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Dance studios dedicated

There was a class in session, but nobody minded.

The college held a dedication ceremony for the dance studios in the Dow Center on Friday, March 28. The space is so in demand that a class was meeting even while the dedication took place in the central hallway connecting the rooms, but the audience was given leave to tour the space anyway.

It was an appropriate conjunction, with visitors given a chance to see for themselves that the burgeoning department of dance puts the three studios to good use.

A plaque in the second-floor hallway celebrates the department's origins and the studios' benefactors:

"Began as individual classes under the leadership of Maxine DeBruyn, the Department of Dance at Hope College has evolved into a fully accredited, nationally recognized program.

"These dance facilities, renovated in 2002, are provided through the generosity of the following donors: Mrs. Wilda Barber; Mr. William DeLong; Mr. Alfred Joldersma '40, in honor of Grace Joldersma; Dr. Titus Van Haitsma '32, in honor of Eleanor Van Haitsma; Rollin M. Gerstacker Foundation; Charles J. Stromstaker Foundation." Participating in the ceremony included Alfredo M. Gonzales, associate provost; President Dr. James E. Bultman '63; Professor DeBruyn, who is the Dorothy Wiley DeLong Professor of Dance and chair of the department; and Dr. George Kraft, professor of kinesiology and chair of the department.

The department began in 1966 with a single class in beginning modern dance, taught by Professor DeBruyn. The department now offers 44 classes taught by 10 full-time and part-time faculty, enrolling more than 350 students per semester. Currently, some 81 current majors in dance, and another 33 minoring.

In addition to the studios in the Dow Center, the department also holds classes in the Juliana Room in the basement of Durfee Hall.

A dedication ceremony for new studio space also celebrated the history of the department of dance. Unveiling a plaque installed in the Dow Center are President James Bultman '63 and Maxine DeBruyn of the dance faculty. Also pictured are Dr. George Kraft of the kinesiology faculty; Evelyn DeBruyn Van Dorp; and Dr. Titus Van Haitsma '32.

"Quote, unquote"

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

On Friday-Saturday, May 2–3, hundreds of alumni returned to campus for class reunions, an opportunity to catch up with old friends and consider the impact of their Hope experience. Here are reflections shared by Dr. Ev Nienhouse '38 during his 45-year reunion— with reference to a talk he gave during his 40-year reunion in 1988. He is retired from the chemistry faculty of Ferris State University.

"I decided on the spot [in 1998] to honor two former professors, J. Harvey Kleinhelsel and Paul G. Fried, both of whom had made an enormous difference in my life. J. Harvey Kleinhelsel in my professional life as a teacher of organic and biochemistry and forensic science techniques. He indeed was my mentor as, early in my career, I found myself patterning my lectures after his style with those clear and concise explanations, those probing questions and his valiant attempts to turn his students on with his infectious enthusiasm and commanding presence.

"And Paul Fried, as a wonderful friend and mentor who encouraged me and others to participate in the [Vienna Summer School] Program, thereby making us internationalists, way before the terms 'Global Awareness' and 'Global Awareness' entered our vocabulary. I'm thankful that Paul is present this morning to be recognized for that wonderful gift.

"Our previous speaker, Jane Gouwens Bach, wrote me a lovely note after I gave those remarks, saying in essence, 'Ev, you love teaching, but you really love teaching philosophy.' I think he captured the spirit of the evening.' I shall always remember that note, Jane, as it is exactly that, plus my desire to identify what attending Hope College meant to me in preparing me for my academic career, which I wish to share with all of you in my remaining time.

"Being a Hope graduate opened many doors for me academically. In part, it was my affiliation with Hope College which led to being offered an appointment as a Visiting American Professor at the University of Groningen (Netherlands); for securing a position as a Visiting Professor at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; and for providing an opportunity to accept a position as a Visiting Scientist at the SEMO Regional Crime Laboratory. In large part it would be my affiliation with Hope College which caught the interest of the chemistry faculty at Dartmouth College to be offered a position of Visiting Professor of Chemistry; and would permit me to continue a delightful and challenging 15-month teaching sabbatical at Montana State University and the University of Colorado at Boulder. All of these institutions and agencies were aware of Hope College's fine reputation.

"Indeed, my affiliation with Hope College opened up many doors during a rich and rewarding academic career. But, it would be the broad based liberal arts education, the fine teachers, some of whom we honor here today, and the Christian environment which would prepare me for life and for my life's work, namely, contribution to the academic successes and making a difference in the lives of nearly 4,000 students at Ferris State and other institutions where I had the privilege of serving.

"I'm very proud of the fact that two of my former students hold endowed chairs at universities, one at Princeton and the other at the University of Southern California. And earlier this week, I spent some time with a former student now in his 50s and with grey temples, who is doing some wonderful work as the director of the Au Sable Institute of Environmental Studies which enjoys a national reputation. Yes, I owe a great debt to Hope College for preparing me for life and my life's work. I'm enormously proud to be a Hope graduate. In particular, as a graduate of the great Class of '88.'
Elvis is calculus natural

You may not be able to teach an old dog new tricks, but you can get him to solve a calculus problem.

That’s what Dr. Tim Penningt, associate professor of mathematics, realized when he took his Welsh Corgi, Elvis, for an outing to Lake Michigan to play fetch with his favorite tennis ball.

“Most calculus students are familiar with the problem of finding the optimal path from point A to point B,” he said.

“Standing on the water’s edge at Point A, I throw the ball into the water at Point B. Elvis runs along the shore a portion of the way, then plunges into the lake at a point of his choosing and swims diagonally to the ball. By the look in Elvis’s eyes, it seems clear that his objective is to retrieve it as quickly as possible.”

Dr. Penningt assumed, then, that Elvis unconsciously attempts to find a path that minimizes retrieval time—a problem typically solved using techniques from calculus. But he wanted to test his theory.

So, he clocked Elvis’s running and swimming speeds and spent three hours collecting data measuring the distance between the ball and the shore and where Elvis jumped into the water to retrieve it. Plotting the results revealed that Elvis almost always chose a path which is in close agreement with the optimal path calculated mathematically.

In fact, given complicating factors—waves, the movement of the ball in the water and others—Dr. Penningt suggests that dogs may choose a path that is actually better than the calculated ideal.

“Although he made good choices, Elvis does not know calculus,” Dr. Penningt said. “Though he does not know the calculations Elvis’s behavior is an example of the uncanny way in which nature often finds optimal solutions.”

The topic was a natural for Dr. Penningt, who specializes in mathematical modeling—the way in which mathematics describes natural phenomena. As a teacher, he appreciates having a new opportunity to relate his discipline to everyday experience.

Dr. Penningt’s Welsh Corgi Elvis knows intuitively what mathematicians can find formulacally: the best route through different terrain.

An article he has written about his work with Elvis has been published as the cover story of the May, 2003, issue of The College Mathematics Journal, complete with a photo of the dog relaxing on the beach with tape measure and ball nearby. (The article is available online at www.maa.org.) A variety of news organizations have since picked up the story, including not only the local papers but also The Chicago Tribune, abcsnews.com and the BBC.

In addition, Dr. Penningt, accompanied by Elvis, has also given talks on the subject at Hope and a variety of area schools.

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Events

Academic Calendar

June Term—Through June 27

July Term—June 28–July 25

Summer Seminars—July 28–Aug. 1

Courses available for one or two hours of undergraduate credit, on an audit basis or, in some cases, for graduate credit. The courses run Monday–Friday from 9 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. They include: “Creative Writing: Mosaic Memoir”, “Paper Folding and Pop-Ups: An Interactive Approach to Mathematics”, “Gender and Islam”, “One Soldier’s Civil War”; “Globalization and Poverty”; “God and the New Physics” For additional information about this year’s summer seminars, please call the Registrar’s Office at (616) 395–7760.

Admissions

Campus Visits: The Admissions Office is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays, and from 9 a.m. until noon on Saturdays. Tours and admissions interviews are available during the summer as well as the school year. Appointments are recommended. Visitation Days offer specific programs for prospective students, including transfers and high school juniors and seniors. The programs show students and their parents a typical day in the life of a Hope student. The days for 2003–04 are:

Friday, Oct. 3 Friday, Nov. 7 Friday, Jan. 30
Friday, Oct. 17 Friday, Nov. 21 Monday, Feb. 16
Friday, Oct. 31 Monday, Jan. 19 Friday, Feb. 27

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

Hope Summer Repertory Theatre

32nd season opens Friday, June 13

Guys and Dolls

Opening show; DeWitt Center, main theatre
Music and lyrics by Frank Loesser.
Opens Friday, June 13; closes Friday, Aug. 1
Performance Dates: June 13, 14, 17, 18, 19, 23, 25; July 1, 3, 8, 10, 16, 19, 22, 24, 29; August 1
The Game of Love and Chance

DeWitt Center, main theatre
By the French writer Marivaux, adapted by Stephen Wadsworth.
Opens Friday, June 20; closes Saturday, July 17
Performance Dates: June 20, 21, 24, 26, 28, 30; July 2, 9, 14, 17
The Guys

Nykerk Hall of Music, Snow Auditorium
A look at the aftermath of the September 11 tragedy.
Opens Friday, June 27; closes Saturday, Aug. 2
Performance Dates: June 27, 28, 30; July 2, 9, 14, 17, 26, 31; August 2

The World Goes ‘Round

Park Theatre, River Avenue near 10th Street
A cabaret show featuring lyrics and music from the broadway legends of Kander and Ebb; catered by ‘Til Midnight Restaurant.
Opens Saturday, July 5; closes Tuesday, Aug. 5
Performance Dates: July 5, 7, 9, 12, 14, 15, 17, 18, 23, 30; August 2
The Caine Mutiny Court–Martial

DeWitt Center, main theatre
Adapted for stage and film by Herman Wouk.
Opens Friday, July 11; closes Friday, Aug. 8
Performance Dates: July 11, 12, 15, 18, 23, 30; August 5, 8
Once Upon A Mattress

DeWitt Center, main theatre
Based on the Princess and the Pea fairytale, updated for adults and children alike; music by Mary Rodgers, and book by Jay Thompson, Marshall Barer, and Dean Fuller.
Opens Friday, July 25; closes Saturday, Aug. 9
Performance Dates: July 25, 26, 28, 31; August 2, 4, 6, 7, 9
Children’s Performance Troupe

A Midsummer Night’s Dream By William Shakespeare

Lily’s Purple Plastic Purse By Kevin Henkes

Selected dates, Wednesday, June 25–Friday, Aug. 8.
For additional information, please call the theatre ticket office at (616) 395–7890.

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July 5 - August 5

Dance

Cecchetti International Ballet Summer School Concerts—Saturday, July 19
Knickerbocker Theatre, 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.
Admission is free.

Knickerbocker Theatre

Downtown Holland at 86 East Eighth Street
The Knickerbocker’s Summer Film Series will run Friday, July 18, through Saturday, Sept. 6. Details will be available through the Knickerbocker’s information line. The Knickerbocker is closed on Sundays. Tickets are $5 for regular adult admission and $4 for senior citizens and students. For more information, please call (616) 395–7403.

Alumni and Friends

Bob DeYoung Hope Classic Golf Outing—Monday, June 23
At the Holland Country Club.
Community Day—Saturday, Sept. 13
Homecoming Weekend—Friday–Sunday, Oct. 17–19
Alumni Weekend—Friday–Sunday, April 30–May 2
Includes reunions for every fifth class from ‘39 through ‘84.
For more information concerning alumni events, please call the Oﬃce of Public and Alumni Relations at (616) 395–7860.

Traditional Events

Opening Convocation—Sunday, Aug. 24, 2 p.m.
Baccalaureate and Commencement—Sunday, May 2

Summer Camps

Dance

Cecchetti International Ballet Summer School

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Knickerbocker Theatre, 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.
Admission is free.

Football

Saturday, Sept. 6 at Wooster, Ohio, 1 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 13..............+DEPAUW, IND., 1:30 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 27..............at Wheaton, Ill., 1 p.m. CDT
Saturday, Oct. 4..............*ALMA, 1 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 11..............at Kalamazoo, 1 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 18..............++*ADRIAN, 2 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 25..............at Tri-State, Ind., 1 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 1..............+++*WILMINGTON, 3 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 8..............*at Olivet, 1 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 15..............*at Albion, 1 p.m.
*MIAA Game
+Community Day ++Homecoming +++Parents’ Day
Home games played at Holland Municipal Stadium.

Instant Information

Updates on events, news and athletics at Hope may be obtained 24 hours a day by calling (616) 395–7888.
A major challenge grant from The Kresge Foundation of Troy, Mich., has been approved for the college's science center project, in a way designed to add incentive for future supporters.

Hope will receive the $850,000 grant when the college raises an additional $3.1 million for the new building by March of next year.

Hope is building a new science center and renovating the existing Peale Science Center. The combined facility will house the departments of biology, chemistry, biochemistry, the geological and environmental sciences, nursing and psychology.

The project totals approximately $36 million, including $26.6 million for the new building. The foundation’s grant has been awarded for the new construction.

The award will add value to every gift the college obtains in the coming months for the building, according to President James E. Bultman ’63, since each contribution will not only support the facility in its own right but will also help Hope obtain the Kresge funding.

“I’m very pleased that we have been approved for a challenge grant for the construction of our science facility,” Dr. Bultman said.

“We have about nine months to secure the remaining funds, so this will present for us a considerable challenge,” he said. “But, having said that, we also look at this as a wonderful opportunity to complete funding for the new building and a very strong affirmation of Hope College and the new facility.”

Work on the new facility is underway, even as the fund-raising effort continues through the college’s Legacies: A Vision of Hope campaign. Construction began in March 2002 on the new building, which will open with the start of classes in the fall. Renovation of Peale will follow during the next year.

