Graduation activities are May 8

A record number of future alumni will be participating in this year’s graduation activities.

Some 673 graduating seniors are expected to be participating in the college’s 140th Commencement on Sunday, May 8. The previous high was approximately 640. The record fits with the class’s history. At the time of its matriculation in the fall of 2001, the Class of 2005 had included the largest number of first-year students in the college’s history.

The Commencement speaker will be the Rev. Paul H. Boersma ’82, who is the Leonard and Marjorie Maas Endowed Senior Chaplain at the college. The Baccalaureate sermon will be delivered by the Rev. David M. Bast ’73 of Grand Rapids, Mich., who is broadcast minister and president of Words of Hope.

Commencement will be held at 3 p.m. on Holland Municipal Stadium. Baccalaureate will be held earlier in the day, at 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. in Dimnent Memorial Chapel.

Rev. Boersma has been with the college’s campus ministries staff since the summer of 1994, and was named to the Leonard and Marjorie Maas Endowed Chaplaincy in 2001. Prior to coming to Hope, he was pastor of youth and education at Community Reformed Church in Holland, where he had been since 1983. He holds a Master of Divinity from Western Theological Seminary.

Rev. David Bast ’73

Rev. Boersma’s mother is Connie Hinga ’49 Boersma and his father was the late Max D. Boersma ’46, a longtime member of the college’s Board of Trustees who died in January of 2003. His maternal grandfather was the late Milton L. “Bud” Hinga, who was a member of the college’s teaching and administrative staff for 29 years, serving as an associate professor of history, dean of men and dean of students, serving as athletic director for nearly two decades and coaching all sports at the college.

He and his wife, Melody Meyer ’83 Boersma, live in Zeeland, Mich., and have three children: Aaron, Joel and Emily.

Rev. Bast has been broadcast minister and president of Words of Hope since 1994, and has been a member of the college’s Board of Trustees since 2001.

Words of Hope broadcasts gospel radio programs in approximately 40 languages worldwide, especially among the world’s least-evangelized, hardest-to-reach peoples. As part of his work with the radio ministry, Rev. Bast preaches frequently in churches and conferences, representing Words of Hope across the Reformed Church in America and around the world.

Prior to joining Words of Hope, he held pastorates at Hamilton (Mich.) Reformed Church; First Reformed Church of South Holland, Ill.; and Fifth Reformed Church in Grand Rapids, Mich. He completed his Master of Divinity degree at Western Theological Seminary.

His father was the Rev. Henry Bast ’30, who taught at Hope and at Western Theological Seminary, and who preached on the Temple Time radio program—predecessor of Words of Hope—from 1952 to 1972.

Rev. Bast and his wife, Betty Jo Viel ’73 Bast, have four children: Andrew, Peter, Jane ’03 and Anne, a Hope junior.

In the event of rain, Commencement will be held at Zeeland East High School, located at Riley Street and 96th Avenue in Zeeland, Mich., across the street from Baccalaurne, and to Commencement if indoors, is by ticket only.

“I was cycling and I thought, ‘I wonder at the depth and variety of it all.’”

Rev. Paul Boersma ’82

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RESEARCH SUPPORT: Hope has received a fourth consecutive award for student research from the Arnold and Mabel Beckman Foundation in Irvine, Calif. Hope is one of only 14 institutions nationwide to receive a “Beckman Scholar Award” for 2005. Hope also received awards in 1996, the year that the program began, and 2000 and 2002.

The foundation established the Beckman Scholars Program to enhance the training of the nation’s most talented and gifted undergraduates in chemistry and the biological sciences by providing sustained, in-depth laboratory research experiences with faculty mentors. The recipient colleges and universities were chosen out of an initial pool of nearly 800 institutions across the country.

The $70,400 award to Hope will support a total of four students across the next three years as they conduct research in biology, biochemistry/molecular biology or chemistry. The award will support as well as they conduct research with faculty members full-time during two summers and part-time during the intervening school year.

