Ruben Ferrol, Margaret VandenBerg Buckley, Lynn Hambleton Wickstra, Kim Buckley; Row 2: Kathy Curtis Korstange, Laura Camp, Becky Norden Derrick, Lisa Pifer Martin, Lorraine De Maat Harper; Row 3: Mary Remtema Brooks, Lynne DePree Holleman, Michael VandenBerg, Keith Derrick, Laurel Riekse Hoesch, Barbara Smith Bussema, Barbara Herbek Bruggers, Stephen Bruggers; Row 4: Kay Moores Walker, David James, Ann Nethery, Mike Carpenter, Tom Seel, Eric Deaton; Row 5: Barbara Springer Selig, Kristi Droppers, Gary Nieuwsma, Dave Buis, Dream Van Pernis, John Gottlieb, Dirk Bloemendaal, Jim Donkersloot

Spring highlights include All-American performances

All-American performances in two spring sports highlighted another outstanding year of intercollegiate athletics by Hope College students.

The softball squad became the third Hope team to receive a bid to compete in the NCAA Division III playoffs during the school year. The Flying Dutch ended fourth in the nation to become the fourth Hope team to finish among the top 20 in NCAA Division III this year. The men's cross country last fall finished 18th, the women's swimming team was ninth and the men's swimming team sixth. In addition, the men's basketball team was ranked third in the nation in the season-ending coaches' poll.

For the third year in-a-row Hope finished runnerup to Calvin College in the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association (MIAA) all-sports standings. For the second straight year, Calvin edged Hope by three points in the final all-sports standings. Hope's conference champions during the year included men's basketball, men's swimming and baseball.

Softball Team Records Most Successful Season

A late-season spurt, highlighted by an 18-game winning streak, put the softball team in the NCAA playoffs for the first time in history. Coach Karla Wolters' Flying Dutch were barely over the .500 mark (11-10) at mid-season, but they caught fire enroute to winning the season-ending MIAA invitational to emerge as the top-ranked team in the Midwest Region.

Hope was selected to host the Midwest Regional at the college's new softball field. The Flying Dutch won three consecutive games in the regional to advance to the NCAA championship tournament in Willimantic, Conn.

The Flying Dutch posted a 2-2 record at nationals, defeating Capital, Ohio, 5-0 and Luther, Iowa, 2-0, but bowing to Trenton State, N.J., 8-0 and host Eastern Connecticut State 3-2. The team's 30-12 record was a Hope single season record.

Wolters, a 1973 Hope graduate who has

guided the Hope softball program four years, was voted the Midwest Region Coach-of-the-Year.

Junior Lisa Walters of New Hudson, Mich., was voted the most valuable player in the MIAA. She posted a school record 15-6 record and at one point threw four consecutive shutouts.

Joining Walters on the All-MIAA first team were junior second baseman Johanna Pscodna of Lansing, Mich., and junior designated hitter Deb Vashaw of Howell, Mich. Voted to the All-MIAA second team were junior shortstop Kristie Gauntt of Jenison, Mich., and junior first baseman Jodi Joostberns of Hamilton, Mich.

Voted to the all-tournament team at the NCAA championship tournament were Joostberns and senior catcher Jackie Krombeen of Grand Rapids, Mich.

Baseball Team Captures 2nd Straight MIAA Crown

The Flying Dutchmen captured their second consecutive MIAA baseball championship and the fourth in seven years.

Coach Ray Allen's Dutchmen posted a 10-2 record against league opponents and ended the season 17-17-1 overall.

Senior Vic Breithaupt of Traverse City, Mich. set MIAA history by winning the league batting championship for a third consecutive year. Breithaupt was also voted the league's most valuable player for a second consecutive year.

Breithaupt was the only Hope player to receive All-MIAA first team designation. Voted to the All-MIAA second team were senior pitcher Seth Parker of Three Rivers, Mich., senior catcher Tim Stevens of Grand Rapids, Mich., and freshman shortstop Brent Molnar of Chesaning, Mich.

Sophomore Is NCAA Track All-American

Sophomore Marcia VanderSall of Orange City, Iowa, earned NCAA All-American honors by finishing sixth in the 10,000-meter run at the Division III national outdoor track and field championships. Earlier, VanderSall was the MIAA champion in both the 3,000-meter and



The baseball team had cause to celebrate as it clinched its second consecutive MIAA championship.