The exterior of the science center is well along as the August opening of the building approaches. A major challenge grant from The Kresge Foundation of Troy, Mich., will help fund the building—but only if other members of the Hope family provide additional support of their own.
Ken Gibson of faculty dies

Faculty member Dr. C. Kendrick (Ken) Gibson died unexpectedly on Saturday, April 19. He was 61.

He was a professor of business administration. A member of the faculty since 1986, he had also coordinated the Hope in the Future strategic planning process during 1989–90 and directed the college’s Carl Frost Center for Social Science Research during 1991–92.

Dr. Gibson was born on March 4, 1942. He graduated from Louisiana State University in 1964 with a bachelor’s degree in business administration, and completed his MBA at the university in 1969. He completed his doctorate in business administration at the University of Arkansas in 1978.

He was a veteran of the Vietnam War, and served as an officer with the U.S. Army’s 101st Airborne Division in Vietnam from 1967 to 1968.

Immediately before joining the Hope faculty, he had been a professor of management and marketing at the School of Business at Henderson State University. He had also previously been an associate professor of management at Indiana State University at Terre Haute, and an assistant professor of management and marketing at the University of Wisconsin at La Crosse.

Prior to completing his doctorate, Dr. Gibson had also worked in investment sales and sales management, and as vice president of a home construction and development firm.


Dr. Gibson edited the book Annual Advances in Business Cases published by the Midwest Case Writers Association, which he served as president during 1985–86. His publications also included the instructional guide Case Enrichment Portfolio for Selected Cases in Strategic Management, published by McGraw–Hill Inc.

He was an elder at Park Christian Reformed Church.

Survivors include his wife, Sally; four children: C. Kendrick and Kristin Gibson of Austin, Texas, Clayton Gibson ’96 and Michael Faith of Ypsilanti, Mich., Heather Bair ’97 of East Lansing, Mich., and Nathan ’00 and Sonja Bair of Ann Arbor, Mich.; a brother, Ford and Becky Gibson of Shreveport, La.; and nieces and nephews.

Research views dune history

A Hope professor is taking the long view of sand dune movement, tracking the way they’ve behaved for the past 5,000 years.

“The basic idea is to find out when the dunes began to form; find out when they were active—in other words, when were they growing and moving; and find out when they were stable—when they were sitting in one place,” said Dr. Ed Hansen, professor of geology and environmental science and chairperson of the department. “And eventually to try to figure out why they’re sometimes active and sometimes stable.”

He is interested in the topic as a research question, but he also appreciates the practical benefits of better understanding the dunes’ behavior. “If we’ve got an idea of what the natural history is, it would be easier to manage them,” he said.

Dr. Hansen recently received support for his research through a $50,000 grant from the Petroleum Research Fund. The grant will provide stipends for Hope student researchers, laboratory testing and materials for the next three years.

Dr. Hansen has been studying the dunes in the Holland area since 1998.

“We now have worked out a really detailed history around Holland,” he said. “We probably have one of the most detailed histories of a dune complex ever worked out.”

Through the new grant, he will choose four or five other sites along the eastern coast of Lake Michigan to develop a more complete view. “When we’re done we should be able to generalize—to have a general dune history—for the southern part of the lakeshore, for the area roughly from Muskegon south,” he said.

According to Dr. Hansen, the dunes formed about 5,000 years ago. The lake prior to that time had been much lower than it is today. It subsequently rose to a height several feet higher than its present level and then fell quickly, which is when the dunes developed.

In the Holland area, he noted, the more inland dunes stabilized and became forested, as they still are, about 4,000 years ago. The dunes closer to shore were fairly fluid until about 2,000 years ago, at which time they became stable for some 1,200 years.

The dunes locally started shifting again about 500 years ago, behavior that continues. Dr. Hansen and his team have tracked one area shore dune moving inland at a rate of about 4.5 feet per year.

Dr. Hansen notes that researchers don’t yet know what prompted the times of stability and movement. “We would love to know why,” he said.

One implication, however, is clear: the phenomenon of dune movement isn’t man-made. “Certainly some of the things we do may enhance it, but it started before any Europeans came and cut down the first tree or someone rode the first off-road vehicle,” he said.

To map the history of the shoreward dunes, Dr. Hansen has charted tell-tale signs in the sand: visible lines of dark soil that run horizontally through today’s dunes. “What they are is the top soil, essentially, of a former surface of the dune,” he said. Radio carbon dating helps determine the age of the former surfaces.

For the wooded back dunes, where former surface soils are hidden, he and his team do some digging to collect soil samples, and have another form of testing done to determine how long the sand has been buried: optically stimulated luminescence, a new technique that essentially reveals how long the sand has been out of the sun.

Dr. Hansen is conducting his work on dune history in collaboration with Alan Arbogast of the Michigan State University faculty. He is also engaged in another project that looks at more recent dune behavior, work that he conducts with Deanne van Dijk of the Calvin College faculty.

He has made multiple presentations at professional conferences concerning his research. During the 2003 annual meetings of the Michigan Academy of Science, Arts and Letters, held at Hope in March, he led a special session on “The Geology and Geomorphology of the Lake Michigan Coast” that included a trip to the area dunes and presentations by specialists from Michigan, Indiana, Wisconsin and Canada.
Faith in action

There are many signs.

Professors with a sincere interest in mentoring their pupils. Courses that require thinking about the meaning of life. Some 400 students choosing to spend their spring break helping others through mission and service trips.

Hope is intentional and up-front about blending outstanding scholarship and vibrant Christian faith in meaningful ways designed to change lives for the better. It’s right there on page one of the Catalog: “The mission of Hope College is to offer with recognized excellence academic programs in liberal arts... in the context of the historic Christian faith.”

The mix is designed to serve students well, whatever path they choose. “It’s so good an approach, according to President James E. Bultman ’63, that Hope does it even though it isn’t easy—as demonstrated by the relative absence of others on the field.

“The approach does not have many models, because the history of higher education is that ultimately an institution chooses one path or the other,” he said. “Either they are very strong spiritually but weak educationally, or they are very strong educationally and weak spiritually.”

“I am unequivocally committed to demonstrating that Hope will continue to be able to do both simultaneously at the very highest levels,” President Bultman said.

Definitions and the spirit with which they are understood are key to making it work. How might academic inquiry relate to and even examine faith commitment? How directly does faith perspective shape the academic program?

Some Christian schools are prescriptive, even requiring members of the community to sign statements committing to certain philosophies and behaviors. That’s not Hope, which is invitational in outlook.

“So in our admissions policy we nowhere ask students to either articulate a Christian faith as a prerequisite to coming nor do we demand anything of them when they get here as far as adherence to the Christian faith is concerned,” said the Rev. Dr. Tim Brown ’73, who is concluding two years of service as the Hinga–Boersma Dean of the Chapel at Hope and is also the Harry Bant Professor of Preaching at Western Theological Seminary. “They’re invited to enter in at any point.”

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“In many ways this is the riskiest position to hold, because you’ve just opened the door to a wide range of convictions, a wide range of opinions. It’s difficult to claim common ground—you always have to hammer it out,” he said. “But if it’s graciously and vigorously done, it models for students a way to live in the world, where even among Christians there’s not unanimity of thought and action around every imaginable thing.”

To Dr. Joseph La Porte, assistant professor of philosophy, the college’s approach means that religion is “on the table” throughout the academic program.

“It’s not just in the Chapel that you have faith discussed here, but it’s in the classroom and elsewhere too,” he said. “I’m taking advantage of an opportunity that I wouldn’t have at another place, and that is the opportunity to help students to come to terms with their Christian faith in an intellectual way, to help them try to understand better what it is that they believe.”

“It’s not an area that we think we have to leave outside because of doubts about whether people would have any interest or appreciation,” he said. “We know we’re going to get interest, we know we’re going to get appreciation, and we know that we gain from respectful discussion.”

Beyond teaching in his department, Dr. La Porte plays a leadership role in the “Inquiring Minds” discussion group. Intended for all members of the campus community, the group features open dialogue on a wide range of topics, including subjects that intersect with religion such as free will, the afterlife, and atonement—concepts “that an intellectually mature Christian needs to come to terms with or at least have thought about,” he noted.

Dr. Marc Baer, professor of history, developed the “Veritas Forum” at Hope as a way of fostering additional campus consideration of faith perspective. Started at Harvard in 1992 and since emulated by dozens of campuses in the U.S. and abroad, the event is designed to get students to think about the Veritas, or truth of Jesus Christ. Hope has held a forum every two years since 1997; this January, the event focused on the relationship between personal choice and life purpose, or calling.

Given his own sense of calling, Dr. Baer some years ago also started the Pew Society to help link students interested in academic careers with Hope faculty mentors, in particular to encourage the students to consider teaching as a form of Christian service.

The program draws, he noted, on a quality in abundance at the college: strong faculty connection with students. “It’s one of the great virtues of Hope that we take mentoring very seriously,” he said.

By emphasizing interaction that often occurs naturally at Hope even on its own, Dr. Baer is hoping the students will value their own future students, even if they find themselves in a setting very unlike Hope: one that doesn’t.

“My hope would be that they would be very different people who wouldn’t consider themselves religious would still be able to ask and answer some of these questions.”

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“I like the fact that we don’t have to sign something to come here. Here it’s a choice to live a Christian life, and it makes it much more real, in my opinion.”

— Michael Dollsager ’03
Reflecting on the national challenges of the present, Commencement speaker Dr. Fred Johnson called for courage, and offered as a model the resolve that overcame the challenges of the past.

"This is a time for courage, to find answers rather than merely ask questions; to see clearly when so many have lost—and are losing—their vision; to be bold instead of joining the timid," said Dr. Johnson, an assistant professor of history, in his address titled "A Time for Courage" on Sunday, May 4.

In presenting several examples from history, Dr. Johnson quoted President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, who in 1933 during the Great Depression declared, "This great Nation will endure as it has endured, will revive and prosper."

"Those words were true then, they're true now, and they'll be true in the future," Dr. Johnson said. "Placing our faith in a God whose loving hands have created and control individual and national destinies, we need not fear. We need not lose hope. We need not lose our way."

Approximately 4,500 attended this year's Commencement, the college's 138th, held at Holland Municipal Stadium. More than 630 Hope seniors participated, the largest number ever. The class included graduates from throughout the United States and from foreign nations including Bolivia, Bulgaria, China, Ethiopia, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Pakistan, Peru, the Philippines, Russia and Sri Lanka.

In his address to the graduates, Dr. Johnson recalled the uncertainty and turmoil of Sept. 11, 2001, and its aftermath.

"Two years ago, when graduation was still more far than near, we were an international giant of presumed invincibility," he said. "And then, on a horrific morning we crowded around radios and televisions, trying to comprehend if what we heard and saw could truly be happening. That... world had changed."

"Anxiety overflowed. Unanswered questions cluttered our days," he said. "The sledgehammer of war battered down our front door."

Such national challenges, Dr. Johnson noted, are nothing new.

"Fear. Loss. Anxiety. Despair. Chaos. Hope graduates we've been there before," he said. "We've climbed our way out of some tough, tight places. We've been alone when those who could help wouldn't, and those who wanted to help weren't allowed. We've had friends who sneered at our dreams, and strangers who found it easy to believe in us."

Dr. Johnson reviewed and honored the commitment and sacrifice of others in times of crisis, in both the distant past and more recently. He offered examples such as the women who struggled for suffrage; the 186,000 black Union soldiers "who couldn't afford to lose the fight"; the everyday Americans who defeated Nazi Germany; the lynched blacks "whose loss of life became our Civil Rights gain"; the Vietnamese veterans "who did their duty for a sadly ungrateful nation."

The graduates, Dr. Johnson said, had already shown themselves courageous. They had themselves endured, he noted, in the face of 9/11.

They had also, he said, shown themselves capable—as demonstrated by their achievement in becoming college graduates. "For four years you sought that challenge and met it," he said. "You leaned forward into the hard blowing winds of change, traveling the distance one carefully placed and determined step at a time, reaching this location and moment today, strong, skilled, and more prepared for the lives you are about to live."

He encouraged them to put the qualities to good use.

"This is a time for courage, a time when you, the newest phalanx of reformers, trailblazers, gatekeepers, trendsetters, standard-bearers, healers, teachers, warriors, and peacemakers, must rush to the front of humanity and put your education, hearts, hands, and spirits to the task," Dr. Johnson said. "Don't avoid the struggle for turmoil builds spiritual and emotional muscles; hardship cultivates the focused resolve of endurance; and overcoming delivers the priceless gift of wisdom."

The college's Baccalaureate service took place earlier in the day. The Rev. Eugene Sutton '76 of Washington, D.C., who is canon pastor at Washington National Cathedral and director of the Cathedral Center for Prayer and Pilgrimage, delivered the address, "The Race is Human."

He based his text on Matthew 10:34–39. In the New Testament passage, Jesus says that he has come "to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law."

Acknowledging the contrast between the tone of the passage and the celebratory event, Rev. Sutton opened with, "Okay, the first question of the morning is: who invited these verses to this graduation party?"

"There are some things you just don't want to hear when sitting in church surrounded by your fathers, mothers, sons, daughters, and other family members; things like Jesus saying that 'one's foes will be members of one's own household,'" he said.

Rev. Sutton suggested viewing the text less literally. "To take today's text as a call to destroy family loyalties would be as wrong-headed as to take any other isolated passage from the Bible to justify any action of hatred or violence against another," he said.

Instead, he said, the passage is about priorities.

"Jesus knew how powerful families are in our lives, and if we listen closely to what he's trying to tell us in those disturbing words in the Gospel of Matthew, then you just might hear a helpful word of warning about the danger of giving your family total allegiance," Rev. Sutton said.

