Class En Masse

The brand–new Class of ‘03 takes a break from New Student Orientation to be immortalized on film. A record number of first–time students heralded the arrival of Hope’s 138th school year, and helped propel Hope to an overall enrollment record as well.

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Football hosts Queretaro team

The Flying Dutchmen football team experienced a first this year: playing an international opponent.

The team hosted the Wildcats of the Autonomous University of Queretaro, Mexico, on Saturday, Sept. 4, at Holland Municipal Stadium. The game is also believed to mark the first international contest for any football team from the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association.

The game was the latest in several connections that have formed between the university and Hope since the two institutions established a formal agreement in 1996. Student and faculty exchanges have been on-going. Earlier this semester, the gallery featured an exhibition of abstract paintings by Jordi Boldo of the university’s faculty.

The city of Holland and the university’s hometown of Santiago de Queretaro have maintained a sister-city relationship since 1995.

Hope won the exhibition game 46–7, but it was the interaction off the field that proved especially meaningful. The Queretaro delegation was in town for three days, with the players staying with Hope students on-campus.

“The football game is almost secondary to the cultural interaction and the relationships between Hope and Queretaro,” said Dr. George Kraft, who is a member of the Hope coaching staff and chairs the department of kinesiology. “It’s our guys together in the dorms.”

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On the cover

In our main cover photo, the Class of ‘03 gathers in the “fishbowl” on the north side of the DeVitt Center for the first whole-class group photo taken in decades.

At top center is a moment of sophomore intensity from this year’s Pull tug–of–war, held on Saturday, Oct. 2.

At top right, fullback Edgar Jose Zuniga Musset of the Queretaro Wildcats shows his spirit just before the Hope–Queretaro football game on Saturday, Sept. 4.
Campus Notes

Pull spirit thrives

The team spirit that unites and strengthens the Pull teams each year often lasts well beyond the event itself.

It often lasts well beyond college itself. As the freshmen and sophomores battle each fall, they are always cheered on by the alumni of earlier contests, an effect and manifestation of the contest’s even-year/odd-year rivalry. A visual survey of the audience this year revealed Pull shirts from the ‘60s through ‘90s (and even beyond—see accompanying photos).

The teams appreciate the interest. “You’re a part of this,” they tell the audience—alumni, students, parents and others alike—at the beginning. “Show your enthusiasm, because your energy makes us stronger.” The outdoors tends to absorb sound, but to stand at the focus of a full-volume Pull crowd is to be overwhelmed.

The hundreds who attended this year’s Pull, held on Saturday, Oct. 2, were part of a hard-fought struggle that saw both sides gain rope. In the end, the sophomore Class of ‘02 defeated the freshman Class of ‘03 by six feet and one inch. The rope finished the event more than 15 feet longer than it was in the beginning.

She is a past president of the Michigan Association of Handicapped Higher Education.

FACULTY KUDOS:

Rodney Boyer of the chemistry faculty has been appointed to a three-year term on the Task Force on Educational Resources for the American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (ASMBB). The 12-member task force is made up of biochemists and molecular biologists from U.S. colleges and universities, and the pharmaceutical industry. Projects that the task force will be working on include: national requirements for undergraduate biochemistry/molecular biology degrees, topical content in biochemistry/molecular biology courses, biochemistry laboratory design, research poster sessions at national meetings and summer research projects in biochemistry for high school teachers.

ASMBB is the nation’s largest organization of biochemists/molecular biologists. Dr. Boyer is the Drs. Edward A. and Elizabeth Hofma Professor of Chemistry at Hope, where he has been a member of the faculty since 1974. He teaches biochemistry courses.

James Gentile has been reappointed to the Hazardous Waste Site Review Board for the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality. The board reviews hazardous waste site management facility construction and determines approval for permits.

Dr. Gentile is the dean for the natural sciences and the Kenneth G. Herrick Professor of Biology at Hope. He represents toxicologists on the board.

Peter Gonthier, associate professor of physics, has received support through a Cottrell College Science Award from Research Corporation for his on-going study of neutron stars with NASA. He is studying how neutron stars produce gamma radiation, seeking to find a model that explains why the stars behave the way they do.

Dr. Gonthier is conducting his research in collaboration with Dr. Alice K. Harding at NASA’s Goddard Space Flight Center near Washington, D.C. He and Dr. Harding have worked together since 1992, and he has been pursuing his current research project since 1997. He anticipates that their current project will require at least another year.

Dave Zwart ’84, associate professor of education, and wife Karen were honored on Thursday, July 22, for their volunteerism.

They received the Vera Mulder Award, given annually to the Holland area’s outstanding volunteer, during a ceremony at City Hall. Their involvements include the Villa Aurora emergency shelter (where they stayed for five weeks when the director became ill with leukemia), helping coordinate the Holland CROP Walk and Kids Hope USA.
Events

Academic Calendar

Fall Semester
Oct. 22–24, Friday–Sunday—Homecoming Weekend
Nov. 5–7, Friday–Sunday—Parent’s Weekend
Nov. 25, Thursday—Thanksgiving Recess begins, 8 a.m.
Nov. 29, Monday—Thanksgiving Recess ends, 8 a.m.
Dec. 10, Friday—Last day of classes
Dec. 13–17, Monday–Friday—Semester examinations
Dec. 17, Friday—Residence halls close, 5 p.m.

Admissions

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

Visit Days offer specific programs for prospective students, including transfers and high school juniors and seniors. The programs show students and their parents a typical day in the life of a Hope student. The dates for 1999–2000 are as follows:

- Friday, Oct. 29
- Friday, Nov. 5
- Friday, Nov. 19
- Monday, Jan. 17

Junior Days: Friday, March 31; Friday, April 7

Senior Day: Saturday, April 15 (for admitted students)

Pre-Professional Day ‘06: Wednesday, May 17 (for juniors)

For further information about any Admissions Office event, please call (616) 395-7850, or toll free 1–800–968–7850 or write Hope College Admissions Office; 69 E. 10th St.; PO Box 9000; Holland, MI 49422–9000.

Music

Faculty Recital Series—Sunday, Oct. 24; Wichers Auditorium of Nykerk Hall of Music, 4 p.m. Admission is free.

Student Recital—Thursday, Oct. 28; Wichers Auditorium of Nykerk Hall of Music, 11 a.m. Admission is free.

Junior Recital—Friday, Oct. 29; Joni Norwood of Twin Lake, Mich., soprano, Wichers Auditorium of Nykerk Hall of Music, 7 p.m. Admission is free.

Cornerstone Chorale and Brass Concert—Tuesday, Nov. 2; Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 8 p.m. Tickets are $12 for regular adult admission, $8 for senior citizens and $3 for students, and are available through the college’s department of music. To order, call (616) 395–7650.

Guest Speaker—Thursday, Nov. 4; Knighten Smit ’89, “Life at the Met,” Wichers Auditorium of Nykerk Hall of Music, 11 a.m. Admission is free.

Combined Orchestra and Wind Ensemble Concert—Friday, Nov. 5; Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 8 p.m. Admission is free.

Faculty Recital Series—Sunday, Nov. 7; Wichers Auditorium of Nykerk Hall of Music, 4 p.m. Admission is free.

Masterclass—Friday, Nov. 12; Richard Roberts, violinist, Wichers Auditorium of Nykerk Hall of Music, 3 p.m. Admission is free.

Guest Speaker—Wednesday, Nov. 17; Kathy Kosins, “Music Business,” Wichers Auditorium of Nykerk Hall of Music, 3 p.m. Admission is free.

Jazz Ensembles I and II—Wednesday, Nov. 17; with Kathy Kosins, jazz vocalist, Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 7 p.m. Admission is free.

Student Recital—Thursday, Nov. 18; Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 6:30 p.m. Admission is free.

Jazz Chamber Ensembles Concert—Tuesday, Nov. 23; Wichers Auditorium of Nykerk Hall of Music, 7 p.m. Admission is free.