This year’s proposal from Hope was written and submitted by Dr. Michael Silver, who is the Frederick Garrett and Helen Floor Dekker Professor of Biomedicine and Chemistry at Hope.

OUTSTANDING CHEF: Todd Van Wieren, executive chef of the Haworth Inn and Conference Center, has been named “Chef of the Year” by the Greater Grand Rapids chapter of the American Culinary Federation (ACF). He was recognized during the “Grand Culinary Affair” held at Grand Rapids Community College on Tuesday, Jan. 25, which was sponsored by the chapter and Grand Rapids Magazine to recognize the restaurants presented with 2004 dining awards by the publication as well as the top chefs, educators, students and other culinary professionals honored by the chapter.

The “Chef of the Year” award recognizes an outstanding culinarian who works and cooks in a full-service dining facility, who has demonstrated the highest standard of culinary skills, and has given back to the profession through the development of students and apprentices.

Van Wieren, a Certified Executive Chef, is the original chef of the Haworth Inn and Conference Center. He is employed by Creative Dining Services, the management company that oversees Hope’s hospitality program. He manages a kitchen staff of 20 full- and part-time employees. The Haworth Center kitchen prepares meals for conferences at the center year-round, as well as for students who dine in the student dining room during school-year weekdays.

FITTING TRIBUTE: Lasting contributions to multiple communities prompted a gift to a project that will also serve in a variety of ways. Freedom Village Holland Retirement Community donated $50,000 to the Richard and Helen DeVos Fieldhouse in honor of Dr. William Vanderbilt Sr. ’61. The building’s display concerning cross country at Hope—once of several stories chronicling athletic history at the college—will be named in his honor.

Dr. Vanderbilt, who is executive director of the Community Foundation of the Holland/Zeeland Area, was the founding executive director of Freedom Village, spearheading the effort to develop the community, which opened in 1991. He was previously a member of the Hope kinesiology faculty for 21 years (1967-88), with teaching responsibilities in the area of the sociology and psychology of physical activity and sport, and chaired the department for 13 years.

He coached six different sports during his tenure at Hope, including cross country for 17 years. Editor’s Note: Freedom Village—located just three blocks north of campus—figures prominently in the chapter on page 14. The future of Freedom Village is examined in Hope’s appeal as a center of cultural activity for retirees, many alumni, who choose to make Holland their home.

Faculty Kudos

Jackie Bartley, adjunct assistant professor of English, is author of Women Fresh from Water, a chapbook of poems being published this spring by Finishing Line Press.

“Bartley reveals to us the seamlessness of the worlds we wander in,” says Jack Ridl, who is both a poet and a Hope faculty colleague. “Like her women in water, we must learn to ‘live with’ those worlds not by dominating, but by cooperating with the elements that make us who we are, and by surrendering to skill and trust.”

The poems in the new collection take place in and around water as it weaves a constant thread through the lives of girls and women. Nevertheless, it is a book for both genders as it explores the nature of living and growing old in a world that is simultaneously lovely, dangerous and perplexing. According to author and Hope professor Dr. Heather Sellers, “In old movies, grade school, and locker rooms [Bartley] pulls out a kind of underwater music. Think swimming pool; dive into this volume again and again, refreshed each time. Truly wonderful poems.”

President Dr. James E. Bultman ’63 has been elected to the Board of Directors of the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (NAICU).

He was elected to the board during NAICU’s annual meeting in Washington, D.C., in February. He will serve a three-year term representing private colleges from Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Wisconsin.

President Bultman has been an active leader in higher education circles. Present memberships include the Michigan

(See “Campus Notes” on page seven.)
Events

Academic Calendar
April 28—Thursday—Honors Convocation, Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 7 p.m.
April 29—Friday—Spring Festival. Classes dismissed at 3 p.m.
May 2-6—Monday-Friday—Semester Examinations
May 6—Friday—Residence halls close for those not participating in Commencement, 5 p.m.
May 7, Saturday—Alumni Day
May 8, Sunday—Baccalaureate and Commencement
May 8, Sunday—Residence halls close for graduating seniors, 7 p.m.
May Term ’05—May 9–June 3
June Term ’05—June 6–July 1

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.