"Certainly, it offers us an opportunity to reflect upon who we really are, and what we were intended to do on this earth," he said. "For the point that Jesus wants to make is: your sense of 'family' is too small!"

"Unless we can get beyond understanding that it is my family, my clan, my ethnic group, my race, my nation that is most important to me, then there is no hope for the world in which we live, and there is no hope that we can grow individually into the persons that we were created to be," Rev. Sutton said.

The sermon's title stemmed from an anecdote about a young man applying for a teaching position. When asked to identify his race, the candidate wrote "human."

"The idea of race is a social construct, a modern concept that was useful for the purpose of highlighting differences for the sake of power and domination, but it is not biologically real," Rev. Sutton said. "Scientists cannot find any genetic markers that are particular to one so-called 'race,' and absent from another 'race' of humans."

"Differences—real differences—are here to stay, and are obviously part of God's beautiful creation in all its variety," he said.

"But what would it mean to gain an identity that is so identifies with the other—the different one, these outside of your family—that one incorporates them into the circle of love that was previously only extended to 'other people like me'?

"It would mean," Rev. Sutton said, "getting closer to the vision of God, who in today's very strong words through his son Jesus warned his hearers of maintaining an allegiance to individual families that limits their allegiance to the human family."
Don Luidens receives H.O.P.E. Award

Commencement became a father–daughter event for the Luidens family this year.

Martha Luidens was among the 630-plus members of the Class of 2003 who participated in the graduation activities on Sunday, May 4. Her father, Dr. Donald Luidens ’69 of the sociology faculty, also received recognition, but as a surprise: he was named the “Hope Outstanding Professor Educator.”

The “H.O.P.E.” 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. In previous years announced during the college’s Honors Convocation in April, the recognition was instead shared during Commencement the year so that the presentation could be made before the entire senior class as well as other members of the Hope family.

Dr. Luidens, a professor of sociology, has been a member of the Hope faculty since 1977. He taught courses during this year including the introductory Sociology and Social Problems, “Criminology I” and “Criminology II,” “Theoretical Perspectives” and “Senior Seminar,” as well as independent study in sociology.

He joined the faculty as an assistant professor, was appointed to associate professor in 1985 and was promoted to full professor in 1990. He is a past chair of the department of sociology, and during 1989–90 he served on the college’s Board of Trustees as a faculty representative.

In the 1980s he led students on study-abroad programs in both Japan and Israel. He has for several years served as one of the college’s “faculty marshals,” leading the senior class during its march to both Baccalaureate and Commencement on graduation day.

In 1987, he received the “Outstanding College Sociology Teacher of the Year Award” from the Michigan Sociological Association.

Dr. Luidens has been studying membership trends in mainline Protestantism for more than two decades. He is the co-author of the book Vanishing Boundaries: The Religion of Mainline Protestant Baby Boomers, which received the 1994 “Distinguished Book Award” from the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. He is co-editor of three books: Rethinking Secularization: Reformed Encounters with Modernity, Reformed Vitality: Continuity and Change in the Face of Modernity, and Reformed Encounters with Modernity: Perspectives from Three Continents.

His publications include numerous articles in scholarly journals. An article he co-wrote with Hope sociology colleague Dr. Roger Nemeth for The Church Herald, the denominational magazine of the Reformed Church in America (RCA), received an “Award of Excellence” in the 1998 Awards Contest of the Associated Church Press.

He and Dr. Nemeth, who have conducted joint research into issues of Protestantism and the RCA since 1986, led a seminar concerning their research during the “Winter Happening” program presented by the Alumni Association in February of 2002. They are co-organizing the triennial meeting of the International Society for the Study of Reformed Communities (ISSRC) that will be held in Edinburgh, Scotland this July.

Dr. Luidens has received or co-received a variety of external grants in support of his research. Hope students have been active participants in the projects. His 26 years on the faculty represent only a portion of his Hope history. He and his wife Peggy (McNamara) are both members of the Class of 1969. His parents Edwin and Ruth were members of the Classes of 1940 and 1942 respectively. All four of his grandparents were also Hope alumni: Anthony and Mae Luidens, both of the Class of 1912, and Minner and Dureth Stegenga, both of the Class of 1913.

After completing a history major at Hope, Dr. Luidens went on to earn a master of divinity at Princeton Theological Seminary in 1972, and a master’s and doctorate at Rutgers University in 1974 and 1978 respectively.

In addition to Martha, who graduated with a sociology major and will be continuing with engineering courses in the fall, he and Peggy have another daughter, Sara, who is a graduate of the College of Wooster and in April completed her MSW at Western Michigan University.

Hope presents honorary degrees

Hope recognized two alumni for service with honorary degrees during Commencement on Sunday, May 4.

The college awarded honorary degrees to Connie Hinga ’49 Boersma of Holland, Mich., and her husband, the late Max Boersma ’46, who died on Friday, Jan. 17, at age 78. The recognition celebrated the many ways through the years that they together served others, including their alma mater, according to President James E. Bultman ’63.

“Max and Connie Boersma influenced so many in profoundly positive ways,” he said. “That influence transcended social and racial boundaries, interest areas, gender and age, and denominational preferences. They were friends to all. As a couple, they demonstrated Christ’s love and concern at every turn. They showed us how to live life to its fullest.”

“Max and Connie were unsurpassed in their affection for Hope,” President Bultman said. “Both of them were—and Connie still is—very involved in the life of the college.” Max Boersma was a longtime member of the college’s Board of Trustees. He joined the board in 1981 and had recently been appointed to a seventh term; he was secretary of the board from 1982 to 2000.

He co-chaired two of the college’s capital campaigns, both of which exceeded their fund-raising goals: the Campaign for Hope, which concluded in 1987, and Hope in the Future, which concluded in 1994. He was also active in the college’s current capital campaign, Logacies: A Vision of Hope.

He was a president of the college’s Alumni Association from 1957 to 1959.

Connie Boersma is a past president of the Women’s League for Hope College. Her father, the late Milton L. “Bud” Hinga, was a member of the college’s teaching, coaching and administrative staff for 29 years.

In conjunction with the Hope in the Future campaign, they created the endowment for the “Hinga–Boersma Dean of the Chapel” in support of the campus ministries program.

They both received a Distinguished Alumni Award from Hope in 1978. Friends and colleagues also established the “Max and Connie Boersma Scholarship Fund” at Hope in their honor.

The Boersmas were longtime residents of Grand Rapids, Mich., where they were active members of Central Reformed Church. They served as foster parents through the juvenile court system and helped initiate a Big Brother program in Grand Rapids. Max was also a past member and president of the Grand Rapids board of education.

Max retired in 1992 as executive vice president with Mazda Great Lakes of Grand Rapids, and in retirement the couple moved to Holland and near the Hope campus. They would frequently be seen taking their morning walk through campus. They rarely missed a campus activity and were regular attendees at many college functions, including the chapel services. Since Max’s death, Connie has continued to be an active participant in Hope events.

All three of their children are Hope alumni: the Rev. Dr. William R. Boersma ’75 of Holland; Elizabeth Boersma ’77 Jasperse of Traverse City, Mich.; and the Rev. Paul Boersma ’82 of Zeeland, Mich., who is the Leonard and Marjorie Maas Endowed Senior Chaplain at Hope. Three of their nine grandchildren are also alumni or current students.

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Robert Kraft named state teacher

Professor Roberta Kraft of the music faculty has been named the “Teacher of the Year” by the Michigan Music Teachers Association (MMTA).

She was honored on Friday, May 9, during a reception and dinner held in conjunction with the Michigan Youth Arts Festival at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo.

It is the second major honor that Professor Kraft has received from the MMTA during the current school year. An adjunct associate professor of music, she received a Distinguished Service Award from the association on Monday, Oct. 21, during the group’s state convention.

She had previously received area recognition for teaching excellence. The Holland chapter of the MMTA named her the local “Teacher of the Year” in 1995.

“Roberta Kraft has been a valued member of our staff for many years,” said longtime Hope colleague Dr. Stuart Sharp, professor of music and chair of the department. “Her work with the keyboard skills program has helped many music majors to develop their practical keyboard skills and her dedication to the class piano offerings has encouraged many students to include the study of piano as part of their general studies at Hope College.”

In addition, Roberta has served as accompanist for many student and faculty recitals and she has contributed strong leadership as the director of our accompaniment services within the department,” he said. “It has been a pleasure to work with someone who so easily reflects the joy and commitment of a life dedicated to the art of music and to serving others.”

Professor Kraft has taught at Hope since 1975, and maintains a private studio. She also performs actively with Hope students and faculty, as well as with her husband, George, with whom she has given roughly 300 programs.

Her association with the MMTA began through the local chapter, Holland Piano Teachers Forum, which was established in 1969 and of which she was a charter member. The chapter affiliated with the state organization in 1971–72, during the first of three terms that she has served the Holland chapter as president.

Robert Kraft

Some of the committee’s activities include promoting effective teaching practices at all levels, including K-12, undergraduate, graduate, and postdoctoral; disseminating information on educational and professional development via the society’s Web site; and monitoring trends in the education and career paths of biochemistry and molecular biology graduates. The committee is responsible for setting national standards in teaching and publishes the “Recommended Curriculum for Undergraduate Programs in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology.”

Dr. Boyer was on the chemistry faculty at Hope College from 1974 to 2000. He currently resides in Bozeman, Mont.

Heather Sellers, associate professor of English, had a poem featured on the “Poetry Daily” Web site on Saturday, May 10. The site was “Being from Orlando.” The poem is from her book of poetry Drinking Girls and Their Dresses, published by Abasha Press in November.

Poetry Daily is an online anthology of contemporary poetry, offering a daily poem selected from poetry currently in print. The site is dedicated to making it easier for readers to find poems and poets they like, and the publications in which they may be found.

Poems selected for Poetry Daily are accompanied by information about the published source of the poem and about the poet. The poems are available in an archive for one year.

Poetry Daily is located at www.poems.com, and is operated by The Daily Poetry Association, a not-for-profit charitable organization.

Deborah Weiss ’75 Sturtevant’s on-going research on the relationship between state government and nonprofit human service organizations formed the basis of a statewide conference held in Grand Rapids, Mich., on Friday, May 9.

Dr. Sturtevant, who is professor of sociology and social work and chair of the department, is seeking to help nonprofits play a more effective role in the public policy process. The need is particularly critical, she said, as the state shifts away from direct governmental delivery of social services to contracts with private and nonprofit organizations. On average, she noted, human service nonprofits receive more than 50 percent of their funding from government sources.

In her most recent project, which she completed earlier this year, she surveyed 55 percent of the Michigan Legislature to obtain legislators’ perceptions of the relationship between government and nonprofits. In a 1997 study, she had asked executives of nonprofits about their relationship with government policy makers.

The results of both efforts were reviewed in the conference in Grand Rapids, “Partnership in the Era of Term Limits: A Conversation between State Policymakers and Nonprofits,” which state legislators and representatives of nonprofits alike attended. Dr. Sturtevant’s presentation focused on four main areas: how nonprofits can be more influential in engaging legislators to respond to their needs; the effect of term limits; issues related to the federal emphasis on research-based knowledge and how the partnership between nonprofits and policy makers can be improved.

More than 350 students participated in 23 mission trips organized by the college’s Campus Ministries Office. In addition, 25 students traveled with associate professor of kinesiology Dr. Steven Smith to Jamaica, and 24 students went to Georgia with the college’s chapter of Habitat for Humanity.

The mission trips are a decades-long tradition at Hope, but it is in the past 10 years that interest in them has exploded. Nine years ago, the Campus Ministries Office organized seven trips. This year there were 23.

The Campus Ministries trips involved a variety of types of settings, including urban ministry and rural ministry within the United States, and service in Latin America.

ACCREDITATION INPUT SOUGHT: Hope College is seeking comments from the public about the college in preparation for its periodic evaluation by its regional accrediting agency. The college will undergo a comprehensive evaluation visit on Monday–Wednesday, Sept. 22–24, 2003, by a team representing the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. Hope College has been accredited by the Commission since 1965. The team will review the institution’s ongoing ability to meet the Commission’s Criteria for Accreditation and General Institutional Requirements.

The public is invited to submit comments regarding the college:

Public Comment on Hope College Higher Learning Commission
North Central Association of Colleges and Schools
30 North LaSalle Street, Suite 2400
Chicago, IL 60602

Comments must address substantive matters related to the quality of the institution or its academic programs. Comments must be in writing and signed; comments cannot be treated as confidential.

All comments must be received by Friday, Aug. 1, 2003.

Faculty Kudos:

Rodney Boyer, the Drs. Edward and Elizabeth Hofma Professor Emeritus of Chemistry, has been reappointed to a three-year term on the Education and Professional Development Committee of The American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (ASBMB).

Dr. Boyer, who has been on the committee since 1985, is one of 15 members who represent private undergraduate colleges, graduate programs, medical schools, and the pharmaceutical industry.

The ASBMB is the largest organization of molecular life scientists in the United States and is affiliated with the International Union for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (IUBMB). The mission of the committee is to promote the molecular life sciences through educational and informational activities for the society’s members, the scientific community, and the general public.
The motivational message on the back of each player’s shirt spelled it out — beat perennial MIAA tennis power Kalamazoo College for the first time in three decades.

An impossible task? No Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association (MIAA) team had beaten the Hornets in the last 241 dual matches dating back to 1962, when Hope accomplished what then was viewed as a major achievement because it was Kalamazoo’s first loss since 1966.

Kalamazoo was 396-1 in the MIAA over the past 67 seasons heading into the April 15 match, which was being played in the Hornets’ own Stowe Stadium.