Christmas Vespers—Saturday–Sunday, Dec. 4–5; Dimnent Memorial Chapel. The services will be on Saturday, Dec. 4, at 8 p.m., and on Sunday, Dec. 5, at 2 p.m., 4:30 p.m., and 8 p.m. The public sale of tickets will be held on Saturday, Nov. 20, from 9 a.m. to noon in the lobby of the DeWitt Center, located on Columbia Avenue at 12th Street.

Tickets are $10 for senior citizens, $12.50 for other adults and $6.50 for students. For more information, call (616) 395–6996.

Great Performance Series: Twelfth Night with Acter, actors from the London stage—Thursday–Saturday, Nov. 4–6; DeWitt Center main theatre, 8 p.m. Additional information may be obtained by calling the college’s Office of Public and Alumni Relations at (616) 395–7860.

Musical Showcase—Friday, Nov. 19; A juried show featuring the work of alumni artists. There will be an opening reception on Friday, Oct. 22, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

The gallery is open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m. Admission is free.

Dance

Aerial Dance Theater—Friday–Saturday, Oct. 29–30; Knickerbocker Theatre, 8 p.m.

Tickets are $6 for regular adult admission, and $4 for senior citizens and students, and will be available at the door. Admission is free for children under 12.

De Pree Gallery

“Alumni Art Exhibition”—Friday, Oct. 22–Friday, Nov. 19; A juried show featuring the work of alumni artists. For more information call the department of English at (616) 395–6996.

Theatre

Electra—Friday–Saturday, Oct. 22–23; Wednesday–Saturday, Oct. 27–30

By Sophocles

DeWitt Center, main theatre, 8 p.m.

Tickets are $7 for regular adult admission, $5 for Hope faculty and staff, and $4 for senior citizens and students, and will be available approximately two weeks before the production opens. The ticket office is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from noon to 5 p.m., and may be called at (616) 395–7890.

Great Performance Series: Twelfth Night with Acter, actors from the London stage—Thursday–Saturday, Nov. 4–6; DeWitt Center main theatre, 8 p.m. Additional information may be obtained by calling the college’s Office of Public and Alumni Relations at (616) 395–7860.

Maura’s Angel—Friday–Saturday, Dec. 3–4; Wednesday–Saturday, Dec. 8–11

By Lynn Reid Banks

DeWitt Center main theatre, 8 p.m.

Tickets are $7 for regular adult admission, $5 for Hope faculty and staff, and $4 for senior citizens and students, and will be available approximately two weeks before the production opens. The ticket office is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from noon to 5 p.m., and may be called at (616) 395–7860.

Instant Information

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

Visiting Writers Series

Thursday, Dec. 2; Janis Arnold and Kim Barnes; Knickerbocker Theatre, 7 p.m.

Live music by the Hope College Jazz Chamber Ensemble will precede the readings beginning at 6:30 p.m. Admission is free. For more information or to be placed on the series’s mailing list, please call the department of English at (616) 395–7620.

Alumni and Friends

Regional Events

West Michigan—Friday–Saturday, Nov. 26–27

The Old Kent Classic men’s basketball tournament at Van Andel Arena in Grand Rapids, featuring teams from Aquinas College, Calvin College, Hope College and Grand Valley State University.

West Michigan—Saturday, Jan. 15

A gathering in Grand Rapids to watch the Hope–Calvin men’s basketball game on a big-screen television. The game starts at 3 p.m.

Presidential Inauguration—Friday–Saturday, Oct. 22–23

Activities in conjunction with the inauguration of Dr. James E. Bultman ’63 as the 11th president of Hope College. The inauguration ceremony itself will be held on Friday, Oct. 22, at 2 p.m. in Dimnent Memorial Chapel.

Additional details TBD.

Homecoming—Friday–Sunday, Oct. 22–24

Includes reunions for the Classes of ’84, ’89 and ’94.

Winter Happening—Saturday, Jan. 29

Musical Showcase—Monday, March 6, 8 p.m.

DeVos Hall, Grand Rapids, Mich.

Alumni Weekend—Friday–Sunday, May 5–7

Includes reunions for every fifth class from ’35 through ’80.

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

Traditional Events

Nykerk Cup competition—Saturday, Nov. 6, 8 p.m.

Christmas Vespers—Saturday–Sunday, Dec. 4–5

Honor Convocation—Thursday, April 27, 7 p.m.

Baccalaureate and Commencement—Sunday, May 7

For High School Students:

Science Day—Thursday, Nov. 4

The fourth Alumni Exhibition, featuring 38 works by alumni artists, runs in the gallery of the De Pree Art Center from Friday, Oct. 22, through Friday, Nov. 19. Pictured is “Fremont Hot” by David Chapelle ’91.
Enrollment sets records

Hope has enrolled a record number of students for the second consecutive year.

Hope has 2,943 students this fall, topping the high of 2,920 set in the fall of 1998. It is the fourth time in five years that enrollment at Hope has topped 2,900 students.

The overall total also includes a record-setting 755 first-time students. Hope has enrolled a record number of first-time students during each of the past three years, with 746 in the fall of 1998.

"This has been one of the most rewarding conclusions to a recruiting year that I've experienced at Hope," said Dr. James Bekkering '65, who is vice president for admissions.

The student body is comprised of 1,184 men and 1,759 women from 36 states and territories, as well as from 27 foreign countries.

Students transferring to Hope from other colleges and universities total 63, compared with 81 in 1998. There are 100 students enrolled in off-campus programs, compared to 98 last year.

The enrollment by class, with last year's numbers in parenthesis, is: freshmen, 779 (771); sophomores, 726 (713); juniors, 638 (601); seniors, 669 (691); and special students, 131 (144).

The largest representation is from Michigan with 2,148 students, followed by: Illinois, 236; Indiana, 84; New York, 58; Ohio, 50; Minnesota, 34; Iowa, 25; Wisconsin, 24; New Jersey, 23; California, 12; and Pennsylvania, 10.

Foreign countries represented in the student body include Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Ecuador, Ethiopia, France, Germany, India, Japan, Korea, Liberia, Mexico, Nepal, Norway, Pakistan, Palestine, Peru, Romania, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Tajikistan, Turkey, the Ukraine, the United Kingdom and Zambia.

Each year a small army of upperclassmen helps new students move into their rooms at the beginning of Orientation weekend (one pleased parent this year was overheard reporting that the family's fully-loaded vehicle was emptied out in four minutes flat). They have their work especially cut out for them this year, as Hope enrolled a record-high 755 first-time students.

Winter Sports

Men's Basketball

Fri. & Sat., Nov. 19–20..............at Cornerstone Classic
Tues., Nov. 23.................CONCORDIA, MI, 7:30 p.m.
Fri.-Sat., Nov. 26-27...Old Kent Classic at VanAndel Arena
Sat., Dec. 4.........................AQUINAS, 3 p.m.
Fri.-Sat., Dec. 10–11............HOPE CLASSIC
Tues.-Wed., Dec. 28-29.......RUSS DEVETTE HOLIDAY CLASSIC

Sat., Dec. 4 .................................................AQUINAS, 7:30 p.m.
Tues., Dec. 7............................ at Hope, 7:30 p.m.
Sat., Dec. 11.........................*at Albion, 7:30 p.m.
Sat., Dec. 15............................ at Kalamazoo, 7:30 p.m.
Sat., Jan. 8............................ at Olive, 7:30 p.m.
Wed., Jan. 12............................ *at Albion, 7:30 p.m.
Sat., Jan. 15............................ *CALVIN, 3 p.m.
Wed., Jan. 19............................ *ALMA, 7:30 p.m.
Sat., Jan. 22............................ *at Adrian, 3 p.m.
Wed., Jan. 26............................ *DIANCE, 7:30 p.m.
Sat., Jan. 29............................ *OLIVET, 3 p.m.
Wed., Feb. 2............................ *at Albion, 7:30 p.m.
Sat., Feb. 5............................ *KALAMAZOO, 3 p.m.
Wed., Feb. 9............................ *at Calvins, 7:30 p.m.
Sat., Feb. 12............................ *at Alma, 3 p.m.
Wed., Feb. 16............................ *DIADIAN, 7:30 p.m.
Sat., Feb. 19............................ *DIANCE, 7:30 p.m.
Wed.-Sat., Feb. 23-26..............MIAA Tournament

*MIAA game

Cornerstone Classic – Bethel, Ind., Cornerstone, Hope, Univ. of Mich.–Dearborn

Old Kent Classic - Aquinas; Calvins; Grand Valley; Hope

Hope Classic – Hope; Huntington, Ind.; St. Xavier, Ill.; Trinity Christian, Ill.