5,000-meter runs at the league's 100th Field Day competition.

The women's track team finished third in the final MIAA standings while the men's team was fourth.

Joining VanderSall as conference champions were junior Matt Buys of Grand Junction, Colo., in the shotput, freshman Anna Marie Fenwick of St. Louis, Mich., in the 100-meter hurdles, and senior Abby Van Duyne of Flint, Mich., in the 400-meter hurdles.

Voted to All-MIAA track and field team were Buys, sophomore Phil Cratty of Delaware, Ohio, senior Karl Koelling of Lansing, Mich., VanderSall and Van Duyne.

Koelling and senior Ken Kimes of Scottville, Mich., qualified for the NCAA championships. Kimes, who set a new school record in the pole vault at 15 feet, 4 inches, finished 13th at the national meet while Koelling was ninth in the javelin.

Other school records were established by senior Robin Schout of Zeeland, Mich., in the triple jump (34 feet 6 3/4 inches) and junior Katy Conlen of Clarkston, Mich., in the 1,500-meter run (4:44.6).

Cratty was voted the most valuable member of the men's team while

VanderSall and Van Duyne shared the honor on the women's squad.

Men's Tennis Team A Bridesmaid Again

For the third year in-a-row, the men's tennis team finished second in the MIAA standings behind perennial power Kalamazoo College, which went on to win this year NCAA Division III national championship.

The Flying Dutchmen posted a 10-4 overall record and lost only to Kalamazoo in league competition.

Kevin O'Keefe of Holland, Mich., the only senior on the squad, was voted the team's most valuable player.

Women's Tennis Team Slips To 5th Place

A string of four consecutive MIAA championships came to an end for the Flying Dutch who slipped to fifth place in this year's conference standings.

Freshman Sharon Land of Grand Rapids, Mich., was the only Hope player to advance to the finals at the MIAA tournament, finishing runnerup in the sixth flight.

Sophomore Linda Maxam of Spring Lake, Mich., was voted the team's most inspirational player.



Lisa Walters, a junior from New Hudson, Mich., was voted the most valuable player in the MIAA in softball.



Sophomore Marcia VanderSall of Orange City, Iowa, earned NCAA All-American honors in women's track.



Senior Vic Breithaupt of Traverse City, Mich., set MIAA history by winning the league batting championship for a third consecutive year.

ALUMNI NEWS

by Janet Mielke '84 Pinkham

Nearly 900 alumni!!! That was the attendance figure for this year's Alumni Weekend, May 3-5, as alumni from the reunion classes of 1926-76 returned to campus from across the nation to celebrate old friendships and establish new ones.

Reunion activities began on Friday evening as the classes of 1941-76 celebrated with dinners off-campus. I visited several, and arrived at the class of 1951 gathering just in time to hear the sharing of campus memories. One woman related that she had roomed with several other girls in West Hall.

Her roommates, knowing she had to rise early one particular morning, had jokingly threatened that she better not awaken them. With their admonishment still at the fore of her mind, she jumped when her alarm rang. Forgetting she had recently switched to the top bunk, she crashed to the floor with a loud thud. Despite her fall she managed to turn off the alarm, but by this time, however, her roommates were wide awake and laughing hysterically.

The woman concluded her tale by remarking "At least they laughed instead of being angry with me!"

There were plenty of fraternity and sorority stories as well, but everywhere I went the underlying theme was the same...one of camaraderie and laughter...of treasured times spent with dear friends made during college days.

Despite a rainy forecast, the following morning dawned crisp and clear. The campus was never more beautiful, with its array of flowering trees and plants plus an abundance of tulips. After registering, reunion attendees eagerly boarded the Holland Trolley for a campus tour with commentary provided by Ali Svrlinga '92 of Wayland, Mich. Great interest was also shown in the display at the Joint Archives of Holland, located in VanWylen Library, where an assortment of yearbooks and photographs marking their time on campus was available for perusal.

While Alumni Day is always a campus highlight, this year it was even more special since it marked the first 65th class reunion ever held. I had the pleasure of joining the class of 1926 at their luncheon, and when I mentioned

their's was the first class to celebrate a 65th reunion, they did not seem surprised. As one gentleman proudly pointed out, they were used to "firsts;" after all, their's was the first class to celebrate a 55th and 60th reunion! He then produced pages from his 1926 *Milestone* yearbook and indicated each of the 12 persons present.