All season long, Hope coach Steve Gorno had hinted that this might be the year. Quite frankly, Flying Dutchmen fans had heard that before. The fact that Hope had not even scored more than a single point in a match against Kalamazoo in 41 years was cause enough for more pessimism and than optimism.

Undaunted, the Flying Dutchmen put history aside and wrote their own chapter, pulling off not just a victory, but an overwhelming triumph by topping the Hornets 7-2.

“Considering that we hadn’t beaten Kalamazoo for 41 years, we entered the match with amazing confidence,” Gorno told the Detroit Free Press. “It was some of the best college tennis I’ve ever witnessed. Some will call this a miracle. I call it a team giving its all.”

With the longest winning streak by any amateur, high school, college or professional team in America coming to an end, the stunning victory was mentioned in several national publications, including Sports Illustrated.

This single accomplishment was representative of another outstanding year in intercollegiate athletics as Hope for the third consecutive year swept all three all-sports awards of the MIAA. Hope won for a record 25th time the Commissioner’s Cup for having the best cumulative performance during 2002-03 in both men’s and women’s sports. The men’s and women’s all-sports awards were also won by impressive margins.

Hope captured conference championships in women’s basketball, women’s swimming and baseball, and co-championships in men’s soccer, men’s basketball and men’s tennis.

OUTSTANDING SENIORS: Honored as the outstanding senior athletes were Amanda Kerkstra of Grandville, Mich., and Chad Carlson of Holland, Mich.

The recipient of the John Schouten Award, Kerkstra achieved All-America distinction as a four-year letterwinner in basketball. Carlson, who was presented the Otto van der Welde All-Campus Award, also lettered four years in basketball. His father,筑

Simply Historic
Hope 7, Kalamazoo 2

SINGLES: 1. Michael Malvizt (K) d. Dan Mann (H) 6-3, 6-2; 2. Kevney Dugan (H) d. Matt Harding 6-2, 6-2; 3. Matt Bradley (H) d. Kent Dolbee 6-2, 6-2; 4. Dave Atallah (K) d. Erik Frost 6-2, 6-2; 5. Andy Phillips (H) d. Giles Smith 6-2, 6-2; 6. Andy Roemenapp (H) d. Carlos Rincon 5-7, 6-2, 6-4

DOUBLES: 1. Mann-Dugan (H) d. Malvizt-Harding 6-3, 6-2, 3. Bradley-Roemenapp (H) d. Dolbee-Rincon 6-3, 6-2; 4. Dave Atallah–David Hinshaw 6-2, 6-2.

Robert 75, had also received the van der Velde award.

BASEBALL: The Flying Dutchmen captured their sixth MIAA championship in 10 years under coach Stu Fritz, posting a 16-2 league record and overall 20-17 mark. The teams appeared in the NCAA Division III tournament for the third time since 1998, but lost twice in the Mideast Regional.

Senior outfielder Mike Van Beek of Hudsonville, Mich., was voted the league’s most valuable player. An all-MIAA honoree for three years, Van Beek had an amazing 100 percent slugging average in conference games. Voted to the All-Mideast Region first team, Van Beek ended as Hope’s career leader in several categories. A history major, he was also named to the Verizon Academic All-District team.


TEENNIS: The Flying Dutchmen had to share the MIAA men’s seasonal championship when Kalamazoo won the conference tournament. The outcome came down to the final match on the court, a three-setter won by the Hornets.

Senior Dan Mann of Spring Lake, Mich., was voted the MIAA’s most valuable player. He ended his career as Hope’s winningest men’s tennis player with 126 victories.

Mann and junior teammate Kevney Dugan of Holland competed in the Division III national doubles tournament, advancing to the quarterfinals. Mann and Dugan were unique among today’s collegiate athletes, having competed at Hope in two sports: Mann in football and Dugan in soccer as well as tennis.

Mann, Dugan and senior Matt Bradley of Hastings, Mich., were voted to the All-MIAA first team. Bradley was also named to the league’s Stowe Sportsmanship Award.

The Flying Dutch finished fourth in the women’s MIAA tennis standings. Freshman Annaleise Fox of Alma, Mich., captured the first flight singles championship and was voted All-MIAA first team.

TRACK & FIELD: Hope athletes were MIAA champions in five events as the Flying Dutch finished second in the women’s standings while the Flying Dutchmen were third.

Senior Ed Perez of Hopkins, Mich., won the 400-meter hurdles for the third time in his career. Emily Schlit of Potterville, Mich., repeated as champion in the women’s javelin while junior Christy Watkin of Holland was a double winner, capturing the long jump for the second time and the triple jump. Senior Brooke Oesting of Grand Rapids, Mich., captured the 400-meter dash.

SOFTBALL: The Flying Dutch finished fifth in the MIAA standings while posting an overall 17-14 record.

Senior pitcher Andrea Adams of Fairgrove, Mich., and junior shortstop Kelly Kraft of Brown City, Mich., were voted to the All-MIAA first team. A two-time All-MIAA honoree, Adams set a career Hope pitching record for strikeouts (338).

GOLF: Senior Emily Colebrander of Holland finished 33rd in a field of 59 competitors at the NCAA Division III women’s golf championship, averaging 87 strokes a round over the 72-hole tournament.

Senior Mike Van Beek wrote his name in the Hope record book with career marks for total hits, doubles, total bases and RBIs.

Mission
Accomplished!
On Every Front

It is a common occurrence for athletic teams to set pre-season goals. For the Hope men’s tennis team this spring it was focusing on a mission.
Time Flies

It couldn’t have been 20 years ago. Or 50. Or 65...

The milestones and moments that fill life also make it sail by. For three days in May, Flying Dutchmen from ’38 to ’83 had a chance to drop anchor on campus and consider the journey together.

1938—Row 1: Marian Bocks ’38 Woodby, Henrietta Bast ’38 Bonnette, Patricia Verhulst ’38 Purchase, Elizabeth Arendshorst, Bill Arendshorst ’38, Barb Lampen ’38; Row 2: Wendell Miles ’38, Mariette Miles, Julia Klinge ’38 Bouws, Andrew Vollink ’38, Lois Tyss ’38 Strom, Earl Purchase ’40, Esther Hinkamp ’38 McCoy, Donald McCoy, Florence Holleman, Paul Holleman ’38, Thelma Kooiker ’39 Leenhouts, Jack Leenhouts ’38

1943—Row 1: Mimi Moncada ’43 Knooijuizen, Barbara Dee Folensbee ’43 Timmer, Mildred Timmer ’43 VanOostenburg, Marilyn Zandstra ’44 Ettema; Row 2: Delbert Knooijuizen ’42, Fanny DeKleine ’43, Seymour Padnos ’43, John Ettema ’43
1948/1953


1963—Row 1: Kurt Van Genderen '63, Roy Stavenger '63, Mary Berghorst '63 Vander Woude, Vince Kleijs '63, Patty DeJong '63 Brink, Judy DeWitt '63 Aardema, James McDowall '63, Darell J. Schregardus '63, Larry Teitsma '63, Anne Teitsma, Mary Beth Ziesensitz '63 DeJong, Roberta Brookmann '63 Looman, Marilyn DeWitt '63 Norman, Jane Woodby '63 Osman, Judith Zwemer '63 Bennington; Row 2: Jan Holleman, Wayne Saxsma '63, Lynne Mulliken '63 Saxsma, Nancy Grabinski '63 Evers, Darwin Evers '63, Charles Becher '63, Peg Wasserman '63 Becher, Ruth Kremer '63 DeVries, David DeVries '62, Sharie Schaap '63 Vaalburg, Tom Vaalburg, Bill Byrne '63, Gus Querlo, Marilee Nieuwsma, Milton Nieuwsma '63; Row 3: Ken Holleman '63, Mike Schrier '64, Lorna Vermeer '63 Schrier, Ron Shoemaker '63, Anita Shoemaker, Dennis DeWitt '63, Mary Kulper '72 DeWitt, Bill Bouman '62, Cynthia Bordeuwky '63 Bouman, Tom Hoekstra '63, Lois Hoekstra, Kristin Blank '63 Lucas, Paul Lucas '63, Heidi Heideman '63 Byrne, Barbara Bredeweg, Bob Bredeweg '63; Row 4: Lance Evert '62, Marty Spaan '63 Evert, Charles Prins '63, Russ Harnsen '63, Margo Harnsen, Mary Kay Paalman '66 Schoon, Jon Mark Schoon '63, Maggie Kriger '63 Larson, Bob Larson, Jack Siebers '63, Judy DeFryke '63 Dunn, John Dunn '63, Sharon Cady '63 Blom, Dave Rumminger, John Blom '63, Row 5: Gent Wijs '63, Jim Bultman '63, Marlee Tucker '63 Bultman, Edwin Van Dam '63, Don Mitchell '63, Jim Schaap '63, Tom Wolterink '63, Jim Juries '63, Bob Gordon '63, Dave Bolhuis '63, Junia Dalmann '63 Querlo, Shirley Hoover '63 Rumminger
1968/1973

1968—Row 1: Sandie Murphy, Nelson Murphy '68, Barb Fordham '69 Lubbers, Dave Lubbers '68, Liz Sobania, Neal Sobania '68; Row 2: Bill Wykhuis '68, Benjamin Nykamp '68, Barbara Zandstra '68 Nykamp, Marilyn Mariani '74 Lay, Harold Lay '68, Mary Jane Muller '68 Montgomery; Row 3: Mike Dillbeck '68, Jayne Olsen '68 Genbo, Mary Piers '68 George, Morrie Peterson '67, Barb Klaasen '68 Peterson, Sid Disbrow '68, Joseph DeKock '68

1973—Row 1: Mary Zaleta '73, Jo Peterson '73 Vitanye, Patricia Pavel '73, Barbara Tommola '73 Stein, Pam Herta '73 Brown, Gene Haulenbeek '72, Susan Sinclair '73 Haulenbeek, Pat VanWyk '73 Bartlett, Terry Reen '73; Row 2: Mark deRoo '73, Jane Felden '74 Jeltes, Ginny Burton '73 Stuart, Eunice Koster '73, Mama Tellier '73 Rehage, Karla Hoesch '73 Wolters, Mary Dykema '73, Christine Lohman '73 Jackson, Sheryl Smith '73, Cathy Boote '73, Joyce Van Aken '73 Cawthon, Andy Cawthon; Row 3: Tom Jeltes '73, Lou Cravotta '73, Linda Warnel '73 Cravotta, Norm Swier '73, Melita Swier, Mary Bos '73 Van Voorst, Bob Van Voorst '74, Douglas Edema '73, Phyllis DeHaan, Mark DeHaan '73, Kathy Kantrow '73 VanderLaan, Burt VanderLaan '73, John Schmidt '73; Row 4: Andy Steffel, Susan Bos '73 Steffel, Jacalyn Bigelow '73 Reimink, Jackie Stegeman '73 Swaney, Barb Smalling '73 Lawton, Bob Korstange '73, Joann VerBeek '73 Korstange, Rick Zweering '73, Teresa Fuller '75 Zweering, Denise Bruggers, David Bruggers '73, Sue Bruggink '73 Edema, Jerry Wormmeester '73, Gary Plooster '73, Hal Fitzgerald '73, Ray Gest '73; Row 5: Dennis Hendricks '70, Lynne Walchenbach '73 Hendricks, John Meshkin, Vicki TenHaken '73, Carey Boote '73, Sue Ponstein '73 Boote, Rick Boss '73, Barb Kastelin '74 Boss, Jeff Winne '73, Donna Winne, Stan Busman '73, J.C. Hutzenga '73
Dr. Richard Wunder never attended Hope, but he is having a lasting impact on those who do.

Dr. Wunder, an art scholar who died on Sunday, Aug. 4, 2002, at age 79, left the college more than 4,500 books through his estate. The gift complements the several thousand books he had already donated to the college since 1984.

The volumes, more than 15,000 collectively, have been designated the “Richard Wunder Collection.” According to David Jensen, director of libraries, together they provide Hope “with one of the finest college art history collections in the Midwest.”

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“I think this is an outstanding addition to our collection, particularly in art and art history,” he said. “This was a scholar’s collection, and there are some very fine works here.”

“He had wide-ranging interests in art, so there are volumes on architecture, painting, sculpture, interiors, decoration, jewelry, fashion,” Jensen said. “I don’t know of any area of art in which he did not have some material.”

The bequest includes a mix of books published from the 18th century to the present. In addition to volumes concerned with art and art history, the collection is rich in biographies, social histories, literary works, and works on religion and travel.

The gift also includes the research material that Dr. Wunder had collected while writing a book about American sculptor Hiram Powers, as well as Dr. Wunder’s personal correspondence and unfinished memoir. A variety of other items were included in the bequest, among them formal clothing and furnishings, and have been shared with departments ranging from the department of theatre to the Joint Archives of Holland to the college’s physical plant.

Dr. Wunder was introduced to Hope by John Dryfhout ’54, who is superintendent and chief curator of the Saint-Gaudens National Historic Site in Cornish, N.H. Dryfhout was doing graduate work at the University of Michigan in the mid-1960s when he first met Dr. Wunder, who was visiting as guest curator. They became friends as their professional paths crossed in later years.

When in the early 1980s Dr. Wunder shared his concerns about his library, which he’d placed in storage when he had moved from his large house to a New York apartment, Dryfhout suggested a destination that could make a lasting difference.

“I said, ‘Have you ever considered the possibility that this collection might be a great anchor for a college?’” Dryfhout said. “This would make a fantastic collection for my college library.”

That Dr. Wunder acted on the suggestion, Dryfhout said, was completely in character.

“He was an extremely generous person,” he said. “He was generous not only to Hope College, but also to many institutions and individuals all over the country.”

Dr. Wunder, who lived most recently in La Jolla, Calif., was a past president of appraisals and estates with Christie, Manson and Woods International in New York City.