Russ DeVette Holiday Tournament – Cornerstone; Hope; Rochester; Tri-State, Ind.

Home games played at Holland Civic Center
Starting times are in the time zone of home team.
1999 Generational New Students

‘03 tops the charts

FIFTH GENERATION

Robert Bartlett (Mt. Vernon, Ind.)
Mother – Patricia VanWyk ’73 Bartlett
Grandmother – Bertha Vis ’41 VanWyk
Grandfather – Gordon VanWyk ’41
Great-Grandmother – Bertha Van Kolken (Prep ’09) Vis
Great-Grandfather – Jean Vis ’10
Great-Grandmother – Amelia Menning ’17 VanWyk
Great-Great Grandfather – Seine Menning ’83

Nadine Vidoni (Litchfield Park, Ariz.)

Alister Mulder (Holland, Mich.)

Martha Luidens (Holland, Mich.)

Charlie Kleinheksel (Zeeland, Mich.)

Dan Bruggers (Lima, Peru)
Father – David Bruggers ’73
Grandmother – Phyllis Voss ’47 Bruggers
Grandfather – Glenn Bruggers ’48
Great-Grandfather – John Bruggers ’15

Emily Colenbrander (Holland, Mich.)

Jenna Wassink (Holland, Mich.)
Grandmother – Vera Pennings ’45 Colenbrander
Great-Grandfather – Henry Colenbrander ’13

Fourth Generation

Rachel Boersma (Holland, Mich.)

Dan Bruggers (Lima, Peru)

Emily Colenbrander (Holland, Mich.)

Charlie Kleinheksel (Zeeland, Mich.)
Father – Conrad Kleinhelsel ’73
Grandfather – Victor Kleinhelsel ’51
Great-Grandmother – Serena Top (Prep ’23) Kleinhelsel

Martha Luidens (Holland, Mich.)

Jenna Wassink (Holland, Mich.)

Third Generation

Rand Arwady (Kalamazoo, Mich.)

Jenna Wassink (Holland, Mich.)
Mother – Paula Colenbrander ’73 Wassink
Grandmother – Vera Pennings ’45 Colenbrander
Great-Grandfather – Henry Colenbrander ’13

The Class of ’03 included 105 Generational New Students, the highest total on record (the previous high was 101 in 1987). Pictured from left to right are third, fourth and fifth generation students: Row 1: Chad Carlson, Dan Bouwens, Charlie Kleinhelsel, Luke Rumohr, Sara Haeverdink, Rachel Boersma, Emily Colenbrander, Alister Mulder, Jenna Wassink; Row 2: Megan Timmer, Rachael Bottema, Dan Hendricks, Susan De Lange, Brent Jackson, Josh Ruch, Anna Worbois, Alyson Brzezinski, Sarah Naoum, Maria Van Wieren, Emily Hayes, Rachel Van Wieren; Row 3: Jane Elizabeth Bast, Josh Ruch, Rob Bartlett, Pete Buis, Ben Fedak, Meghan Boose, Rand Arwady, Martha Luidens, Tim Folkert, Jim Plasman, Nora Staal, Nikki Dekker.

Alyson Brzezinski (Springboro, Ohio)

Peter Buis (Allegan, Mich.)
Father – David Buis ’76
Grandfather – Harry Buis ’49

Chad Carlson (Holland, Mich.)
Father – Susan Hermance ’75 Carlson
Grandfather – Robert Carlson ’75

Nicole Dekker (Menomonee Falls, Wis.)
Mother – Mary Scott ’75 Dekker
Father – Tom Dekker ’74

Susan De Lange (Orland Park, Ill.)
Mother – Mary Forstein ’71 De Lange
Grandfather – Lambert Forstein ’48

Chad Carlson (Holland, Mich.)

Timothy Folkert (Hudsonville, Mich.)
Mother – Barbara Koop ’74 Folkert
Father – Carl Folkert ’74

Sara Haeverdink (Hamilton, Mich.)
Mother – Ruth Beeve Haeverdink ’91
Father – Cliff Haeverdink ’72

Emily Hayes (Suffield, Conn.)
Mother – Lois Crounse ’78 Hayes
Father – Paul Hayes ’78
Grandfather – Ernest Crounse ’35
1999 Generational New Students

Dan Hendricks (Novi, Mich.)
Mother – Nancy Pickell ’76 Hendricks
Father – Paul Hendricks ’75
Grandfather – Roger Hendricks ’50

Brent Jackson (Grand Haven, Mich.)
Mother – Susan Schaffer Jackson ’88
Father – Larry Jackson ’79
Grandfather – Roderic Jackson ’54

Sarah Naoum (Kalamaazzo, Mich.)
Mother – Maggie Naoum ’74
Grandfather – Abraham Naoum ’33

Jim Plasman (Dowsers Grove, Ill.)
Mother – Mary Bruns ’78 Plasman
Grandfather – Elton Bruns ’50

Joshua Ruch (Kentwood, Mich.)
Father – Michael Ruch ’75
Grandfather – Richard Ruch ’52

Lake Rumohr (Mason, Mich.)
Mother – Jill Nyboer ’70 Rumohr
Father – Harry Rumohr ’70
Grandfather – Andrew Nyboer ’39

Josh Rumpsa (Grand Rapids, Mich.)
Mother – Vicki Wiegengr Klasing ’74 Rumpsa
Father – Matt Rumpsa ’75
Grandfather – Gerrit Wiegengr ’33

Nora Staal (Israel)
Mother – Ann Moskul ’74 Staal
Father – Thomas Staal ’74
Grandfather – Harvey Staal ’43

Megan Timmer (Holland, Mich.)
Mother – Georgia Gearhart ’70 Timmer
Father – Ben Timmer ’68
Grandmother – Virginia Gearhart ’69
Grandfather – Ezra Gearhart ’52
Grandfather – Ben Timmer ’36

Maria Van Wieren (Grand Haven, Mich.)
Mother – Candy Hines ’71 Van Wieren
Grandmother – Dorothy Kooiker ’44 Van Wieren
Grandfather – Gilbert Van Wieren ’42

Rachel Van Wieren (Grant, Mich.)
Father – Gerald Van Wieren ’71
Grandfather – Louis Van Wieren ’44

Anna Worbois (Holland, Mich.)
Father – Kate ten Haken ’93
Step-Father – Bruce ten Haken ’83
Grandfather – Reuben ten Haken ’37

SECOND GENERATION

Jennifer Barrett (Findlay, Ohio)
Mother – Christine Lakanen ’73 Barrett

Tyler Bing (Zeeland, Mich.)
Grandmother – Nancy VanKooevering ’68 Vande Water
Grandfather – Terry Vande Water ’60

Jessie Blacquire (Byron Center, Mich.)
Father – Bill Blacquire ’78

Matthew Boes (Hudsonville, Mich.)
Mother – Lucinda Gordon ’74 Boes

Brandon Bosscher (Grand Rapids, Mich.)
Father – Gerard Bosscher Jr. ’71

Elizabeth Buikema (Muskegon, Mich.)
Father – Robert Buikema ’76

Elizabeth Burt (Albuquerque, N.M.)
Mother – Laura Kuprissian ’66 Burt
Father – Chuck Burt ’68