That afternoon the class of 1946 arranged to have the Holland Trolley take them on a tour of the city. Ali Svrlinga again accompanied them as their guide. Upon learning that she was a resident assistant in Voorhees Hall, they began to share stories with her about their time there. Ali discovered that Voorhees had its own dining room where formal dinner was served each evening.

As the trolley passed Model Drugstore on Eighth Street they recalled cokes and 10-cent hot fudge sundaes. They told of having Russ' hamburgers sent up on a rope when they were "campused" in the dorm. So many fond memories!

One of the most memorable events of the weekend for me occurred at Sunday's Alumni Worship service. The Rev. William Hillegonds '49, former Hope chaplain, delivered the sermon while everyone listened with rapt attention.

alumni alert

Immediately following the service a woman from the class of '76 hurried to the front. She had come to see Chaplain Hillegonds. Explaining that she had taken a marriage preparation seminar in his home, she laughed and said she just *had to* inform him it worked—she was still married to her husband with whom she had taken the seminar!

Shortly before Alumni Weekend I received an interesting letter from Harriet Baron '30 Zuidema of Michigan who wrote that she and eight other Dorian sorority girls had started a "Round Robin" letter on the occasion of their graduation. Sixty-one years later it is still alive having circulated to India and many of the states. It is continued by four of the original members: Alice Brunson Brose of California, Julia VanOss Oosting of North Carolina, Bernadine Siebers DeValois of Colorado and Harriet.

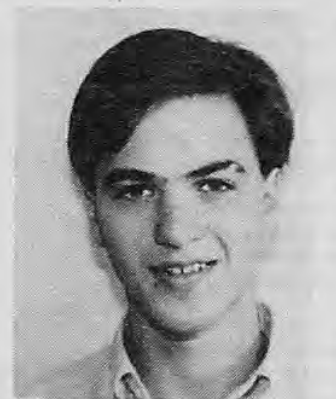
You may recall a feature that appeared in the April, 1989, issue of the *news from Hope College*. It concerned a "Round Robin" letter Lucille Teninga '46 Toren and eight classmates had started in 1946 which continues to this day. Harriet had written to ask if there are any "Round Robin" letters which are older than hers. So...how about it? Does anyone know of a "Round Robin" letter-writing circle which pre-dates 1930? We'd love to hear from you!

From reunions to "Round Robin" letters, all of these activities emphasize how tight the Hope College bond remains throughout the passage of time, distance and experience. A bond that traverses all hurdles and envelops us in its unique warmth.

Janet



John Broadbent '79



Chris Turkstra '93



Kay Moores '76 Walker

Alumni Board appoints three

During its May meeting, the Alumni Association Board of Directors chose its three officers for 1991-92, and made three new appointments and several reappointments.

Jeffrey Cordes '80 of Dallas, Texas, was re-appointed to a second year as the board's president, and John Abe '79 of Naperville, Ill., was re-appointed vice-president. Thelma Leenhouts '66 of Washington, D.C., was elected secretary, replacing Mary Damstra '68 Schroeder of Grosse Pointe, Mich., whose term with the board has ended.

The board's three new members are John Broadbent '79 of Livonia, Mich. (Michigan Region-Detroit Area), Chris Turkstra '93 of Upper Saddle River, N.J. (junior class), and Kay Moores '76 Walker of Traverse City, Mich. (Northern Michigan Region).

Re-elected to the board were Garret E. DeGraff '71 of Averill Park, N.Y., Marianne Hageman '58 of De Pere, Wis., and Anne Walvoord '73 VanderByl of Williamson, N.Y.

Walker is a junior high school teacher with the Traverse City Area Public Schools. She was selected as the 1989 Teacher of the Year for Traverse City Area Public Schools by a committee of student, community, board of education and staff representatives, and was a 1989-90 state finalist in Michigan's Teacher of the Year competition.

Walker has actively assisted in planning regional alumni gatherings in her area and has served as a class representative for the Annual Fund. She also serves as an alumni recruitment volunteer for the Admissions Office, and has been instrumental in bringing several students to Hope.