Junior Days: Friday, April 15; Friday, April 22
Pre-Professional Day: Wednesday, May 25
For further information about any Admissions Office event, please call (616) 395-7595; or toll free 1-800-968-7595; check on-line at www.hope.edu/admissions; or write: Hope College Admissions Office; 625 East 10th Street; PO Box 9000; Holland, MI 49422-9000.

Dance
Spring Student Dance Concert—Monday-Tuesday, April 18–19
Knickerbocker Theatre, 8 p.m. Admission is free.

Sacred Dance Concert—Sunday, April 24
Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 2 p.m. Admission is free.

Aerial Dance Theater—Monday, May 9-14
Knickerbocker Theatre, 11 a.m.
“Family Affair” matinees Tuesday-Saturday, May 1-7, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Please see the story on page 17 for more information.

De Pree Gallery
“Senior Show”—Through Sunday, May 8
Work by graduating Hope seniors.

Works by Stanley Harrington ’58
Saturday, April 23
DeWitt Center, main theatre, 8 p.m.

Szybist, poet and GLCA New Writer Award winner; A reception and guided tour of the exhibit “Painting Ethiopia: The Life and Work of Qes Adamu Tesfaw” by Dr. Neal Sobania ’68 of the Hope faculty. Please see the story on page 19 for more about the exhibition.

Alumni, Parents, and Friends
Regional Events
Washington, D.C.—Thursday, April 21
A dinner with President James Bultman ’63 and Martie Tucker ’63 Bultman at the Austrian embassy, home of Drs. Thomas ’59 and Eva Nowotny.

Basking Ridge, N.J.—Saturday, April 23
A dinner with President James Bultman ’63 and Martie Tucker ’63 Bultman at the Olde Mill Inn beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Mahwah, N.J.—Sunday, April 24
A luncheon with President James Bultman ’63 and Martie Tucker ’63 Bultman at the Sheriff Crossroads Hotel beginning at 1 p.m.

New York City—Monday, April 25
An after-hours reception with President James Bultman ’63 and Martie Tucker ’63 Bultman at the New York Athletic Club from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Los Angeles, Calif.—Sunday, May 22
A reception and guided tour of the exhibit “Painting Ethiopia: The Life and Work of Qes Adamu Tesfaw” by Dr. Neal Sobania ’68 of the Hope faculty. Please see the story on page 19 for more about the exhibition.

Alumni Weekend—Friday-Sunday, May 24-26
Includes reunions for every fifth class, “40 through ‘90.”

Boys’ DeYoung Hope Classic Golf Outing—Monday, June 27
At the Holland Country Club.

For more information concerning the above events, please call the Office of Alumni and Parent Relations at (616) 395-7259 or the Office of Public and Community Relations at (616) 395-7660, or visit the Alumni Association Web site at: www.hope.edu/alumni

Knickerbocker Theatre
Downtown Holland at 86 East Eighth Street
The Knickerbocker is closed on Sundays. Tickets are $6 for regular adult admission, and $5 for senior citizens and students. For more information, please call (616) 395-7403 or visit www.hope.edu/arts/theat.

Theatre
The Good Person of Setzuan—Friday-Saturday, April 15-16, and Wednesday-Saturday, April 20-23
DeWitt Center, main theatre, 8 p.m. By Bertolt Brecht
Tickets for Hope College Theatre productions are $7 for regular adult admission, $5 for Hope faculty and staff, and $4 for senior citizens and students. The ticket office is open weekdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and until 8 p.m. on performance nights, and may be called at (616) 395-7590.

Visitng Writers Series
Wednesday, April 20—Amy Fresenberg, memoirist, and Mary Szybist, poet and GLCA New Writer Award winner, Knickerbocker Theatre, 7 p.m., with live music by the Hope College Jazz Chamber Ensemble beginning at 6:30 p.m. Admission is free.

Hope Summer Repertory Theatre
The 34th season opens on Friday, June 17. The season is still being finalized, and the rights are pending for all the shows listed.