Lindee Claerbout (Oostburg, Wis.)
Father – Daven Claerbout ’80

Jennifer Coleman (Grand Rapids, Mich.)
Father – Bob Coleman ’77

Sarah Crisman (Downers Grove, Ill.)
Mother – Terry Chockley ’77 Crisman
Father – Roger Crisman ’73

Alicia Daniel (Cincinnati, Ohio)
Grandmother – Alice Clark ’34 Meyer

Megan Daniels (Grand Haven, Mich.)
Mother – Shelia Norris ’76 Daniels
Father – Greg Daniels ’73

Christen Neolle Davids (Big Rapids, Mich.)
Mother – Babetta Coeke Davids ’91

Melissa DeBoer (Haslett, Mich.)
Father – Steve DeBoer ’71

Ian DeGraaf (Grand Rapids, Mich.)
Father – Norman DeGraaf ’79

Karissa DeYoung (Ithaca, Mich.)
Mother – Sheri VandenHeuvel ’72 DeYoung
Father – Lee DeYoung ’71

Corrie Durham (Fremont, Mich.)
Mother – Pat Hahn ’77 Durham
Father – John Durham ’76

Todd Edema (Grand Rapids, Mich.)
Mother – Sue Bruggink ’73 Edema
Father – Douglas Edema ’73

Isaac Ellis (Holland, Mich.)
Mother – Brenna Ellis ’96

Natalie Feenstra (Grand Haven, Mich.)
Grandfather – Karel Feenstra ’31

Necia Flaherty (Holland, Mich.)
Grandfather – Richard Flaherty ’50

Tracey Forbes (Lone Tree, Iowa)
Grandfather – Gerrit Boogerd ’54

Sarikki Forgwe (Holland, Mich.)
Mother – Joy Klaaren ’72 Forgwe
Father – Christopher Forgwe ’70

Kyle Frank (St. Joseph, Mich.)
Grandfather – Russell Sybesma ’59

Eric Golte (Midland, Mich.)
Great-Grandfather – Elmer Den Herder ’30

Abbie Gonzales (Holland, Mich.)
Father – Alfredo Gonzales ’76

Michael Grant (Ithaca, Mich.)
Mother – Rita Hayden ’73 Grant
Father – John Grant ’73

Ian Hesselstweet (Grand Haven, Mich.)
Mother – Ann Rodenhouse ’72 Hesselstweet

Anne Hilbrecht (Kalamaazzo, Mich.)
Father – Mary Vollink ’64 Hilbrecht

Dorothy Howe (Collegeville, Penn.)
Father – H. Clay Howe ’68

Amy Johnson (Sarasota, Fla.)
Father – Mark Johnson ’75

Charlene Kane (Midland, Mich.)
Father – Charles Kane ’72

Michael Kennedy (Prospect Heights, Ill.)
Mother – Joan Kasing ’76 Kennedy

Jennifer Kettler (Pella, Iowa)
Great-Grandfather – Harold Arink ’27

Miranda Lawrence (Sterling, N.Y.)
Mother – Deborah Firmbach ’74 Lawrence
Father – Randall Lawrence ’75

Craig Lawton (Holland, Mich.)
Mother – Barbara Smalling ’73 Lawton
Father – William Lawton ’75

Emily Louis (Zeeland, Mich.)
Grandfather – Kenneth Louis ’53

Margaret Marllatt (Battle Creek, Mich.)
Mother – Janet Gabriel ’78 Marllatt

Kimberly Pett (Holland, Mich.)
Father – Jeffrey Pett ’75

Katherine Ramsey (Holland, Mich.)
Father – Charles Ramsey ’72

Emily Reeves (Hudsonville, Mich.)
Father – David Reeves ’66

Steven Reynen (Peoria, Ill.)
Mother – Sharon Weaver ’70 Reynen
Father – Paul Reynen ’67

Jamie Riemersma (Alma, Mich.)
Father – Jeffrey Riemersma ’76

Karly Savara (Rockford, Mich.)
Grandmother – Arloa VanderVeld ’50 Vander Kok

Daniel Schroyer (Maryville, Mich.)
Mother – Suzanne Elzerman ’71 Schroyer

Dwight J. Slater (Southfield, Mich.)
Mother – Deborah Herzog ’76 Slater
Father – Dwight E. Slater ’76

Laurie Speet (Copperville, Mich.)
Grandfather – Herman Speet ’51

Robert Spencer ( Traverse City, Mich.)
Father – John Spencer ’71

Kristi Spitters (Rochland, Mich.)
Father – Gerald Spitters ’74

Harold Steed (New York, N.Y.)
Mother – Nancy Rajsky-Steed ’67

Sarah Sturtveant (West Olive, Mich.)
Mother – Deborah Weiss ’73 Sturtveant
Father – Dennis Sturtveant ’75

Alyson Sybesma (Holland, Mich.)
Grandfather – Russell Sybesma ’56

Kara Van Assen (Ithaca, Mich.)
Father – Craig Van Assen ’76

Michael Van Beek (Hudsonville, Mich.)
Father – David Van Beek ’68

Jeff VandenBerg (Olympia, Wash.)
Mother – Sharon Brown ’71 VandenBerg
Father – Robert VandenBerg ’71

Alicia Van Der Meulen (Zeeland, Mich.)
Father – Rick Van Der Meulen ’77

Kerstin Vander Ven (Grand Rapids, Mich.)
Mother – Rita Henrickson ’76 Vander Ven
Father – Gary Vander Ven ’74

Sarah Van Dyke (Palos Heights, Ill.)
Mother – Jane Engelsman ’69 Van Dyke

Andree Van Engen (Glendora, Calif.)
Mother – Joan Taylor ’70 Van Engen
Father – Charles Van Engen ’70

Christina Van Rengersmort (West Olive, Mich.)
Grandmother – Elaine Wierda ’37 Van Rengersmort

Kathryn Veldman (Sawyer, Mich.)
Grandfather – George Veldman ’33

Abby Vollmer (Spring Lake, Mich.)
Mother – Kathy VanderMolen ’74 Vollmer

Marcus Voss (Holland, Mich.)
Grandfather – Paul Boeriger ’50

Joel Wernlund (Brown Deer, Wis.)
Mother – Becky Denham ’77 Wernlund

David Williamson (Grayslake, Ill.)
Mother – Ellenore Thompson ’75 Pinkham

Elizabeth Winne (Highlands Ranch, Colo.)
Father – Jeffery Winne ’73

Matthew Workman (Muskegon, Mich.)
Father – Harold Workman Jr. ’70

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Alumni News

Class Notes

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1950s


Roy Lumsden '52 of Barrington, Ill., presented a Distinguished Achievement Award to Robert "Bud" Prins '54 on Hope's behalf in May in conjunction with Bud's retirement as president of Iowa Wesleyan College.

Robert "Bud" Prins '54 of Canon City, Colo., has retired as president of Iowa Wesleyan College of Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, a position he held for 13 years. To help mark the occasion, Hope presented him with a Distinguished Achievement Award in May; the award was presented on the college's behalf by Roy Lumsden '52.

Robert Winter '57 of Berea, Ohio, is teaching a segment of an honors course, "Language, Thought and Meaning: Seeking the Distinctively Human," during the current fall semester at Baldwin-Wallace College in Berea. His segment deals with the philosophical/religious issues. He also writes a monthly column for the Sun Newspapers, a chain of local weekly papers in the Southwest Cayuga County (Ohio) area. In addition, he is in his 17th year as rector of St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Berea, and active in a number of diocesan and local positions (Fire Department chaplain, member of the Curriculum Council for the local school board, etc.).

James Evenhuis '58 of Nevi, Mich., recently retired after working with the Detroit Public Library for 38 years. From 1985 to 1998 he served as assistant director for branch services, supervising 24 libraries providing neighborhood library service to one million Detroit residents. He is now studying archival and records management at Wayne State University's Walter Reuther Labor Library, and working on a volunteer project assembling the records of the Detroit Public Library from its beginning in 1865 to the present.