Broadbent is a systems analyst with World Computer Corporation in Auburn Hills, Mich. His previous positions include serving as a systems analyst with Ford Motor Credit Company and General Motors Acceptance Corporation and Electronic Data Systems. He and his wife, Janet, have one daughter, Meghan Elise.

Two years ago, he served on his 10-year Hope reunion committee, and he continues to be active in his support of the Fraternal Society.

Turkstra is a computer science major who has been active in intramural basketball and is a member of the Arcadian Fraternity. His parents are Bruce '65 and Carolyn Church '64 Turkstra, and their positive Hope experiences combined with his growing up in Wyckoff Reformed Church to convince him that Hope was the college for him.

In addition to Schroeder, members of the board whose terms have ended are James Hanson II '80 of Bernardsville, N.J., Steve Norden '74 of Dublin, Ohio, and Heidi Sunderhaft '90 of Muskegon, Mich.



Five alumni received Distinguished Alumni Awards on Saturday, May 4. Pictured from left to right are H. Sidney Heersma '30, Sue Bruggink '73 Edema, Harvey Staal '43, Mary Zweig '52 Visscher and Harrison C. Visscher '51.

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George E. Kloote '29 of Holland, Mich., died on Thursday, Jan. 17, 1991. He was 83.

After attending Hope for one year, he graduated from M.I.T. He was employed at New York Telephone Company for two years, and at Evans Products in Grand Rapids, Mich., as a civil engineer for 38 years.

Surviving are his wife, Margaret J.; three children, George E. Jr. and Elsie Kloote of Grandville, Mich., Richard and Marcia Kloote of Jenison, Mich., and Jerry Kloote of Grand Rapids; 11 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Henrietta Dulmes '20 Lubbers of Daytona Beach, Fla., died on March 29, 1991. She was 95.

She was born in Sheboygan, Wis. She was a librarian with the University of Wisconsin Historical Society Library, and following her 1958 retirement moved to Daytona Beach in 1959.

Survivors include two sons, Warren of Daytona Beach, and James of El Paso, Texas; a daughter, Eileen Schilling of Vail, Colo.; 20 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren.

Rena Raven '15 McLean of Holland, Mich., died on Wednesday, April 10, 1991 at a local nursing home. She was 97.

She was a graduate of Holland Public Schools, and after attending Hope graduated from Western Michigan University. An elementary teacher in the Lansing and Holland school systems, she was a member of Hope Church and a life member of DAR.

She preceded in death by her husband, Harold P., in 1943, and a daughter, Mary Kathleen, in 1963.

Surviving are a brother, Lucien John Raven of Holland; and several nieces and nephews.

Nella DeHaan '33 Mulder of Chicago, Ill., died on Thursday, May 9, 1991. She was 77.

Born in Zeeland, Mich., the daughter of Martin and Jennie DeHaan, she was raised in Zeeland.

Surviving are her husband, John; her sister, Jose Wyma of Grand Haven, Mich.; her children, Janel Mueller of Chicago, John Mulder of Louisville, Ky., Nancy Timmer of Cadillac, Mich., Mary Thorson of Park Ridge, Ill., Andrew Mulder of Holland, Mich., Martha Mulder of Boston, Mass., and Robin Mulder of Tampa, Fla.; and 20 grandchildren.

Ethel Heneveld '29 Peelen died on Saturday, March 23, 1990 at her home in Kentucky. She was 82.

She was born in Holland, Mich., and after Hope attended Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio, and took graduate courses at the Babies and Children's Hospital there.

She was employed as a registered nurse with the school system in Kalamazoo, Mich., where she was a resident for 33 years. She was a Sunday school teacher at Bethany Reformed Church in Kalamazoo for 25 years, and was also a member of the White Cross Guild.

For her ability to juggle marriage to a physician, raising six children and involvement with many community organizations, she was recognized in 1949 as Kalamazoo's Mother of the Year.

Her surviving children and grandchildren can be found under her husband Matthew's obituary, which follows. She is also survived by two brothers, George Heneveld of North Fort Myers, Fla., and Lloyd Heneveld of Grand Rapids, Mich.; and six sisters, Harriet Kempers of Albuquerque, N.M., Geneva Marcus of Sacramento, Calif., Jean Blevins of Arlington, Va., Georgeana Timmer and Barbara Dalman, both of Holland, and Augusta Spencer of Englewood, Fla.