The shows in the DeWitt Center main theatre include: Scissurial the Musical The Spiffine Grill Servant of Two Masters Bedroom Farce

Plus be sure to look for HSRT’s always-popular Cabaret Show at the Park Theatre and another play at the intimate Snow Auditorium in Nykerk Hall of Music, as well as two children’s shows.

The season runs through Saturday, Aug. 13. Tickets will range in price from $8 to $26. For additional information, please call the theatre box office at (616) 395-7890 or on after its Thursday, May 26, opening date.

Traditional Events
Honors Convocation—Thursday, April 28
Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 7 p.m.
Baccalaureate and Commencement—Sunday, May 8

Summer Camps
More information about all summer camps may be found at: www.hope.edu/edu/summercamps.

Science Camps
The popular program will offer a total of 31 one-week camps spread across the five weeks beginning Monday, June 20, and running through Friday, July 22. Titles range from “Crime Scene Investigation,” to “Ancient Greeks and Romans,” to “Legos Robotics I and II,” to “Prehistoric Planet,” to “Videogame Making,” to “Club Vet: Animal Science.” Each camp runs in the morning or afternoon, and most are designed for a three-grade age range, such as K-3, 3-4, 4-5, 5-6, 6-8, 8-9 and 9-10.

For complete information, including all titles and session times, please check the camp Web sites listed above, e-mail sciencecamp@hope.edu or call (616) 395-7288.

Soccer Camps
Day Camp—two camps: June 13-17, 20-24 (ages six-14)
Elite Camp—two camps: July 10-15, 17-22 (ages 11-18)
For more information, please call (616) 335-8105 or visit www.hopesoccercamp.com.

Youth Football Camp
Skilled Position and Lineman Camp, entering grades nine-12, July 24-26
Youth Camp, entering grades three-five: July 27-29
Youth Camp, entering grades six-eight: July 27-29
For more information, please call (616) 395-7690.

Boys’ Basketball Camps
Varsity Team Camp: June 17-18
Great Lakes Team Camp—two camps: June 19-22, 22-25
Junior Varsity Team Camp: July 5-7
Entering grades four-six: July 5-8
Entering grades seven-nine: July 11-14
For more information, please call (616) 395-7690.

Girls’ Basketball Camps
Entering grades six-eight: July 18-22
Entering grades nine-12: July 18-22
Body training, entering grades six-12: July 18-22
For more information, please call (616) 395-7690.

Volleyball
Entering grades six-eight: June 28-30
Hitter/setter, entering grades nine-12: June 28-30
High school team camp: July 14-16
Entering grades nine-12: July 18-21
at the Courthouse in Byron Center
Entering grades nine-12 beach camp: July 28-30,
at Holland State Park
For more information, please call (616) 395-7690.

Tennis Academy
Nine weekly sessions, beginning June 13 and continuing through Aug. 12. Participants may also register for the entire summer.
For more information, please call (616) 395-4965.

Instant Information
Updates on events, news and athletics at Hope may be obtained 24 hours a day by calling (616) 395-7888. Updated information concerning events is also available online at www.hope.edu/pr/events.html.
Hope mourns death of John H. Jacobson

The Hope College family has been saddened by the death of former President John H. Jacobson.

Dr. Jacobson, who was president of Hope for 12 years, died on Tuesday, Feb. 8, of complications following a stroke. He was 71.

Dr. Jacobson became Hope’s 10th president on July 1, 1987, and served until retiring on June 30, 1999. In retirement, he and his wife of 50 years, Dr. Jeanne McKee Jacobson, who survives him, moved to Sarasota, Fla.

“We are shocked and saddened by John’s untimely death. He served the college well during his presidency, and I will always remember him as a true gentleman and a genuinely delightful person to be with,” said President James Bultman ’63, who succeeded Dr. Jacobson. “Over the years I attended many meetings with John and always found him to be very insightful, articulate and fun.”