Rosemarie Kish '58 Evenhuis of Nevi, Mich., has left the health care field, where she was director of the Detroit Easter Seal Society and a vice president at the Rehabilitation Institute of Michigan. Rosemarie is currently a vice president with Right Management Consultants, doing interim employment counseling and job placement for executives who have been "downsized" by major area corporations.

Bob Vander Aarde '58 of Great Falls, Mont., received the "Montana Volunteer of the Year Award" from the American Red Cross on Saturday, May 8, 1999. He is pastor of Christ Church on the Hill, the only congregation of the Reformed Church in America in Montana.

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Betty Whittaker '62 Jackson teaches languages at Kennedy High School in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, where her daughter is a senior. She previously served as a scoring supervisor at NCS in Iowa City since her family's move to Iowa three years ago.

Russ Harmon '63 of Jenison, Mich., retired from teaching at Wyoming Park High School after his 50th year, and is now an adjunct math and science instructor at Grand Valley State University.

Al Grams '64 of Dearborn, Mich., is senior pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in Dearborn, and also minister to Henry Ford Retirement Village in Dearborn.

Dave Zwart '64 and wife Karen of Holland, Mich., were honored on Thursday, July 22, for their volunteerism. They received the Vera Mulder Award, given annually to the Holland area's outstanding volunteer, during a ceremony at City Hall. Their involvements include the Villa Aurora emergency shelter (where they stayed for five weeks when the director became ill with leukemia), helping coordinate the Holland CROP Walk and Kids Hope USA. Dave is an associate professor of education at Hope.

Peter Slekete '65 of Manassas, Va., was invested as judge of the 31st Judicial District of Virginia on Wednesday, June 30, 1999.

John Ver Meulen Sr. '56 has been named vice president, worldwide sales, with Wildlife Communications Inc. Headquartered in Lexington, Mass., the company is a pioneer in the field of virtual-assistant technology.

Don Westerhoff '56 of Lansing, Pa., is director of manufacturing engineering with Modus Media International.

Al McGeehan '66 of Holland, Mich., received the "Friend of History" award from the Holland Historical Trust on Tuesday, July 28, in recognition of his service to pursuing Holland's past.

Marge Jacobs '67 VanderMeer is a counselor in Fremont, Ill., with the Family Counseling Services of Lutheran Child and Family Services of Illinois.

Rogier Ditch '68 of Summit, N.J., is a founding partner of Regency Capital LLC.

Barbara Hayes '68 of Keedwood, Mich., is a judge of the 31st Judicial District of Virginia on Wednesday, June 30, 1999.

Tour will feature Germany

The Year 2000 alumni tour will tell a tale of change, a millennium's worth, as it visits Switzerland, Germany and the Netherlands.

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The tour leaders will be Dr. Sander de Haan and Georgia de Haan, who will complement the program with their knowledge of the topic and familiarity with the sites.

"Throughout the trip I'll try to feature the connections to the history of Christianity—Protestantism and Catholicism; some of the connections between the two," said Dr. de Haan, who is professor of German and Dutch and chair of the department of modern and classical languages at Hope.

The Passion Play at Oberammergau, for example, continues the villagers' promise in 1634 to celebrate the Passion of Christ every 10 years after their prayers to be spared from plague were answered. The cathedrals in cities like Worms and Cologne provide enduring physical manifestations of Catholicism's centuries-long dominance. Wartburg and Luther's birthplace of Eisleben provide opportunities to reflect on the origins and impact of the Protestant Reformation.

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It's because of their positive experience seven years ago, in fact, that this year's Alumni Tour will feature Germany with visits to Switzerland and the Netherlands and a quick stop in Liechtenstein. In addition to sites in all four countries, the trip will survey the development of Christianity in Europe during the past 1,000 years.

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Louise Shumaker '87 of Holland, Mich., has been appointed an executive director of the Michigan Commission on Disability Concerns, to a term that will continue into 2002. She is director of disability rights in the Lansing area.

Lon Collum '88 and family are living in Thailand northeast of Bangkok. He is teaching English and psychology to 12th through 14th grades at Ruanruam International School.

Amy Trevorrow '38 Palma of Rochester Hills, Mich., recently obtained her Professional Nurse Resources Certification (PHR). She is part owner of Trevorrow Inc., which distributes upscale kitchen appliances throughout the state. She serves as a corporate secretary and human resources manager.

William G. Angus '89 of Grandville, Mich., is a research scientist with Pfizer Inc. in Groton, Conn.

Robert Armony '82 of Grandville, Mich., has been promoted to vice president of retail banking at Byron Center State Bank. He and wife Dawn have two children: Travis, age three, and Jacob, age one.

Tricia Rutledge '88 of Battle Creek, Mich., is a mathematics teacher with the Battle Creek Public Schools.

Karen Betten '89 of Arlington, Va., was working at an inner-city clinic in Washington, D.C., since finishing family practice residency last year. She recently joined the faculty of the Georgetown Family Practice Residency Program at Providence Hospital in Washington, D.C.

Thomas Bouwer '90 has been promoted to regional vice president of the Middle East/South Asia Region of AIG. He is living in Tel Aviv, Israel.

Tami VanDerkamp '89 of Byron Center, Mich., is head of the grade six–12 mathematics department of the Middle Village School District in New York City. She and her husband Scott live in Middle Village with their three children: Emma, age three; Eric, age two; and Phillip, almost age one.