Matthew Peelen '27, a long-time Kalamazoo, Mich., physician and more recently of Louisville, Ky., died on Tuesday, April 2, 1991. He was 86.

Born Sept. 23, 1904 in Sioux Center, Iowa, Matthew and his twin brother, J. William Peelen, both decided on a medical career. Both studied at Hope, Rush Medical College and the University of Chicago. The brothers opened a medical office together in Kalamazoo in 1935, and Matthew was the city's first board-certified surgeon.

He was Dr. Frank Lahey's first assistant. Lahey, a nationally-renowned surgeon, founded the Lahey Clinic in Boston, Mass. Matthew served as chief of staff at Bronson Methodist Hospital, and retired from practice in 1980.

He was also a member of the Hope College Board of Trustees.

He is survived by two sons, Matthew H. Peelen of Indianapolis, Ind., and the Rev. George W. Peelen of Seattle, Wash.; four daughters, Mary Tigelaar of Guilford, Conn., Beth Ray of Evansville, Ind., Carol Peelen of Kalamazoo and Ethel Van Istendal of Louisville; two brothers, William Peelen of Sarasota, Fla., and Arthur Peelen of Grand Rapids, Mich.; a sister, Grace Schut of Sioux Center; 14 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Daniel Scheerens '43 of Hastings, Mich., died on Friday, March 8, 1991. He was 75.

He was born on Oct. 15, 1915 in Rochester, N.Y.,

the son of Jacob and Jennie (Cambier) Scheerens. He graduated from Monroe High School in 1934, and was a 1949 graduate of Echels College of Mortuary Science in Philadelphia, Pa.

He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was married to Betts Elizabeth Nay on July 12, 1968.

He worked as director of funeral homes in Grand Rapids, Coldwater, Sturgis, Monroe, Hastings, Detroit, Highland Park, Southfield and Howell. He was manager of the Memorial Funeral Home in Freeport for three years, and retired in 1981.

A member of the First Presbyterian Church, he was also a 40-year member of the Lions Club and a board member of the Red Cross.

He is survived by his wife, Betts of Hastings; one sister, Gerry Scheerens of Battle Creek, Mich.; two nephews; one great-nephew; one step-daughter, Mrs. R.B. (Alexandra) Omo of Maine; two step-sons and daughters-in-law, Carl J. Hoffman and Betsy Naumburg of Rochester, N.Y., and Harvey J. and Susan Hoffman of Grand Ledge; and two step-grandchildren.

Laura Van Kley '38 Van Dyke of Paw Paw, Mich., died on Tuesday, May 7, 1991. She was 75.

She was born April 4, 1916, in Zeeland, Mich., the daughter of John and Dena Van Kley. She taught school in White Hall, Mich., and Grand Rapids, Mich., and for 21 years at Cedar Street Elementary School in Paw Paw, Mich., retiring in 1973.

She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Paw Paw, and of its Mary Circle. She was a member and past matron of the Paw Paw-Lawton Chapter No. 257 OES, and a member of the Paw Paw Coterie Club.

She married Elmer J. Van Dyke on May 29, 1941, in Zeeland.

Surviving besides her husband are her children, Joan and Warren Grosvenor of Decatur, Mary and William Bauman Jr. of Richland, and John Craig and Jean Van Dyke of Portage; eight grandchildren; three

brothers, LaVerne and Allen Van Kley of Zeeland, and John Van Kley of Holland; a sister, Juanita Ritsema of Zeeland; and several nieces and nephews.

Gysbert J. Ver Steeg '35 of Orange City, Iowa, died on Sunday, Oct. 29, 1989.

Gysbert, who was known as "Bert," was the son of John Arie Ver Steeg and Annie Vischer Ver Steeg.

He attended rural schools in Sioux County, becoming a farm laborer and a trucker. At age 21, he continued his formal education at Northwestern Classical Academy and Junior College in Orange City, and Hope and Western Theological Seminary in Holland.

On July 3, 1935 he married Wilmina Oelrich at Orange City. They served the Reformed Church in Danforth, Ill.; and the Presbyterian Churches in Campbell, Neb.; Cleghom and rural Marcus; and Russell, Iowa.