He was founding director of the Cooper-Hewitt, National Design Museum (now part of the Smithsonian Institution) in New York City, having previously served as curator of drawings and prints at the Cooper Union Museum. He had been a senior research fellow in art, assistant director, and curator of painting and sculpture with the National Collection of Fine Arts, Smithsonian (now Smithsonian American Art Museum, Washington D.C.). He had also been an assistant in the Department of Drawings with the Fogg Art Museum at Harvard University. He had been a visiting professor at Middlebury College in Vermont.

He was a past member of the Pierpont Morgan Library Council, and had currently been serving as a trustee of the Saint-Gaudens site. He was an active Episcopalian and was named a knight of the Venerable Order of St. John of Jerusalem in 1987. He was on the board of A Christian Ministry in the National Parks.

Dr. Wunder’s books included Extravagant Drawings of the Eighteenth Century in the Cooper Union Museum, Frederic Edwin Church and the two-volume Hiram Powers: Vermont Sculptor, 1805–1873.

He received the Smithsonian Institution’s Charles Eldredge Prize in 1992 for his work on Powers. Hope presented him with an honorary degree in April of 1999.

Dr. Wunder served as an officer with the United States Army during both World War II and the Korean War. He held his bachelor’s, master’s and doctorate from Harvard.

Maura Reynolds receives award

Maura Reynolds, director of advising and associate professor of Latin, has received the fourth annual “Vanderbush–Weller Development Fund” award for her strong, positive impact on students.

The award recognizes and supports the efforts of Hope faculty and staff who make extraordinary contributions to the lives of students.

“Maura is an exceptional choice for the Vanderbush–Weller award,” said Dr. Richard Frost, who is vice president for student development and dean of students at Hope, and chairs the selection committee of students, faculty and staff. “She handles her responsibilities with competence, compassion and care that extend far above the standard. She is perhaps one individual who knows more students than anybody else through her teaching, advising, planning, first-year scheduling and just helping out with academic questions in general. In short, Maura is awesome.”

Professor Reynolds joined the college in 1974 as director of the Academic Support Center, a position she held for four years, also teaching expository writing. She began teaching Latin at Hope in 1980.

She was appointed director of advising in 1988. She also served as coordinator for pilot sections of Hope’s “First-Year Seminar” program. She delivered the college’s Commencement address in May of 2001, and Opening Convocation address in August of 1998.

Professor Reynolds has helped plan and implement New Student Orientation at Hope since 1987. Since 1989, she has been a member of the staff of the college’s Teaching Enhancement Workshop, which is geared toward faculty members about to begin their first year at Hope.

The “Vanderbush–Weller Development Fund” was established in honor of long-time Hope professor and football coach Alvin Vanderbush ’29 of Bloomington, Minn., who retired in 1972. It was created by Ken and Shirely Weller of Knoxville, Iowa. Dr. Ken Weller ’48 is one of Professor Vanderbush’s former players and also a former Hope faculty colleague.
Alumni News

Class Notes

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required by this publication’s production sched-
ule, submissions received after that date (with
the exception of obituary notices) have been held for
the next issue, the deadline for which is Tuesday,
July 8.

1930s

Paul Hollemen ’38 of Holland, Mich., noted
that his granddaughter Sara Hollemen of Portage,
Mich., is a Hope student, and recently completed
her junior year.

Louise Tysse ’38 Strom of Holland, Mich., noted
that letters from her grandfather’s brother, Cornelius
van Oostenbrugge 1876, to his father and brother
have been placed in the Hope College Collection of
the Joint Archives of Holland.

Cornelia’s father Jan van Oostenbrugge was an
1856 settler of South Holland, Ill.

1940s

Judson Van Wyk ’43 of Chapel Hill, N.C., re-
ceived a Distinguished Alumnus Award in 2000
from Johns Hopkins University, where he com-
pleted his M.D. in 1948.

Albina Wemink ’44 of Holland, Mich., and her
wife participated in March in a mission study tour
of Cuba sponsored by the Worldwide Ministries
Committee of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

Jack Krum ’44 of Miami, Fla., is serving a second term as president of
the Miami Art League of Paola, Kan. He won
a volunteer work with organizations such as
Hospice and Habitat for Humanity, and partici-
pates in the North Carolina Senior Games.

John Izenbart ’59 of ‘58 reunion in May.

Wynette Devoue ’51 of Syracuse, N.Y., is an
emerita member of the faculty of the Syracuse
University School of Social Work, and a commis-
sioner for the North County Music Scholarship
Foundation.

John Haa ’53 of Palm Desert, Calif., is retired
from teaching at the University of Colorado,
Boulder.

David Miller ’53 of Bellevue, Wash., sold his
company, Ederer Inc., to a high-tech robotic
company, and will remain a senior consultant for
five years.

Bertha Davison ’54 of Lexington, N.C., retired
in 1997 after working for more than 40 years with
Field Enterprises Educational Corp. He now does
volunteer work with organizations such as
Hospice and Habitat for Humanity, and partici-
pates in the North Carolina Senior Games.

Christine Cloeingth ’56 Kain lives in Glenville,
N.Y., with “new husband, new dog, new home,
same church (Christ Community Reformed) in
Clifton Park, N.Y.”

Diane Drake ’57 Meeseen of Guilderton Center,
N.Y., and her husband have welcomed their first

Carol Hougthaling ’58 Brinkerhoff of Charlestown,
Va., and her husband moved to Virginia from
2000 in Ichaca, N.Y. She reports that they are
enjoying life—volunteering, traveling and being
with family (including grandchildren).

Joanne Van Lierop ’58 Izenbart and Larry
Izenbart ’59 of Midland, Mich., retired as of
Aug. 31, 2002. They plan to move to Holland,
Mich., in the near future, following their retirement gift of a
house on Lake Macatowa to which they plan to
retire when he retires from medical practice.

Erika Volkborn ’58 Ninhouse of Ellsworth,
Mich., and Carlisbad, Calif., is recording secretary
for the North County Music Scholarship
Foundation.

Erik Kline ’58 of Ellsworth, Mich., and
Carlisbad, Calif., notes that classmates are invited
to play his newly designed, nine-hole, par-three
golf course, which he built on his Ellsworth pro-
erty. The “Quote, unquote” column on page two of
this issue of news from Hope College features
excerpts from remarks he made during the Class
of ’58 reunion in May.

Robert Peterson ’58 of Chenery N.Y., reports
enjoying serving churches in the Albany area as
a part-time contract pastor.

Lawrence Schut ’58 of Maple Lake, Minn.,
received a Distinguished Alumnus Award from
Hope College on Saturday, May 3. He is a neu-
rologist currently serving with the Centro Care
Clinic in St. Cloud, Minn., St. Cloud Hospital
and the University of Minnesota Hospital & Clinics
in Minneapolis.

Janet Baird ’58 Weisser of Finewey, N.Y.,
received the “Best New Writer of the Year 2002
Award” during the Write–to–Publish Conference
in Webster, Ill.

Louise Sibbet ’58 Zilverberg of Passadena,
Calif., was invited as Pasadena Christian School and teaches
ESL in the Monrovia Adult School. Her husband,
James, died in 1995.

1960s

Karl Von Ins ’60 of Holland, Mich., is retiring
at the end of the school year from teaching with
the West Ottawa Public Schools. He was one of three
teachers hired by the then-new district in 1960,
and is the last original teacher to retire.

Tom Box ’61 of Holland, Mich., serves on the
board of Ladder Inc.

Joan Clayton ’61 of Philadelphia, Pa., is a retired
teacher working part-time as an elementary
school librarian and active in her church’s two
churches.

Bill Drake ’64 reports that he has just returned
from Montevideo, Uruguay, where for three months
he was a visiting English teacher at
Instituto Corandino. Bill retired from Guilderton
N.Y. High School, where he is a Spanish
teacher and cross country/track and field coach
for more than 30 years. Following his 1995 retire-
ment, Bill and his wife (who have four
children and eight grandchildren) moved to Huntsville,
N.C., where he was associate track and cross
country coach at Davidson College for two years.

Presently, he is a part-time Spanish teacher and
cross country coach at Cannon School. In 2001
and 2002, Cannon School boys were cross country
champions for IA North Carolina private schools.

Bruce Hoffman ’61 retired in December of 2002
after serving The Second Reformed Church
of Wyckoff, N.J., for 32 years as senior minister
to pursue full-time intermin pastoral work.
Currently, he is serving as interim minister of
Pond’s Reformed Church in Oakland, N.J. Bruce
and Joanne TenHaken ’62 Hoffman live in

Flemington, N.J.

Matt Bremamp ’62 of Zeeland, Mich., per-
formed in the Tulip Time Organ Recitals
presented at Hope College on Wednesday–
Saturday, May 7–10, in the Dimnent Memorial
Chapel. She is organist and handbell director at
two Zeeland Reformed churches.

Jumia Dallman ’63 Queen of Mount Clemens,
Mich., is co-chair of the “prayer quilt” makers at
First United Methodist Church.

Ed Seely ’63 of Grand Rapids, Mich., began
work last August at the Calvin Institute of Christian
Worship, and serves as an adjunct faculty
member in educational ministry at Calvin
Theological Seminary and manager of the
Ministry Resource Center at the Hekman
Library, which serves both Calvin College and the semi-
nary. He was previously pastor of education at
Christ Church of Oak Brook, Ill.

Sally Ewing ’63 Strauss of Long Valley, N.J., notes
that her second granddaughter, Emma, was born in
December.

Carolyn Churchill ’64 Turskta for the past two
years has been working on the editorial staff of
Community Life, a weekly newspaper covering 11
towns in the Pascack Valley area of northwestern
New Jersey. Her responsibilities include report-
ing on a regional high school district and
handling news releases for a variety of depart-
ments, including religion and Scouts; she also
occasionally writes feature articles and has
had op-ed pieces published. She previously worked
for another weekly, The Town Journal, which covers
the Saddle River Valley area in which she lives.
Her career was put somewhat on hold from
October of 2001 to October of 2002, after she was
diagnosed with breast cancer. She reports that
following surgery and the ensuing chemo and
radiation treatments, she has been resuming her
regular activities little by little, including reclaim-
ing her position in the Joyful Noise Handbell
Choir at Wyckoff Reformed Church, where she is
a member.

J. Alexander Boeringa ’65 retired from a career
with the VA and now teaches psychology for
the University of Maryland Overseas Program in
various locations around Europe. He is currently
living in Brussels but will soon be moving to Rota,
Spain, for five months. He writes, “I often
wonder what some of my college friends are
doing and would enjoy hearing from you,” and
has created a home page to keep friends and rela-
tives informed.

Joan Flikkema ’66 of Grand Rapids, Mich., is a
presenter for the Great Lakes Center for Sages.
A new program designed to present a healthy
and holistic model of aging in Western Michigan
and based on the Pew Campus of Grand Valley State
University. She is retired from teaching with the
Forest Hills Public Schools.

Randy Miller ’67 of Havertown, Pa., is the
William Dirk Warren ’50 Sequequintennial Chair
and Professor of History at St. Joseph’s University
in Philadelphia, Pa. On Friday, April 11, he deliv-

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Johnnie Tuitel ’88 and Barbara Timmer ’69.
The Alumni Association presented four Distinguished Alumni Awards on Saturday,
May 3. From left to right are Dr. Lawrence Schut ’58, the Rev. Eugene Sutton ’75,
Johnnie Tuitel ’88 and Barbara Timmer ’69.

Community Life

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ered a guest lecture at Hope College, "The Meaning of the Civil War."

Adrian Slikkers Jr. ’67 was involved in a serious traffic accident in May while on a Corvette rally in Pentwater, Mich. He was in a coma for many weeks, and hospitalized for five months. Recently, he has made great progress and he is now able to get around with a brace and a cane but has some residual left-side weakness. Cards or letters of encouragement can be sent to Michael Riksen, Hope College, 513 Nobles Hall, 300 E.榻mother St., Holland, MI 49423.

Barbara Hayes ’68 Johnson of Grand Rapids, Mich., has been diagnosed with fibromyalgia, and notes that she would love to hear from fellow sufferers.

Linda Patterson ’68 Miller of Havertown, Pa., is a professor of English at Pennsylvania State University Abington. On Thursday, April 10, she delivered a guest lecture at Hope College, "The Lost Generation on the French Riviera."

Philip Rauwerdink ’68 of Lake Leelanau, Mich., opened a private counseling practice in Elk Rapids called Riverview Family Counseling.

Linda Strouf ’84 of Royal Oak, Mich., recently accepted to the Ph.D. program in higher education administration at Michigan State University.

John Schirr ’78 has been appointed city attorney for Muskegon Charter Twp.

Barbara Timmer ’69 of Washington, D.C., received a Distinguished Alumna Award from Hope College on Saturday, May 3. She is Assistant Sergeant at Arms for the United States Senate.

Lou Lotz ’71 became head pastor of Central Reformed Church in Grand Rapids, Mich., in April. He is presently serving as a part-time executive and chief operating official at Fair Haven Ministries in Grand Rapids.

Kathryn Scholes ’73 Bolt of Plymouth Meeting, Pa., has been appointed city attorney of Wyckoff, N.J., and chief operating official at Fair Haven Ministries in Grand Rapids, Mich., in May.

Elaine Nichols ’73 Christensen of Palm Bay, Fla., and her husband are independent reps for Excel Communications.

Lynn Zimmerman ’83 of Rockford, Mich., is a senior environmental engineer at Steelcase Inc. She has been appointed vice president of Alumni and Parent Relations.