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University of Detroit Mercy School of Dentistry. Gudrun Day ’94 Patton of Lansing, Mich., is director of public relations/social events for the Michigan Work! Association. Kristen Dalman ’94 Ryan and family live in Essex Junction, VT. Bob Sokour ’91 of Grandville, Mich., is a financial advisor for Morgan Stanley Dean Wittner in Holland, MI. Mama Schinkel ’91 Stitt of Buchanan, Mich., is a school social worker for two years and is now working with Black River Public School as a school social worker, counselor, college counselor and chair of the health committee. In her free time she enjoys walking the dog, biking, reading and crafts (espe- cially stamping cards, scrap books and leading Stampin’ Up! demonstration workshops). Karen Thomas ’95 Kleinheksel of Kentwood, Mich., is a high school teacher with the Lowell Area School. Dania Rios ’93 Mireles has taken a year’s leave of absence from teaching. She is a program counselor at the Holland campus of Grand Valley State University, and is also completing her master’s in education at GVSU. Sara K. Murphy ’93 of Chicago, IL, is AEA state manager for “Love, Janus,” with the Royal George Theater LLC. Jason Nichols ’93 of Worthington, Ohio, is a doctor of optometry at The Ohio State University in Columbus, OH. Ryan Peters ’95 is an intern at Genesys Regional Medical Center in Grand Blanc, MI. Teresa Reader–Budzynski ’95 of Chicago, IL, is a customer relations manager for Toyota. She and husband Brad have purchased a new home, and she reports that she is enjoying being a new mom (please see “Births”). Barb Nixon ’95 Van Huis and Tim Van Huis ’95 have moved back to Holland, Mich. Barb is a stay-at-home mom to new son Isaac Timothy (please see “Births”) and Dana Nicole, age two. Tim owns and runs an Internet business. Stacie Verkam ’95 is a special education teacher for the Lee County School District in North Fort Myers, FL. Camaryn Banger ’96 of Holland, MI, is a psychology student at the Algonquin County Intermediate School District. Kimberly Benton ’96 recently returned from an extended visit to Janed Buone ’96 in Ghana, West Africa. This fall, she is returning to Southern Connecticut State University in New Haven to com- plete her master’s in education with a focus in music education. Then plans to move westward to work and play in the snowy mountains and cold streams. Julie Fink ’96 of Grosse Ile, MI, is pursu- ing a BSN at Wayne State University. Maryk ’96 Dobbrowski and Chris Dobbrowski ’96 live in Missoula, MT. She is a first grade teacher and he is a teaching assistant as he pursues his master’s in art education. Kathleen Corcoran ’96 Filber of Muskegon, MI, is a second grade teacher at St. Michael School. Cara ’96 Warnick of Ferndale, MI, is currently working as a satellite feed coordinator/tape editor for WFTS, the ABC news affiliate in Tampa, FL. Toyin Taylor ’96 of Dearborn, MI, recently celebrated his three-year anniversary with Cognitive Arts, an international company which creates multimedia–based software products. He is a video producer, combining talents in digital video editing, green screen composing, multi- media authoring and Web video streaming. Todd also does all the video for Jeff & the House (www.jat.com), a daily Web broadcast, as well as being editor and contributor to XXI, a speculative literature magazine. Also, he is playing in the band “Bornakuta” with Matthew Allen ’95 and Ted Geerdink. Their third album, Why Too Kay?, will be released in November on 420 Records. Sarah Van Harken ’96 Lindeng of Alexandria Va., is a policy analyst with Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC). Travis Long ’96 of Ypsilanti, MI, is a design engineer for Ford Motor Company. Stephen Parker ’96 of Des Moines, IA, in August of 1999 began a two-year judicial clerkship with the Honorable Harold Vierer, senior judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit in the District of Iowa. Chris Martting ’96 of Glendale, AZ., is a second-year student at AZCOM in the DO program. Cheryl ’96 Bunde & Mitch has moved to the Boston, MA area to pursue a master’s degree at Gordon–Conwell Theological Seminary. She pre- viously taught at Sylvan Christian School in Grand Rapids, MI. Dave Nicholson ’96 of Coldwater, MI, is an event manager with General Motors EventWorks. He had previously worked with EDS in Detroit, MI, for one-and-half years. Shannon Panzi ’96 of Holland, MI, is a student at University of Michigan Medical School. She has been providing health care to migrant farm workers, and hopes to have a residency in obstetrics and gynecology. James Rairick ’96 recently started a three-year posi- tion at University of Stouffville, Ontario. Chris Martting ’96 of East Lansing, MI, is a school counselor for the Williamstown (Mass.) Theatre Festival this summer. Naomi Tsukamoto ’96 of Somerville, MA, is pursu- ing an M.Ed. in creative arts at Lesley College in Cambridge, MA. Jason Upchurch ’96 of Villa Park, IL, is a copy- writer with DB&A Associates and a featured writer for URChicago magazine. Andrew P. Van Perri ’96 has joined the Hope faculty as a visiting instructor of computer science. Kristin Vink ’96 of Stow, OH, teaches 10th grade English in the Tallmadge (Ohio) City School District. Heather Bair ’96 of East Lansing, Mich., is attending the College of Veterinary Medicine at Michigan State University. She recently completed her master’s (please see “Advanced Degrees”) and worked on parasites of four seals in the St. Lawrence. Lisa Ros ’97 has been promoted to senior legislative assistant for Congressman Pete Hoekstra ’75 in Washington, D.C. She is responsible for education, health care, Social Security and welfare policy issues as well as special projects. Stephen Bovenkerk ’97 is a first-year medical student at the Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine in Chicago, IL. Kristen Will ’97 Conner is in her second year of teaching special education in Ohio. She works mainly with learning disabled students, all of whom are in the 6th grade. Peter DeYoung ’97 of West Bloomfield, Mich., is a third-year student at Wayne State University School of Medicine. Kelly Gilroy ’97 is completing her master’s degree in public health at Wayne State University. She has been working as a graduate assistant for the WMU Recreation Center, coordinating all of the recreation programs for the students who are working full-time as the fitness and women’s health department head. She also serves as the director at the YMCA of Kalamazoo, MI. Zachary Heg ’97 of Kalamazoo, Mich., is a gradua- te student at Central Michigan University for Teaching and Learning at Western Michigan University. Megan Hunter ’97 of Kalamazoo, MI, is a graduate student at the University of Iowa. Their commitment is currently one year with the paramedic program and the second year as a full-time photographer in the communications department, and Shawn is teaching grades three and four. The ship is in South Africa at the moment and will travel to The Gambia, West Africa, in January to do a medical outreach. Russ Kersten ’97 of Grand Rapids, Mich., is attending the Michigan State Police Trooper Recruitment School. He plans to graduate in early December. Robert Kalisz ’97 of Chicago, IL, is an artist assistant with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. Kiersten Krause ’97 left her job on Adult Critical Care at Spectrum Health–Dowtown Campus in August of 1999 and is now a travel nurse in Detroit, MI, for a company that provides travel nurses for medical school. She is pursuing her D.O. degree at the University of Osteopathic Medicine and Health Sciences–College of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery. Shannon Lassen ’97 of Des Moines, IA, is pursu- ing a master’s in education at the University of Michigan. Ryan Peters ’97 is a physical therapist for North Physical Therapy in Grant, MI. Mindy Woolard ’97 is Law School is teaching first grade at Whitney Woods Elementary. The school is in Comstock Park, MI., and is affiliated with National Heritage Academies. Peter Leach ’97 of Grand Rapids, MI, is in his clini- cal years of medical school at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Pontiac, MI. Alicia Fortino ’97 Martin of Glendale, AZ., is handling development and fund-raising for Childplay Theatre Company in Tempe, AZ. Dan Oderkirk ’97 is in transportation sales/logistics at C.H. Robinson Co. in Kentwood, MI. Lori Scoby ’97 of Philadelphia, PA, is an editor with Progressive Business Publications. Megan Hunter ’97 of Grand Rapids, MI, is a social worker with Integrated Health Services – Birchwood Care Center in Marne, MI. Danielle Thorp ’97 of Holland, MI, is the lead teacher of four-year-old classroom at the Sunny Days Learning Center. Beth Ann Thorne ’97 is an industrial nurse at a local oil refinery and a pediatrics nurse at a hospital in the U.S. Virgin Islands. Victoria Van Wagen ’97 lives in Seattle, Wash., and recently was married and completed her mas- ter’s degree (please see “Marriages” and “Advanced Degrees” respectively). Ross Vrieze ’97 of Grand Rapids, MI, is in his third year of medical school at Michigan State University. He is teaching middle school special education at McKinley Public. He and his wife (please see “Marriages”) are active in church youth group and other community service. Alison Jo Beukelman ’98 of Gainesville, FL, is a choral conducting graduate assistant at the University of Florida. She is working with Dr. James Morrow, former director of choral activities at Hope College. Tonia Bruins ’98 is a staff athletic trainer at the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, IND. Catherine “Caddy” Brey ’98 writes, “After working for a year in Indianapolis as a nurse. I left my felt gifts lay elsewhere. So now instead of administering shots to patients, I prepare and serve food for patrons at JP’s espresso shop here in Holland.” Kristina Eden ’98 of Marshall, MI., is a student/leader at F. Word Academy in
Rebecca Gerhardtstein '98 has been awarded the University Fellowship at Florida State University for the 1999–2000 school year. Brian W. Grant '98 of Pittsburgh, Pa., is pursuing a master of fine arts degree at Carnegie Mellon University. Kelly Bush '98 of Folsom is teaching junior high science in Fisher, Mich. She notes that because the district is very small, she is the only junior high science teacher.

Lila Jett '98 is an assistant athletic trainer/clinical instructor at King's College in Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Nicole McGinn '98 of Charlotte, Mich., is attending law school at Wayne State University.

Kim Powell '98 of Millis is attending Christ for the Nations Institute in Dallas, Texas.

Kate Reed '98 of Byron Center, Mich., is a school social worker with the Allegan (Mich.) Public Schools.

Karen Salomon '98 is a chemistry teacher at West Potomac High School in Alexandria, Va.

Sufjan Stevens '98 at Potomac High School in Alexandria, Va.

Melissa Herwaltz '99 coordinated "Christ a–go–go: (The Spirit Circus)," a one-night–festival performed to a newwave/rock/Christian audience in the visual and performing arts that was held in New York City on Friday, Aug. 20, 1999. They note that the goal of the event was "to celebrate progressive and sophisticated Christian art as a wild carnival ride of image, light and sound." The event was supported by several Manhattan churches and national Christian arts groups, including The Village Church, IAM International Movement, and CIVA Organizations. This Arts." They are each a MFA writing student at the University of South Florida.