In 1955, due to a physical disability, the Rev. Ver Steeg resigned from the active ministry. In 1964, he and his wife moved to Orange City, and he became a resident of the Sioux Center Community Health Center on Sept. 4, 1984.

Survivors include his wife; children, Mr. and Mrs. Greg (Mary Ann) Halbert of Minneapolis, Minn., Mr. and Mrs. Dean (Loma Jean) Downward, and John W., all of Tucson, Ariz., and Betty Lou of Denver, Colo.; seven grandchildren; three sisters, Mrs. William (Carrie) Boone of Sioux Center; Mrs. Gerrit (Henrietta) Wesslink of Sibley; and Mrs. Lyle (Nelvina) Thomas of Orange City; and three brothers, Wilbur of Orange City; Harold of Bloomington, Minn.; and Clarence of Evanston, Ill.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by five brothers, Clarence Lester (in infancy), Laurence, the Rev. Benjamin, Marion and Jake; and a sister, Mrs. Jake (Mabel) DeHaan.

Evelyn A. Zwemer '20 died in Phoenix, Ariz., on Tuesday, March 19, 1991 following a long battle with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (Lou Gehrig's Disease). She was 95.

She was born in Graafschap, Mich., on April 10, 1896, the daughter of the Rev. Frederick and Anna Zwemer. Her father died in 1904, leaving a widow and five children, of whom Evelyn was the second oldest.

She attended grade school and high school in Holland, Mich., and after graduating from Hope taught for several years. She then attended Iowa State University, from which she earned a master's degree in home economics. Evelyn taught home economics at Iowa State University for a time, and then moved to the home economics department of Michigan State University, where she spent the remainder of her career.

She received a Fulbright Scholarship and taught in the Hague from 1951-53. She taught Dutch and published a home economics book in the Dutch language. She retired in 1962 and moved to Phoenix, where she eventually settled in at the Orangewood Retirement Center.

She maintained membership in churches in Holland and the First Presbyterian Church in Phoenix.

She suffered from Lou Gehrig's Disease the last 15 years of her life, and although her mobility and writing ability were progressively curtailed, her mind and spirit remained intact. Suffering strokes during the last year of her life, she was confined to the Capri Nursing Home in Phoenix until her death.

Surviving are two sisters-in-law, Sara Winter '16 Zwemer of Claremont, Calif., and Mary Crouch '27 Zwemer of Augusta, Maine; Marian Z. Oulette, a niece from Augusta, Maine; two nephews, Frederick Zwemer of Troy, Mich., and Theodore W. Zwemer '45 of Whittier, Calif.; and cousins.

sympathy to

The family of **Tena G. Akker** of Venice, Fla., who died of cancer on Saturday, Dec. 8, 1990, after a short illness.

She was employed in the Hope College business office from 1954-57. She was the wife of the Rev. Levi Akker '51.

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League finds one million ways to help Hope

by Greg Olgers '87

During its first 18 years, Voorhees Hall was, apparently, a fairly austere place.

Writing in 1956, Marie De Cook '27 Saunders noted, "I am sure that those who dwelt within its walls, during that time, will readily agree that the building had more of a prison atmosphere than a home."

"The reception hall was barren of furniture except for a small table which stood against the wall at the foot of the stairs and the Great Grandfather clock which still keeps perfect time," she wrote. "The only decorations the room could boast of were orange window drapery, a large silver loving cup gracing the mantle, and a shabby colorless carpet. Even the window seats were unpadded and uninviting."

Voorhees Hall, built in 1907, might today be considered many things—the quiet dorm, perhaps extreme in its architectural expression of the college's Dutch roots—but "spartan in decor" would not be among them. The place exudes an Old World elegance.

The entry foyer is dominated by towering, glass doors with brass railings. Wainscoting (varnished panels, not contemporary quarter-inch paneling), topped by floral wallpaper, surrounds the reception room walls, interrupted by an expansive fireplace (with decorated mantle) to the south. Comfortable chairs and couches, arranged ideally for small groups of friends, stand in clusters about the room, resting upon soft wall-to-wall carpeting. Also sprinkled about are smaller pieces, including a grandfather clock, mirror, chandelier and miscellaneous tables.

And the window seats on the south wall are padded now.