Michelle Hegedus ’85 Reilley of Whitehall, Mich., has completed three courses in cosmetic dentistry and is expected to be earning the new avenue in her career. She also writes, “Hello to all you Delta Phi girls, and Class of 1970s, who may be reading this. I am working with a member of the community on a project for Krio Old Testament translators. He and I have research on other topics of interest to you and other individuals.”

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2000s

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A former staff member has marked a milestone birthday, turning 100 earlier this year.

Tena Selles of Holland, Mich., celebrated the century mark on Thursday, May 29. Then Tena Housenga, she was a member of the college’s custodial staff in the 1960s, working in Voorhees Hall, the President’s House and the Health Clinic. She served in Voorhees at the same time as Isla Pruium ’24 Van Eenennaam, who also recently turned 100, and another, who turned 102, on Sunday, June 1.

Selles’s service to the college marked the beginning of a long–time family relationship with Hope. Her son Don has been employed by Hope at some level, and son–in–law, who is head painter on the maintenance staff, Don’s wife Pauly (Peil) Housenga attended Hope in the 1960s, and they lived in Dykstra Hall from 1985 to 1989 when she was resident director there. Don and Pauly’s three children are all Hope graduates, and all worked on the paint crew with Don: Lauren Housenga ’88 Grose of Holland, Heather Housenga ’90 Walker of Minneapolis, Minn., and John Housenga ’96 of Golden Valley, Minn.

Selles’s alumni credentials also include in the business Kelly Droeger, Kurt Droeger ’81 of Holland and Steve Strating ’81 of Jacksonville, Fla. Granddaughter–in–law Peggy Penna ’84 Housenga of Zeeland, Mich., and grand–
in–law Steve Grose ’88 of Holland are also alumni. Great-granddaughter Megan Droeger recently completed her first year at Hope.

And there have been other ties as well. When Don needed to do some repainting of a uniquely textured section of Dimnent Memorial Chapel, he needed, only to ask her second husband, Bill Selles, for suggestions. Bill had done the original work.

recovery from bunionism.

Lindsey Dood ’87 of Grand Rapids, Mich., was one of the 20,223 entrants in this year’s Boston Marathon. He finished 2:47:00 (1,434th in his age division) with a time of 3:21:28.

Lisa Kingma ’87 of Jeserian, Mich., was one of 20,223 entries in this year’s Boston Marathon. He finished 1:52:44 (938th in his age division) with a time of 2:56:56.

Dan Boeighted ’88 of Roseville, Minn., has been a partner in the Minneapolis law firm of Yost & Ball LLP. Dan focuses on business law and estate planning. Dan, with wife Christina Eisenmann ’88 Boeighted and sons Peter (five–and–a–half) and Steven (two) are also undertaking a major expansion of their home.

Carl Heidenam ’88 of Holland, Mich., is on the to–do list for his graduating classmate:

David Kipper ’88 of Zeeland, Mich., who is senior vice president and mortgage loan officer at Republic Bank in Holland, is working in the software installation, support and maintenance, coaches singers, and teaches the keyboard. She also oversees the show’s vocal coach. She also oversees the show’s vocal assistant.

Michael Northbus ’89 of Portage, Mich., was one of 20,223 entries in this year’s Boston Marathon. He finished 5:32:57 (569th in his age division) with a time of 3:18:27.

1990s

Marian Styer ’89 Jenkins of Kennsaw, Ga., recently resigned from her job at EDs and is now a full–time mother to her two–and–a–half year old son, Jackson. Jackson’s teacher, Mr. Zachary (please see “New Arrivals”), and her two step–daughters, Alison and Emily. Kristen and family still live in Ann Arbor, Mich., and has continued her teaching career next school year as a teacher consultant and special education teacher with Howell Public Schools.

Tasha Nykerk ‘83 of Holland, Mich., is an elementary art teacher for Lakeview Elementary with the Weedon Organization School District.

Kirsten Stoeser ‘93 and husband Bob Toth ‘93 live in Salt Lake City, Utah, and have a new baby, daughter Liliana. They have kept him busy recently. Kristen has finished a residency in family practice and a fellowship in obstetrics at the University of Utah and will be joining the faculty there in the Department of Family and Preventive Medicine in August.

Emily Vander Veen ‘93 is a physician and the captain in the U.S. Army. He was deployed to Iraq during the first week of March with the Second Brigade of the 101st Airborne. He has been in the army for 12 years, and had served in Kosovo during 2000–2001 as a brigade surgeon. Jeff Baxter ‘94 of Highlands Ranch, Colo., is senior high pastor with Cherry Hills Community Church.

Kevin Bobehck ‘94 of Ballwin, Mo., is a postdoctoral fellow at Washington University in St. Louis.

Elizabeth Clark ‘94 is an education consultant with Magyar–Angol Kettanyelvu Alfalagosokak (M&A) International, Ltd.

Tim Dawson ‘94 is an outpatient mental health and substance abuse therapist at Oakland Region Services in Grand Rapids, Mich.


Steve Johnstone ‘94 and Tina Panayiades ‘94 have moved to Maine and started new jobs in the last year. Steve is an associate at the law firm of Miller & Carter in Portland, and Tina is a stay–at–home staff attorney at the Maine Coalition Against Sexual Assault in Augusta.

Lauri Budd ‘94 of Grand Rapids, Mich. Don is a police officer with the City of Kentwood, and Susann has left the insurance business to become a stay–at–home mom (please see “New Arrivals”).

Wendy Murray ‘95 of Glasgow and family have moved to Windsong Lake.

Jill Pursilfuss ‘95 of Holland, Mich., is an English teacher at Christian High School.

Jennifer Jarvis ‘96 of Ballard, Wash., is a senior analyst at Washington State, after 10 years of teaching fourth grade full–time, I decided I needed a change both professionally and person–

Jolene Foster –Wilke, MD, is a Family Practitioner in the Washington, D.C./Baltimore, Md. area since 1997, and has made a partner in the Minneapolis law firm of Yost & Ball LLP. Dan focuses on business law and estate planning. Dan, with wife Christina Eisenmann ’88 Boeighted and sons Peter (five–and–a–half) and Steven (two) are also undertaking a major expansion of their home.

Briitte Biondo–Smith ‘89 is president/owner of Sign Link Inc. She has been a freelance American Sign Language Interpreter for 17 years. Therefore, one of the top producing mortgage loan officers in the country for the fifth year in a row, according to Mortgage Originator Magazine. In 2002, David closed more than 700 mortgage loans totaling in excess of $101 million. David offers a wide variety of mortgage loans to his customers, including construction, jumbo, conventional, government, bridge and lot loans. David is active with the West Michigan Lakeshore Association of Realtors and the Holland Area Home Builder’s Association, and has been lending along the Lakeshore for more than 13 years.

Michael Magan ’88 of Cherry Chase, Md., has been appointed executive director of the Center for Faith–Based and Community Initiatives of the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID). Since its inception in 1961, USAID has done extensive work with relief organizations affiliated with religious institutions. Today, 25 percent of USAID’s $11 billion in annual fund–

Browntooth, a project manager at SIMALABS International, providing environmental analytical services throughout the Midwest, Colorado, and

Richard Crumbie ’96 of Holland, Mich., is a vice president of Automotive Marketing LLC.

Dick DeWitt ’96, who is a lieutenant with the U.S. Navy, returned home to Charleston, S.C., in May after serving in Iraq. He had left for the Middle East in January.

Laurel Pierce ’96 of Hotchkiss of Holland, Mich., and her husband recently built a new home them–
selfs, and report being relieved to be moved in before the arrival of their second child.

Peter Kuzdnel ’96 of Perlisphere in Tulum Quarteck presented at Hope College on Thursday, January 17, in DDSAB. Tuna is a project manager at SIMALABS International, providing environmental analytical services throughout the Midwest, Colorado, and


Sarah Wentzloff ‘97 is a trumpet player and operations sergeant in the U.S. Army, stationed in Germany.

Shannon Hoekwater ‘98 of Holland is a mortgage planner with CXT Mortgage in Midland, Mich.

Vicki Code ’88 of McMahon of Roseville, Mich., has been teaching second grade and is currently
taking master’s classes at Oakland University. Todd Chassey ‘01 and Amanda Peters ‘01 Chassey are moving to Pittsburgh, Pa., where Todd will start an emergency medicine residency. Adam Hudson ‘09 of Chicago, Ill., is teaching in the Chicago Public Schools. Michael McCune ‘00 of Holt, Mich., is a market research associate with Smith Dahmer Associates in St. Louis, Mo.

Renata Melzer ‘09 of Addison, Texas, reports that she is moving to the “Magic City” of Birmingham, Ala., where she has been accepted into the medical/clinical psychology doctoral program at the University of Alabama. Gina Morgan ‘09 of Okemos, Mich., is working as a business manager at Marian High School in Bloomfield Hills, Mich. She writes, “After four years in public accounting, it was time for a change. I am very excited about this new opportunity to work in a Christian school environment!”

Stephanie Stieglitz ‘99 of Big Rapids, Mich., is pursuing a doctor of pharmacy degree at the Ferris State University College of Pharmacy. Jeffrey VanderLaan ‘99 of Byron Center, Mich., is practicing law with Smith, Haughey, Rice & Roegge in Grand Rapids, Mich.

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Faith in action

(Continued from page seven.)

Brian Dryfhout ‘00 of Worth, Ill., has been promoted from associate sports producer to senior sports producer for the nightly hour-long sports show Sports Page at CLTV in Chicago, Ill. Ann and John Wynbrek ‘00 of Elkhorn, Neb. and her husband (please see “Marriages”) live in Rockford, Mich.

Erika Goodman ‘00 of Streetsboro, Ohio, is currently a law clerk for the Honorable William T. Bodelh, chief bankruptcy judge of the Northern District of Ohio. Eric has accepted an offer to join the law firm Jones Day following his judicial clerkship.

Dr. Brown appreciates from his own experience what an inclusive approach and caring Hope mentors can mean. He had never even been to church while growing up, but what he found at Hope when he entered college in the fall of 1969 changed his life. “I discovered here some of the most wonderful people—gracious and kind and accepting, who became for me models of what I wanted to be,” he said. “I then discovered in the midst of my admiration that they were shaped and formed by a certain set of convictions and values, all of them together. I discovered that those convictions and values all turned around the Christian faith, and that became a huge invitation to me to accept those and become a Christian myself.”

He went on to a career in the ministry and teaching, and spent the past two years back at the college as one of those mentors, guiding the Campus Ministries program, which offers many opportunities for exploring one’s faith beyond the academic setting.

Contemporary, mid-morning chapel services on Monday, Wednesday and Friday and a Sunday evening “Gathering” work together to form one of the college’s most active and visible— and voluntary—audiences of some 1,100 students in Dimnent Memorial Chapel. Campus Ministries supervises a large network of study, prayer and discussion groups. The office coordinates mission trips throughout the year, particularly during spring break—some 23 trips this year—to places in the U.S. and in Caribbean and Latin America.

“My hope is fairly pointed and clear: that each student who comes to us as a Christian believer will grow up into Christ and mature in the Christian faith and become an instrument of righteousness in the world,” Dr. Brown said. “I want them to gain a deeper affection for God and become a more effective witness for Jesus Christ wherever they go and whatever they do, seeing themselves as ministers of the gospel whether that be in science, or education, or business, or anywhere else they may possibly go.”

“And for those students who come to us as not Christian believers—they are people of other faiths, or of no articulated faith at all, I want them to both experience the love of Christ and to embrace a conviction of the historic Christian believers and to experience the possibility of life in Christ in the context of the Christian faith for themselves,” he said.

The energy of the faith community was an important consideration for Michael Dolislager ‘03 of Rocklin, Calif., when he was a prospective student. He had visited prescriptive Christian schools as one possibility for continuing his own journey. He liked Hope’s way better.

“I like the fact that we don’t have to sign something to come here,” he said. “Here it’s a choice to live a Christian life, and it changes the possibilities.”

During his Hope years, Dolislager participated in three mission trips, leading two. He led and participated in Bible study and prayer groups. He was so regular a chapel attender that he can remember the few times he missed—once for a job interview, and a few when he was out of state. He remarks on that for what it says about the program.

“I think they’re really cool,” he said. “There’s nowhere else I’d want to be from 11 a.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.”

Carla Carrozziere ‘03 of Rochester, N.Y., also wanted to attend a school with a good Christian foundation, and was also active in spring break mission trips and Bible studies as a participant and leader, and in the chapel program.

She was further interested in dance, and was drawn to Hope specifically because of the strength of the college’s dance and education programs.

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Twins set a record

The graduating Class of 2003 included seven sets of twins, believed to be the largest number ever (and certainly the largest number anyone can recall).

During the 1992-93 school year, Hope had had 12 sets of twins in the student body, including seven sets in the freshman class, but the total by graduation was lower for the Class of '96 (two transfers, and some early graduations).

The high number this year was unusual for Hope, but not completely unusual while growing up for all of the graduates, as considered by Sara Whitehouse '03, a management and economic major from Mantion, Mich.

Class of 2003

Gerald Ajoga ’03 took a May Term at Hope. Ashlea Allen ‘03 will live in Holland, Mich. Eryn Alsum ‘03 is remaining in Holland, Mich. Sarah Anderson ‘03 will attend physician assistant school at University of Detroit Mercy. Emelie Apostle ‘03 took the Hope May Term in India, and is spending the rest of the summer farming in Greece with her grandparents. She will student teach on the Rosebud Indian Reservation in South Dakota in the fall. David Amoldlink ‘03 is working with Five Star Real Estate—Lakeshore.

Molly Anitra ‘03 is living in Greenville, Mich.

Rand Arwood ‘03 of Philadelphia, Pa., is working in sales with the NBA’s Philadelphia 76ers. Joe Avery ‘03 is working in Holland, Mich.