Jeanne Keinath '98 was a student at the Toledo College of Law.

Alexandra Barragan Kelly '99 of Dearborn, Mich., is an RN in the psych/med unit at St. Mary's Hospital in Grand Rapids, Mich.

Roxanne Brock '99 of Philadelphia, Pa., is studying classics at the University of Pennsylvania.

Shannon Werner '98 of Bloomingdon, Ind., is pursuing a master's in counseling at Indiana University.

Geoff Abbas '99 has accepted into the 2003 entering class at Michigan State University.

Sarah Klaasen '99 of Dearborn Heights, Mich., is teaching English through a foreign language program in Vladivostok, Russia.

Catherine Stedman '99 of Mt. Prospert, Ill., is a Novice for the Congregation of Our Lady of Mercy.

Michael Traver '99 of Detroit, Mich., is attending law school at Wayne State University.

Misten Weeldreyer '99 of Littleton, Colo., teaches computer science at the University of Denver.

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Karen Petersen, June 28, 1999, Blythe, Calif.

Melissa Fleming '89 and Scott Ellis, Nov. 21, 1999, Chicago, Ill.


Beth Tellier '89 and Jonathan Tucker, Aug. 7, 1999, South Barrington, Ill.

Allyson V. Hicks '89 and Paul E. Hoffman, May 30, 1999, Austin, Texas.


Heather Van Diepen '91 and Tom Kleve, July 10, 1999, Battle Creek, Mich.


Heather Van Velzen '92 and Susan Vanderbit '90, Aug. 21, 1999, Romeoville, Ill.


Melanie Whitehead '99 and David Parker, July 31, 1999.


Beth Ross '90 and Jay Reo, July 24, 1999.

Marrian Strayer '90 and Richard Jenkins, Aug. 22, 1999, Romeoville, Ill.

Beth Tellier '89 and Jonathan Tucker, Aug. 7, 1999, South Barrington, Ill.


Michelle Miller '95 and Jon Kelly, July 17, 1999, Glen Lake, Mich.


Heather Myers '95 and Bob Worthington, June 12, 1999, Grand Rapids, Mich.


Jill N. Cornell '96 and David Ashton.


Deaths

Dale Bums ’60 Brown of Alva, Okla., died on Friday, Aug. 20, 1999. She was 61.

She was born on Sept. 8, 1937, in Wyckoff, N.J., the daughter of Florence May (Douglas) and David Bums. She attended school atWyckoff Memorial High School with the Class of 1955. She majored in English and minored in German at Hope College.

She operated the Mulberry Bush Preschool and Daycare Center and taught courses in early childhood education at Northwestern Oklahoma State University.

She was a member of the Alfa First United Methodist Church, president of the Nescatunga Education Association, and a member of the American Association of University Women, the Runnymede Steering Committee and various other community and church organizations.

In addition to her husband, survivors include a daughter, Karin Brown of Watchung, N.J., three sons and their families: Kenneth D. and Cheryl Brown, Kati L. and Loni Brown, and Rafferty; and Sam and Tammy Brown and Megan, all of Alva; a special niece and her family, Judy and Dick Brookfield, Britnie, Brooke and Abby Dale of Ringwood, Okla.; a sister and her husband, Alice and Vernon Land of Wyckoff; three nieces, Stacy Taylor, Nancy Land and Carol Scotta, and two nephews, Eivand Boe and Tim Bums; and their families.

Burrell H. De Young ’46 of Holland, Mich., died on Tuesday, Aug. 10, 1999. He was 84. He was born in Kalamazoo, Mich., and graduated fromAllegan (Mich.) High School. In addition to his wife, survivors include a daughter, Karin Brown of Watchung, N.J., three sons and their families: Kenneth D. and Cheryl Brown, Kati L. and Loni Brown, and Rafferty; and Sam and Tammy Brown and Megan, all of Alva; a special niece and her family, Judy and Dick Brookfield, Britnie, Brooke and Abby Dale of Ringwood, Okla.; a sister and her husband, Alice and Vernon Land of Wyckoff; three nieces, Stacy Taylor, Nancy Land and Carol Scotta, and two nephews, Eivand Boe and Tim Bums; and their families.

Advanced Degrees

Kathryn Payne ’72 Camp, master’s of law (LL.M) in financial services, IIT/Chicago-Kent College of Law, May, 1999.


Steve Berens ’91, master of science in engineering administration, University of Phoenix, June, 1999.

Kristen Ransford ’91, master’s in education, George Mason University, Fairfax, Va., May, 1999.

Lucia Wang ’90, master’s degree in pertussis, Central Michigan University, December, 1998.

Lisa Hendrixson ’90, master’s degree in health care administration, University of Michigan, December, 1998.

Hans Hiemstra ’90, master’s in education, George Mason University, Fairfax, Va., May, 1999.

David Van Dyke ’94, Ph.D., church history, University of Edinburgh, Scotland, June, 1999.

Diana Krahe ’86 Stekete, master of arts in counseling psychology, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, Mich., June, 1999.

Paulina Ruiz-Alvarez ’87, Ph.D., dissertation in gerontology, Western Michigan University, December, 1999.

Lisa Hennington ’88, master of education in reading, Western Michigan University, August, 1999.

Laura Wingate ’98, master’s degree in pathology, St. Mary’s College, Maryland, 1999.

Debbie Berens ’87, master of education in reading, Western Michigan University, August, 1999.

Heather Van DePeppe ’98, master of education in reading, Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa, May, 1999.

Deborah A. Lione ’91, master of science in taxation (M.S.T.), Wayne State University, May, 1999.

Lisa Keays ’91, master’s in education, Western Michigan University, May, 1999.

Heidi Teichler ’94, craft major, master’s in early childhood education, Western Michigan University, June, 1999.

Ron Kimmons ’92, M.S.W., University of California at Berkeley, May, 1999.

Andrea Mulholland ’99, master’s degree in饭店 business and international tourism, Michigan State University, December, 1999.

Marybeth Congdon ’95, master’s in social work, University of Connecticut, May, 1999.

Mary Beth ’95, master of education in counseling psychology, Western Michigan University, May, 1999.

Ryan Peters ’95, Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine, May, 1999.


Dawn Campbell ’94 Wedemeyer, master’s in the arts of teaching, Marygrove College, 1999.

Michele Reilly ’96, J.D., doctor of law, University of Utah, May, 22, 1999.

Kristin Vink ’96, master of arts in teaching, Kent State University, May, 1999.

Heather Bair ’92, master’s in equine parasitology, University of Kentucky, 1999.

Teresa Rodriguez ’93, master’s in industrial–organizational psychology, California State University, San Bernardino, June 18, 1999.

Kristin Peter ’96, master’s in social work, Michigan State University, May, 1999.


Dick Zwart ’97, master of science, mechanical engineering, Purdue University, May, 1999.

Births

Steve Chappe1 ’80 and Deb Chappe1, Leah June 1, 1999.

Sarah Finke1 ’82 and Stephanie Klair ’82, Flik, Alva, May 25, 1999.

Jeff Tyler ’82 and Beth Doorn ’84 Tyler, Roberto Jacob, born May 27, 1999, adopted, July 15, 1999.

Kevin Consterdine ’83 and Nancy Reece ’84 Combust, Anna Catherine, Aug. 8, 1999.

Kathy Olson ’83 Wierenssmer and Steven Wierenssmer, Daniel Steven, May 3, 1999.


Gregory Tabor ’94 and Lenora Hayden ’84 Tabor, Owen Gregory, April 20, 1999.

Richard Day ’94 and Patricia Rehr, Garrett Ver Strate, Garrett Ver Strate ’84 and Patricia Ver Strate, April 20, 1999.

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Associated Press and The Detroit News as a sports-writer, covering college football, the Detroit Lions and the Detroit Tigers.

He also wrote for Sports Illustrated and was president of Baseball Writers of America. He retired from the News in 1972, after approximately 30 years.