The transformation is owed in large part to the diligence and generosity of the Women's League for Hope College, which sponsored improvements to Voorhees in the mid-1920s, and again in 1952, 1981 and 1982.

Edith Walvoord, who came to Hope as a housemother in 1920, began the League (although she did not then know it) when she held a tea party in her home for women in the community and shared her ideas for raising funds to decorate and furnish Voorhees Hall. The project went so well, the group organized, called itself the Hope College Women's League, and found other needs it could meet—and so far has raised nearly one million dollars in its efforts to enhance residence facilities at Hope.

The League's campus impact has been widespread. In addition to its work on Voorhees Hall, the League has furnished, or refurbished, Durfee, Kollen, the fraternity complex, Van Vleck, Phelps, Dykstra and several cottages. Most of the dorms, furthermore, have received the League's help several times (such as Durfee: 1950; 1975; and 1982-87). In addition, the League contributed \$100,000 to the construction of Van Zoeren Library in 1961.

"They have had a tremendous impact on the quality of life for our students by enabling the college periodically to refurbish and refurnish the various residential facilities—which do inevitably suffer wear over a period of years," said Dr. John H. Jacobson, president of Hope College. "So the college is very grateful to the Women League for these large gifts and their gener-

ous help, and we are constantly reminded of their generosity by the attractive appearance of so many of our residential facilities."

The Women's League was traditionally organized into chapters that paralleled the structure of the Reformed Church in America, but the growing number of women from non-RCA backgrounds who support the college prompted the League to reorganize last year, dubbing the chapters as "pockets," and broadening the League's focus. "There really are many, many people who are interested in supporting the college who are not in a Reformed Church," said Lynne Walchenbach '73 Hendricks of Grandville, Mich., the League's current president. "And it's important to include them."

The current pockets include Illiana (Illinois and Indiana); Eastern (Wisconsin); Detroit, Mich.; Northern Michigan; Southwest Michigan; Muskegon, Mich.; Grand Rapids, Mich.; Zeeland, Mich.; and Holland, Mich.

For Hendricks, Women's League is something of a family tradition. Her mother, Elaine Bielefeld '46 Walchenbach of Grand Rapids, Mich., was chairperson of the second Village Square, and three sisters are also involved in Women's League.

She admits that her League family heritage was part of what drew her into Women's League, reflecting one of what she considers to be one of the League's three major functions: providing an opportunity to socialize. The other two functions are promoting the college and raising money.

According to Hendricks, Women's League raises its funds in a variety of ways, most of which are tailored to the personalities of the different chapters. In April, her Grand Rapids chapter held its annual spring breakfast and fashion show, featuring models wearing hand-made items. Also popular are luncheons, bus-trip shopping excursions and a "Dollars for Dorms" envelope campaign (participants place spare cash in envelopes, turning them in periodically).

There is also Village Square.

Village Square was first held in 1957, when the League—immersed in one of its dormitory projects—was seeking a major fund-raiser. No one involved thought they were starting a new Hope tradition.

"It was never meant to continue," said Evelyn Van Dam '50 Smallegan of Zeeland, Mich., chairperson of the first Village Square. "It was only meant to be that one year."

Like the League, however, Village Square endured. Slated for Wednesday, June 26,



Since organizing in the 1920s to refurbish Voorhees Hall (background), the Women's League for Hope College has raised \$1 million, most of which has helped remodel dormitories. Pictured are Hope President John H. Jacobson (left) and Lynne Walchenbach '73 Hendricks, current president of the league.

this year's Village Square will contain many of the same elements as the first: hand crafts, "pre-owned" specials, entertainment for children and food.

The nature of Village Square provides insights into just how significant the League's total contributions have been in terms of effort expended. The one million dollars the League has raised has involved countless hours of sewing, baking and knitting, and hundreds—if not thousands—of bratwursts, old books, and used housewares and furnishings.

The League anticipates that the proceeds from the 1991 Village Square will help put it past the million dollar mark. In addition, with its most recent undertaking—the refurbishing of Dykstra Hall—complete, the League can use its 1991 earnings for its next project.

Their choice is quite appropriate. As Village Square helps the League pass its million-dollar milestone, it will also be helping in its 35th year the same dormitory it helped furnish in its first year: Kollen Hall. ✎

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Hope College Village Square
Wednesday, June 26, 1991