Sara Baldwin ‘03 is moving to New Hampshire.

Andre Baraka ‘03 will pursue a graduate degree in communication at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo.

Eric Barende ‘03 is working this summer at Camp Fowler in New York.

Robert Bartlett ‘03 will pursue an M.D. at Indiana University School of Medicine.

Josh Bauman ‘03 will be finishing up at Hope in the fall.

Katie Baum ‘03 will pursue a master’s in education at Grand Valley State University.

Matthew Baumbach ‘03 and Nick Conrad ‘03 are expanding their lawn care and landscaping business, Pro-Mow Lawncare and Landscaping, which services the greater Grand Rapids, Mich., area.

Michael Benko ‘03 will attend sport management graduate school at The Ohio State University. Thomas Bergman ‘03 will finish up at Hope in the fall.

Kyle Blackport ‘03 has accepted a position at Sirius Inc. in Holland, Mich.

Jordana Blounid ‘03 of Grand Rapids, Mich., is a personal banker for Macatawa Bank.

Rachel Boesma ‘03 is nannying this summer.

Matthew Boes ‘03 is moving to Dresden, Germany, to become network administrator for the Max Planck Institute of Cellular Biology and Genetics.

Brandon Bossche ‘03 will pursue a doctor of physical therapy degree at the University of St. Augustine in St. Augustine, Fla.

Daniel Bouwens ‘03 will pursue a degree in dentistry at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

Matthew Boyle ‘03 of Grand Rapids, Mich., is taking a manager trainee position at Menards.

Joshua Brandenburg ‘03 is moving to Los Angeles, Calif., to pursue an acting career.

Meghan Beehan ‘03 will teach in an emotional-illness program at Morgan Park High School in the Chicago, Ill., schools.

Geoffrey Bremer ‘03 is a staff accountant with Plante & Moran in Mount Clemens, Mich.

Bryan Brogger ‘03 will attend Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, Calif.

Kristin Bryant ‘03 is living in Grand Rapids, Mich.

John Call ‘03 is a project manager with Herman Miller Inc. in Zeeland, Mich.

Leslie Canfield ‘03 will be student teaching in special education in Grand Haven, Mich., in the fall.

Katie Carlson ‘03 is moving to Boston, Mass.

Rachel Carrozziere ‘03 is spending the summer at home and moving to Nashville, Tenn., on Thursday, Aug. 7, to pursue a music career.

Daniel Chadderdon ‘03 is a financial consultant with Lanthology.

Adam Chaffee ‘03 is living in Maui this summer and will attend Wayne State Law School in the fall.

Mary Chambers ‘03 is spending the summer in Holland, Mich., and will student teach in the West Ottawa school district in the fall.

Karen Clark ‘03 will pursue an M.D. at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

Jennifer Coleman ‘03 will teach grade six and grade eight science at Black River Public School.

Emily Colembrander ‘03 will participate in the Chicago theater program this fall.

John Collins ‘03 will house-sit for Dr. G. Larry Pleneau of the Hope faculty and student teach at Hamilton High School, Ill.

Ashley Connelly ‘03 will attend anesthesia school at the University of California, L.A. Nick Conrad ‘03 and Matthew Baumbach ‘03 are expanding their lawn care and landscaping business, Pro-Mow Lawncare and Landscaping, which services the greater Grand Rapids, Mich., area.

Curtis Cook ‘03 will student teach in Chicago, Ill., in the fall.

Curtis Copeland ‘03 will pursue graduate study in social work leadership at Grand Valley State University.

Lisa Cortez ‘03 will teach special education in Houston.

Laurie Cowen ‘03 is a registered nurse at the University of Michigan Mott Hospital in Ann Arbor.

Ryan Cox ‘03 will pursue an M.D. at Loyola University in Chicago, Ill.

Wesman Cram ‘03 is a student teacher in the Hudsonville (Mich.) Public Schools in the fall.

Katherine Crawford ‘03 is working for Chase Manhattan Home Finance in Bloomfield Hills, Mich.

Clay Cressler ‘03 will pursue a doctorate in psychology at Grand Valley State University.

Sarah Crisman ‘03 will student teach in Liverpool, England.

Alicia Daniel ‘03 will student teach in the fall.

Carrie Cochran ‘03 Dattels and husband Chris Dattels (also see “Marragos”) are living in Rancho Cucamonga, Calif. Carrie plans to pursue a master’s in rehabilitation counseling at the University of Wisconsin-Madison in the fall.

C. Noelle Davids ‘03 will attend education classes at Hope in the fall and then student teach.

Amanda Hinneman ‘03 is a registered nurse on the orthopedic/neurology floor at Holland Hospital. Care this summer and will move to Colorado in the fall.

Megan Davis ‘03 will pursue teaching certification at Central Michigan University.

Kathryn DeHaan ‘03 is working at the Triangle X Ranch in Wyoming through October.

Susan De Lange ‘03 will pursue an M.D. at the Loyola University Stritch School of Medicine in Chicago, Ill.

Ken Diekema ‘03 will work with Young Life in a church partnership while attending seminary in Grand Rapids.

Christine Diesl ‘03 is a compliance associate with the FBOP Corporation in Oak Park, Ill.

Shawn Dudley ‘03 is a student of physical therapy at Central Michigan University.

Jennifer Dutta ‘03 will teach in St. Louis, Mo.

Melissa Freckman ‘03 has taken a hemodialysis technician position at Gundersen Health System in La Crosse, Wis.

Leticia Grandia ‘03 will complete an additional major at Hope.

Tony Guerra ‘03 is going to continue living in Manhattan and working in design for Experimental Theatre and Dance.

Sara Gray ‘03 is a real estate associate with RE/Max of Grand Rapids, Mich., and will pursue an M.S. at Grand Valley State University.

Kathi Guenterhuber ‘03 is a staff accountant with Plante and Moran in Kalamazoo, Mich.

Brandon Guernsey ‘03 is leaving this month to serve with the Peace Corps as an agroforestry volunteer in Mauritania (West Africa).

Laura Hahnfeld ‘03 will student teach in the fall.

Lindsay Hall ‘03 has moved to Nashville, Tenn.

Ryan Hamby ‘03 will pursue a D.O. degree at Michigan State University in East Lansing.

Jen Harden ‘03 is a spiritual formation pastor and marriage counselor with Gambio Healthcare in Zeeland, Mich.

Lisa Hardy ‘03 will attend St. Louis University School of Medicine in Missouri.

Brett Harring ‘03 will be student teaching.

Tracy Havener ‘03 will pursue a master’s of public health at the University of Michigan.

Tracy Hekman ‘03 will pursue a master’s of divinity degree at Western Theological Seminary.

Dan Hendricks ‘03 will pursue graduate study in sociology at the University of Hawaii.

Alice Herz ‘03 is moving to Tucson, Ariz., to serve with the Young Adult Volunteer Program of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

Melissa Hirsch ‘03 will pursue a graduate degree in occupational therapy at the University of Illinois at Chicago or Colorado State University.

Kari Higdon ‘03 will student teach in Chicago, Ill.

Kathi Hinz ‘03 is a field auditor with Business Strategy Inc. of Kentwood, Mich., traveling across the nation to audit companies.

Erin Hughes ‘03 in July will start working as a registered nurse on the orthopedic/neurology medical—surgical floor of St. Joseph Mercy—Oakland Hospital.

Stephen Hulst ‘03 will attend Valparaiso University School of Law.

Andrew Imdieke ‘03 in August will begin working as a staff auditor with Plante Moran PLLC in Ann Arbor, Mich.

Amber Innman ‘03 will pursue a master’s in marital and family therapy at Nova Southeastern University.

Jim Jabaay ‘03 is a sales representative for Greater Chicago Auto Auction in Chicago, Ill.

Cheryl Jarrard ‘03 will pursue graduate study in art therapy at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo.

Heather Johnson ‘03 will pursue a doctor of dental surgery degree at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

Amy Johnson ‘03 will be a special educator with the Sarasota County Public Schools.

“It seems that whenever Amber and I went to camp or somewhere else where there were a lot of people our age, there were sets of twins from 1980,” she said. “We went to this summer camp every year and they always took a picture of Amber and me plus the other sets, there were like three other sets of twins in our year.” Sara couldn’t be present for a group photo that Hope took during graduation rehearsal this year, but the others are pictured. From left to right are:

Front Row: Sarah Little, Emily Little, Rachel Carrozziere, Carla Carrozziere.

Middle Row: Matt Baumbach, Josh Baumbach, Jessica Oosting, Brooke Oosting, Amber Whitehouse.


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Eric Jones ’03 will pursue a graduate degree in social psychology at Purdue University.
Jennifer Jury ’03 will attend Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine in East Lansing.
Charlene Kan ’03 will attend the Medical Scientist Training Program at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.
Marty Kane ’03 will teach middle school and high school computer classes at an international school in Honduras.
Muhammad Karim ’03 will pursue a graduate degree at Northern Illinois University.

Chandra Leben ’03 is moving to Seattle, Wash.
Juliane Lenon ’03 is working for the Summer Science Camps at Hope College.
Jason Liske ’03 has an 11-month athletic training internship with the Green Bay Packers.
Emily Little ’03 is pursuing graduate study in physical therapy at the University of Wisconsin at Madison.
Sarah Little ’03 is pursuing graduate study in physical therapy at the University of Wisconsin at Madison.
Bryant Loomis ’03 will pursue graduate study in aerospace engineering at the University of Colorado.
Martha Luindens ’03 will return to Hope to complete a bachelor of science degree in engineering with an emphasis in mechanical engineering.
Scott Lynema ’03 is a Web design specialist in Zeeland, Mich.
Adam Lyng ’03 is working for the Blythefield Country Club this summer.
Derek Lyons ’03 will student teach at South Haven (Mich.) High School this fall.
Matt Magoon ’03 is moving to Colorado Springs, Colo., to work at the Dale House, a social work program for troubled teens.
DeeAnn Maynard ’03 on Monday, July 21, will begin an RN position at Children’s Hospital of Michigan in Detroit. In the meantime, she is staying with her sister, who is expecting a baby this month, and studying for state boards.
Leigha McCallum ’03 is a business analyst with Veon Technologies in Lincolnshire, Ill.
Krista McDonald ’03 is moving to Cambridge, England, for four months and then to Fort Bragg, N.C., for four more months.
Laura Meisch ’03 will pursue an educational specialist degree in school psychology at Ball State University.
Sara Messina ’03 is moving to Chicago, Ill.
Clare Messink ’03 is moving to Ann Arbor, Mich.
Andrew Mullenix ’03 has accepted a teaching position with Black River Charter School in Holland, Mich.
Michael Miller ’03 is starting up an online business, selling vintage video games and DVDs.
Jason Montgomery ’03 is teaching special education at Wyoming (Mich.) Middle School.
Katherine Moore ’03 is a branch sales manager in Lytvycha, Mich., for Comerica.
Stacy Oldham ’03 will pursue a master’s degree in special education.
Katie Prins-Brink ’03 is working with Prins at Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio.
Jennifer Prins-Brink ’03 is working with Prins Construction in Holland, Mich.
Katherine Ramsey ’03 will move to Boston, Mass., in August to pursue graduate study at Boston College.
Hannah Reddick ’03 will travel to Africa with the Peace Corps in January.
Hope Reese ’03 is managing a coffee shop in Saugatuck, Mich., this summer and then will move to Portland, Ore.
Jenal Rich ’03 is working for two law firms in Grand Rapids, Mich. This summer and in the fall she will pursue a juris doctorate at Michigan State University.
Kristi Ridge ’03 will student teach.
Matthew Roerger ’03 will pursue ministry study at the “Call School” in California or Colorado.
Anabel Romig ’03 will be teaching students with emotional impairments in Michigan.
Rachel Romosaas ’03 is moving to Washington, D.C.
Jennifer Roth ’03 will pursue a master of arts degree in counseling at Michigan State University in Grand Rapids, Mich.
Joshua Ruch ’03 will pursue an M.D. at the University of Iowa in Iowa City.
Sarah Sanderson ’03 attended the Hope May Term in the Galapagos Islands and is working this summer in Colorado as a wrangler.
Amy Sato ’03 in August will begin pursuing a doctorate in clinical psychology at the University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee.
Karly Savara ’03 will pursue a cosmetology degree from Chic University.
Curtis Scheelhorn ’03 is spending the summer in Alaska and then will work at Innotech in Zeeland, Mich.
Daniel Scheffler ’03 will attend medical school in the fall.
Vincent Schefler ’03 will attend Palmer College of Chiropractic in Davenport, Iowa.
Jody Schwartz ’03 is working at Ventura Manufacturing (Innotech Group).
Emily Selden ’03 will pursue graduate study in occupational therapy at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo.
Kristin Sheehan ’03 will pursue graduate study in occupational therapy at Western Michigan University.
Irene Shirom ’03 will pursue a doctorate in economics at the University of Florida.
Christian Shuck ’03 is working at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island until November.
Brian Slagg ’03 is working with Comran Ltd. in Zeeland, Mich.
Joseph Snow ’03 is pursuing graduate study in structural engineering at the University of Michigan.
Emily Snyder ’03 is a registered nurse in Emergency at Holland (Mich.) Community Hospital.
Joel Solomon ’03 will pursue a master’s degree in art therapy at University of Virginia Beach, Va.
Natalie Steed ’03 is an administrative assistant to the director of media affairs at the White House in Washington, D.C.
Kathryn Stephan ’03 is working at Pine Rest in Grand Rapids, Mich., with adults with development disabilities and behavior disorders.
Olivia Stewart ’03 signed on for Hope May and June terms, running a seminar at Western Michigan University and an internship at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Grand Rapids, Mich. She will student teach in the fall.
Kristen Stelzl ’03 will attend the University of Iowa in Iowa City.
Sara Steele ’03 is working with Pfizer in the fall to complete student teaching.
Timothy R. Stowe ’03 is working at Van Andel Research Institute this summer, and will pursue a master’s degree in “Cultural Heritage” at Hope in the fall, and then will return to Van Andel in the spring. He plans to overall on a Ph.D. program for molecular biology in the fall of 2004.
Heather Swope ’03 is working for the Salvation Army this summer and will move to Milwaukee, Wis., in August.
Sarah Talbot ’03 will intern at the Dale House Project in Colorado Springs, Colo., for a year.
Kjenti Teachman ’03 is working with Upward Bound this summer and then will pursue a master’s degree in Spanish at Northern Illinois University in DeKalb.
Franklin Teague ’03 will pursue a master’s degree in athletic training at Michigan State University in Kalamazoo, Mich. He will work as an athletic trainer at Comstock High School during the two-year period.
Kelly Techter ’03 will student teach in Liverpool, England, in the fall.
Meredith TerHaar ’03 is working at WZZM TV 13 in Grand Rapids, Mich., as a news producer.
Josh Towner ’03 will intern with Prins and attend teaching class at Cordelle Thomasma ’03 will pursue a master’s degree in engineering at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.
Roberta Thomassen ’03 is a dental hygienist with Dr. Kathleen Stratten Stotts DDS in Holland, Mich. Sarah Thompson ’03 will pursue a master’s degree in physical therapy at Grand Valley State University.
Derek Torno ’03 works in procurement with Gordon Food Service in Grand Rapids, Mich.
Curtis Tyler ’03 will continue at Hope, to pick up a minor and possibly teach certification, and to help coach cheerleading.
Kara VanAssen ’03 will pursue a master’s degree in education at Aquinas College in Grand Rapids, Mich.
Erin VanBergen ’03 will attend Kendall School of Art and Design in Cleveland, Ohio.
Jeff VandenBerg ’03 is moving back to Olympia, Wash., to attend police academy.
Holly Douglass ’03 is moving to Olympia, Wash., with husband Chris and baby Hyde and husband Chris Vander Hyde ’02 (please see “Marriages”) are living in Kalamazoo, Mich.
Steve VanDyk ’03 will student teach in the fall.
Curt Van Hekken ’03 is living in Holland, Mich.
Mike Van Hekken ’03 will volunteer to participate in a safari tour in Africa this summer.
Christina Van Regenmorter ’03 is spending two years in service before graduate school. This year she will be working with the Peace and Justice Center as the volunteer coordinator and next year she will work with the Jesuit Volunteer Corps.
Daniel VanSlett ’03 will work in student ministry with Immanuel Lutheran Church and School.
Scott VanTimmeren ’03 will pursue a doctor of dental surgery degree at the University of Michigan Dental School.
Michael Varley ’03 will pursue a doctor of osteopathic medicine degree at the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine.
Julie Visser ’03 is working at Zeeland, Mich. (Mich.)
Community Hospital on the med/surg/peds floor, and plans to take her state boards for nursing in June or July. Lindsey Voeckler ’03 is moving to a new house in Waterford, Mich. Marcus Voss ’03 is a sales representative with Carat, Inc.