He founded Baseball Chapel in 1972, upon his retirement. The organization began with a request by some major league players for help finding speakers for their bible studies. It grew to include each major league city, and he led the program for 10 years.

He moved to Florida in 1975, after 20 years as a Birmingham, Mich., resident. Survivors include two children, Jan (Lisa) Spelosita of Portland, Ore.; and Annojan Kimberly of Bloomfield Hills, Mich.; three grandchildren, Monica (Mike) Buckley of Portland, Ore.; Michael Spelosita of Miami, Fla.; and I.V. (Susan) Kimberly of Raleigh, N.C.; and one great-grandchild, Alexander Ethan Kimberly.

Virginia Potter ‘54 Stroop of Bitely, Mich., died on Wednesday, July 7, 1999. She was 78. She was born on Nov. 29, 1921. She was the daughter of Earl and Cora (Dogger) Potter of Bitely, Kenton and Jeanne Stroop of North Holland, and the Rev. Roy Ackerman of Parchment, Mich.; brothers and sisters, Charles and Lois Potl of Holland; sisters, Mrs. Donald (Lois) Van Lente of Holland; nine grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; seven great-great-grandchildren; and nieces, nephews and cousins.

She taught English and literature at West Ottawa, Zeeland, and for the last 18 years, at Hudsonville Junior High School. She was a member of Christ Memorial Church, where she taught Sunday school, and served as an elder and on the education committee.

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Leonard J. Vanden Bosch ’42 of Zeeland, Mich., died on Friday, Aug. 13, 1999. He was 80. He was a veteran, serving in World War II. He retired from PMI after 36 years of employment. He was a member of Third Christian Reformed Church, where he served in various capacities.


Patricia Winchester ‘62 Vanderhill of Holland, Mich., died on Tuesday, Aug. 17, 1999, following a battle with cancer. She was 57. She was born in Cadillac, Mich. She had lived in the Holland area for more than 30 years. She taught English and literature at West Ottawa, Zeeland and, for the last 18 years, at Holland Christian High School.

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History from the front row

By any standard, it’s been an interesting seven years for Peter Hoekstra ’75, whose tenure as U.S. Representative for Michigan’s 2nd Congressional District has given him not only a chance to play a role in history, but a ringside seat for watching it unfold.

“It’s been a fascinating time to be in Washington,” he said. “I’ve almost lived the entire civics book.”

When he took office in 1993, the Republicans were the minority party in Congress. In 1995, they became the majority party for the first time in 40 years.

He was serving when subsequent tensions between the president and Congress led to government shutdowns. And he was there when Congress adopted the federal government’s first balanced budget in 30 years.

In late 1998, he and his congressional colleagues wrestled with the impeachment of the president (“that happens once every couple hundred years...”). This spring, the four-term House Republican visited with U.S. peacekeeping forces serving in the conflict-scarred Balkans.

For his own part, he has progressed from being a freshman congressman learning how to vote, to chairing the Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee of the House Education and Workforce Committee and serving on the House Budget Committee. (“My background and interest were education and labor, and then budget issues. So I’m exactly where I want to be,” he noted.)

In fact, there’s been a bit of everything during his seven years. Well, he notes, almost everything.

“The only part that I haven’t lived now is serving in Congress with a president of my own party,” he said. “[By January of 2003] I’ll have been in Washington for eight years—all of those eight years except for the first two weeks with Bill Clinton as president.”

Although he was one of 110 freshmen congressmen elected in the fall of 1992, Hoekstra stood out for the unconventional nature of his candidacy and the upset nature of his win.

He was a newcomer to politics, a vice president of marketing at Herman Miller Inc. in Zeeland, Mich., who had never held political office. His opponent in the primary was 26-year incumbent Guy Vander Jagt ’53—for whom, ironically, Hoekstra had interned while participating in the college’s Washington Honors Semester as a student.

Hoekstra conducted a quick summer campaign, most of it while still working full-time. He took a “grass roots” approach, biking throughout the district (a total of 270 miles) to make himself known, and spent less than $60,000 on his primary bid.

He made many headlines for the way he won his first term, but he has also won three since and has earned attention for his work as well. During 1997 and 1998 his subcommittee conducted a 16-month investigation of alleged corruption in the Teamsters Union, which ultimately led to a new, federally-supervised leadership election for the union. “I’m proud of that accomplishment and have received thanks from union members across the country,” he wrote in The Holland Sentinel on July 27.

He also has co-sponsored legislation to reform Federal Prison Industries (FPI), which manufactures products ranging from clothing to office furniture, hoping to assure that FPI competes fairly with private-sector businesses in bidding for government contracts. Participants in the press conference announcing the bi-partisan bill included a unique collection of supporters—co-sponsors Hoekstra and U.S. Representative Barney Frank (D-Mass.), and representatives of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and the AFL-CIO.

“Some people were kind of looking at this saying, ‘Barney Frank, Pete Hoekstra, the Chamber of Commerce and the AFL-CIO. This is an unusual coalition. Other than agreeing that the sun is shining today, what could these four groups possibly have in common?’,” he said.

“It’s fun to work outside of the normal paradigm, to form those partnerships and see if you can get something done,” Hoekstra said. “I’m hopeful in this case.”

As is inevitable in politics, sometimes the reaction to his work isn’t upbeat. In March of 1997, a columnist for The New York Times took him to task for an inquiry he had sent to the chair of the National Endowment for the Arts concerning the content of some films that the agency had helped fund. A June, 1997, article in the Chronicle of Higher Education began, “No one in Congress has been tougher on the National Endowment for the Arts than Representative Peter Hoekstra.”

Subcommittee chairmanships and coalition-building are all part of the transformation from Washington outsider to Washington veteran. In between fact-finding trips to the Balkans and appearances on programs like John McLaughlin’s One on One, however, Hoekstra tries to stay connected to his constituency.

One way he does so is by serving as a “commuter congressman.” He continues to live, literally, at the office while in Washington and to commute home on the weekends. During each of the 40 weeks annually that he is in Washington, he is there for two to four nights and home the rest of the time.

The practice continues his commitment to remain linked to his district, but also stems from the family’s decision to stay rooted. He and wife Diane have three school-age children: Erin, Allison and Bryant.

“We wouldn’t even think about moving to Washington. Our home is in Holland,” he said.

His extended time in the area has included several return visits to his alma mater, including for teaching a Saturday morning class in political science and participation in events like the Hope “Veritas Forum.”

“Hope gave me a good background and a lot of good skills to do what I have to do,” he said. “Hope provides a great education and great values and a great grounding.”

“IT’s a special kind of place, and it’s a special place in the community,” he said.

He also continues the summer district-wide cycling trips that marked his candidacy, conducting them now as ways to explore an issue in-depth. This August, for example, he travelled his district listening to farmers’ concerns (although heavy rains limited his opportunity to travel via pedal power). “It’s just a way to be a little less serious and to get to people where they’re living,” he said.

In the same vein, he emphasizes hiring staffers from West Michigan—including several Hope alumni through the years—to help assure that they’ll better understand the district that they’re serving.

Ultimately, Hoekstra wants his constituents to feel connected to him, and to what happens in Washington generally. His hope, he knows, lies against voter apathy nationally that suggests that even participation in the 2000 presidential election year will run only 51 to 56 percent.

“I wish people knew how much of an impact what we do in Washington has on their lives—has on their jobs and careers, and their families,” he said.

Hoekstra appreciated the impact in 1992. That’s why he ran in the first place.

And time and experience haven’t diminished his enthusiasm.

“Herman Miller was a great place to work. I enjoyed the private sector,” he said. “But being in Congress is a special job. There are people that aspire to it from when they’re kids, or when they’re teen-agers, and they spend all their lives trying to get there.”

“So make it and some don’t,” he said. “I think they look at me as someone who rolled over one night in 1992 and said ‘I’m going to run for Congress and campaign for five weeks,’ and won.”

“I’ll do it again,” he said. “It’s a great experience. I’ve met great people and I’ve learned a lot.”