Mick Wacksmann ’03 will pursue graduate study in aquatic ecotoxicology at Southern Illinois University. Melissa Wag ar ’03 will pursue a master’s degree in nursing at De Paul University in Chicago, Ill.

Amy Wallace–Tocz ’03 will pursue a master’s of arts in English and a teaching degree at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, Mich.

Jenna Wassink ’03 is an associate customer service representative with Byron Center State Bank in Byron Center, Mich., area.

Kar Wea r ’03 is a registered nurse with the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor.

Vile Webster ’03 will pursue graduate study in social work at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo.

Amanda Wegner ’03 will study to become a registered nurse at Grand Valley State University.

Lynette Wehner ’03 participated in the Hope College Symphony’s tour of England and Wales in May. She is conducting research in physics this summer at the University of Chicago, and will student teach at the Rosebud Indian Reservation in South Dakota.

William Weis ’03 will pursue a master’s in government and student affairs administration at the University of Vermont. She will pursue a graduate assistant position in the College of Education and Student Services.

Ronald Wilcox III ’03 will attend Palmer College of Chiropractic in Davenport, Iowa.

Carrie Will iams ’03 is working at Fifth Third Bank.

Yvonne Williams ’03 is on the audit staff of Crowe Ch因ek in Grand Rapids, Mich.

Elizabeth Wilson ’03 is spending the summer in San Diego, Calif. In September she will work at the Dale House Project in Colorado Springs, Colo., working with troubled teens.

Elisabeth Winton ’03 is a national marketing associate with Stryker Leibinger in Portage, Mich.

Kenneth Workman ’03 is engaged in engineering missions in Colorado Springs, Colo., for six months.

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Paul Wycinski ’03 has accepted a teaching position with Back River Charter School in Holland, Mich.

### Marriages


Dan Winkler ’00 and J aine Fisher ’02, July, 2002.

Angela Wynnek ’90 and Zoe El lerson, July 13, 2002.


Amy Johnson ’01 and Ty Manchip, Aug. 10, Fremont, Mich.


Sarah Dieter ’02 and Matthew Scogin ’02, Jan. 18,Julie Wilkowski ’99 and Central, Ind.


Mary Schag ’94 and Kevin Wolowszyn ’02, Nov. 30, 2002, Fairview, Ill.


### New Arrivals


Toms TerMaat ’00 and Vivian TerMaat, Lauren Virginia, Aug. 6, 2003.


Jenifer Blakeman ’89 and Paul Austin ’89, Matthew Austin ’89, March 18, 2003.


Chad Dykema ’90 and Kate Boenstra ’90, Dykema, Henry Miles, July 22, 2003.


Morgan Odell ’90 and Vivian Odell, Lauren Veronica, Aug. 6, 2003.


Rebecca Van Heek ’91 and Michelle Lane, David Millweave, Ella Grace, Feb. 13, 2003.


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died on Sunday, April 27, 2003, after a 10–year
Survivors include two sons, Jon Knoll and Jerry Knoll; a daughter, Anne Hawkins; seven grandchildren; and one great–grandchild.

Herman Knoll ’36 of Sun City, Ariz., died on Friday, April 25, 2003. He was 91.

He had been an industrial engineer at the Douglas, Mich.–based Chase Mfg. Co., and later lectured throughout the U.S. as director of the International Zinc Institute’s Project Engineering Division. He spent three years in the U.S. Air Force. He later owned Pete’s Custom Charters.

He was preceded in death by his father, John. H. Garwood; sister, Ann (Garwood) Stein; and brother, E.B. Van Deusen.

Survivors include his children, Sandy Haughn of Massachusetts, Amy and Michael Pikkaart of Holland, and John W. Tracy Garwood of Holland; three grandchildren, a brother, Robert and Jean Allan of Holland; a sister, Karen and Fred Smeltzer of Holland; a brother–in-law, William Glose of Schaumburg, Ill.; and nieces and nephews.

Gary J. Garwood ’67 of Glastonbury, Conn., died on Sunday, April 27, 2003, after a 10–year battle with leukemia. He was 58.

After completing his DDS he was a lieutenant in the U.S. Navy, serving as a dentist at the sub–marine base in Groton, Conn. He went into private prac-
tive for seven years before forming Glastonbury Dental Associates.

He was a founding member of Glastonbury Community Church, where his service included teaching Sunday school.

He was in practice until his death. He was buried in the U.S. Navy, serving in World War II.

He was a graduate of Farnham High School, became a life master, and ballroom dancing, in which he excelled.

Survivors include two sons, Paul Harms of Chicago, Ill., and William Harms ’61 of Sherman, Dala. Pa.

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As I went to drop off my last paper at Hope College, I found myself reflecting on my four years at Hope while walking through the pine grove. I look back in amazement at all the memories, but more importantly, I look back in awe of the ways I have grown at Hope.

I believe I truly fulfilled the four-pronged vision of Hope in substantially growing academically, socially, spiritually, and physically. Without the support of brilliant professors, genuine friends, and an amazing campus ministries program none of this growth would have been possible.

However, I am truly thankful for the support of the Hope College alumni, parents and friends. Without your support, the vision of Hope could not have been carried out in my life. I take pride in the fact that when I start my job with the CPA firm of Plante Moran in Ann Arbor, I will be able to join you to let the world know about the Hope difference, which definitely has influenced my life for the better!

My overall experience at Hope has been outstanding! While at Hope, I have witnessed the sights, sounds, and daily life of Vienna, Austria and Washington, D.C. In addition, I joined the Delta Phi Sorority, served as a student tour guide, and actively participated in Dance Marathon. If not for the caring professors, helpful faculty members, and generous donors, none of this would have been possible.

In a short time I will move to Washington, D.C., to begin my career in the White House Office of Media Affairs. From the education I received and the life experiences I encountered while at Hope, I have full confidence I will be able to succeed in anything I put my mind to. I look forward to branching out from the Hope community so that I may have the opportunity to let the world know about the Hope difference, which definitely has influenced my life for the better!
It's not easy to be in two places at once, but the ability can prove useful.

Given his priorities, it’s almost a job requirement for Dr. James Bultman ’63, who is completing a fourth year as president of Hope College.

“It’s important for Martie [Tucker ’63 Bultman] and me to attend most of the college events,” he said. “We are genuinely interested in Hope students and faculty.”

At Hope College, that emphasis requires no small amount of organization or energy. The campus calendar is so full that there are often multiple major events in the same day, sometimes scheduled simultaneously.

For example, the same Saturday that featured the department of dance’s major annual concert, Dance 29, also boasted the student–organized 24-hour Dance Marathon fundraiser for DeVos Children’s Hospital, a student recital, and NCAA tournament play for both the men’s and women’s basketball teams—including a home game for the men in the Dow Center. It’s volume that President Bultman finds compelling not only literally but figuratively. The activity level, and the concurrent quality, reflects an institution for which uncommonly high achievement is a common virtue.

“The college’s outstanding quality in the areas of music, dance, theatre, art and intercollegiate sport is very gratifying,” he said. “Events like Musical Showcase, Vespers and Dance 29, among others, are all examples of excellence.”

He is correspondingly equally pleased by the college’s overall academic strength.

“The volume and quality of faculty scholarship and of faculty–student collaboration is also very evident, and I think that this model permeates departments across campus in a very real and exciting way,” he said.

Others see it, too. This past fall, the America’s Best Colleges 2003 guide published by U.S. News & World Report not only included Hope in the top half of the nation’s best national liberal arts colleges, but ranked the college in the top five among all institutions for its research–based approach to undergraduate education.

“Because it’s in many ways the cornerstone of our academic program, the recognition in the last U.S. News & World Report College guide, where Hope was tied for fourth in the country in undergraduate research and creative activity, was very satisfying,” President Bultman said.

His priorities include helping to assure that Hope continues to offer students the best—an experience that is “simultaneously exceptional educationally and vibrantly Christian.”

He is enthusiastic concerning the positive difference being made by the Legacies: A Vision of Hope comprehensive campaign. Even while fund–raising, continuous substantial progress has already been made in each of the $105 million drive’s four primary efforts.

The new science center is nearing completion and will open this fall, with renovation of the Peale Science Center to follow. Strong support of the endowment initiative has enabled Hope to establish numerous new scholarships. Planning and property acquisition are well along for both the Martha Miller Center and the DeVos Fieldhouse.

Even though the campaign at $100 million is relatively close to the overall goal, the need is higher since some individual projects are relatively under–funded. Construction of the Martha Miller Center and DeVos Fieldhouse, for example, is waiting until Hope obtains enough commitments to fully fund each. Fundraising efforts are intense and on–going.

President Bultman recognizes that the timing could have been better. Developed in the halcyon boom of the late ’90s, the campaign was launched only shortly before the economy went bust—leading to conditions that some have called the worst since the Great Depression.

The circumstances make him appreciate all the more the dedication and support that have prompted the successes, particularly when the individual members of the Hope family are experiencing stresses of their own.

“I’m very proud of our fundraising team, and of the generosity of our donors in funding these projects in a very difficult time,” he said.

It is also the case that the institutional needs exist whether or not the economy is doing well. In fact, the times also present other financial challenges. Particularly given world events, health care, liability insurance and energy costs have all skyrocketed. Endowment income has plummeted as the stock market has languished.

Even as Hope enjoys its strongest freshman applicant pool ever—some 2,500 seeking the 800 or so spaces in the incoming Class of 2007—student financial need is higher than ever, another effect of the tough economy.

“To be sure we could operate with fewer resources, but with a commensurate loss of quality. We have chosen to maintain, even enhance, quality with fewer resources,” President Bultman said. “This has occurred, I think, largely because of the commitment of our people to being both effective and efficient in the delivery of the Hope experience.”

Central in President Bultman’s motivation, even more so than his strong belief in the Hope experience, is his affection for and pride in Hope students.

“Of all the things that bring joy in this job, it’s finally the achievements of our students,” he said. “In so many ways, both inside and outside the classroom, our students make us proud for who they are as persons, for their commitment to things just and right and good, and for the energy that they bring to campus life.”

President Bultman has written in his regular Presidential Update letter to the Hope family of the “intergenerational thing”—the way that those who were students in the past have in turn made a difference for the students of the present and future, in a cycle that has been running since Hope’s founding in the 1800s.

He recognizes and appreciates the difference that others have made in his own life, a life itself shaped by the Hope experience some 40 years before. Through his service to Hope, he hopes to do the same for the students of today.

He hopes the rest of the Hope family will join him.

“All of us have been the recipients of the generosity of others, and it only makes sense that now it is our turn to be the providers for a current generation of students,” he said. 