“John Jacobson left a strong legacy at Hope, especially through his commitment to the multicultural dimension of the college and the campus ministries program,” President Bultman said. “He had a vision for what Hope could be long after his presidency, including a vision for the recently completed capital fund-raising campaign, Legacies: A Vision of Hope.”

Dr. Jacob Nyenhuis was the college’s provost during the entire Jacobson presidency.

“It was my privilege to work closely with John Jacobson throughout his presidency and we had maintained our friendship after his retirement,” said Dr. Nyenhuis, who in retirement is director of the college’s A.C. Van Raalte Institute. “He used his brilliant mind and deep faith in God in dedicated service to our beloved college for 12 years, during which time there were many significant changes at Hope. He has gone to be with our Lord, leaving family and friends to grieve our loss, but his gentle spirit and wisdom live on in those of us who knew, respected and loved him.”

Dr. Jacobson’s tenure at Hope was marked by growth of the college itself and significant recognition for Hope and members of the college community.

During his presidency, Hope’s enrollment grew from 2,710 to 2,911. The college’s growth is reflected in additions to campus including the Knickerbocker Theatre (1988), Lugers Fieldhouse (1991), DeWitt Tennis Center (1994), Haworth Inn and Conference Center (1997) and Cook Residence Hall (1997). The college’s Van Wylen Library also opened during the spring of his first year as president.

Academic highlights included one national and two state “Professors of the Year,” and the appointment of three students as “British Marshall Scholars.” Hope was in the top 25 nationally among baccalaureate colleges as a source of Ph.D. recipients from 1991 to 1995 in the natural, physical and social sciences, according to a report by the National Science Foundation in 1997. Hope also became the only private, four-year, liberal arts college in the country to have national accreditation in art, dance, music and theatre.

“A 12-year presidency generates many photos: inauguration, Commencement, building dedications and many more, and several such images are on the cover. But this one spoke to us more than any other: President Jacobson taking time from his schedule in 1994 to be interviewed by elementary-age Emily Hunt, daughter of grounds supervisor Bob Hunt, and her teddy bear. Emily, by the way, is now a Hope sophomore.

During his presidency, the college developed a multi-dimensional comprehensive plan to improve minority participation at Hope, with priorities including focusing on minority student recruitment and retention, increasing the presence of minority faculty and staff, and emphasizing cultural understanding.

Strengthening Christian life and witness at the college was among the four major emphases of the successful Hope in the Future capital campaign, which ran from 1992 to 1994.

Prior to coming to Hope, Dr. Jacobson was provost and vice president for academic affairs at Empire State College, State University of New York (SUNY) in Saratoga Springs, N.Y. He joined the Empire State faculty in 1972 as dean of the college’s Rochester Center in Rochester, New York. He became vice president for academic affairs in 1974 and provost in 1980. He twice served as acting president of the college.

The Hope College Board of Trustees established an endowed chair at Hope in honor of both John Jacobson and Jeanne Jacobson in 1999, as a retirement recognition. An adjunct professor emerita of education, Jeanne Jacobson was a member of the Hope faculty from 1966 to 1999, and has been a Senior Research Fellow with the A.C. Van Raalte Institute since 1996.

In addition to his wife, survivors include three living children — John Edward Jacobson, Jean Katharine Pokrzywka and Jennie Jacobson; eight grandchildren; a sister, Mary Cotton-Miller; and a brother, Carl Whitney Jacobson. He was preceded in death by a sister, Mary Cotton-Miller; and a brother, Carl Whitney Jacobson. He was preceded in death by his wife, survivors include three living children — John Edward Jacobson, Jean Katharine Pokrzywka and Jennie Jacobson; eight grandchildren; a sister, Mary Cotton-Miller; and a brother, Carl Whitney Jacobson. He was preceded in death by a sister, Mary Cotton-Miller; and a brother, Carl Whitney Jacobson.

Members of the Hope community gathered for a memorial service on campus on Monday, March 7, in Dimnent Memorial Chapel. The service included words of remembrance by Dr. Nyenhuis; by Dr. Marigene Arnold, a member of the faculty at Kalamazoo College who had been one of Dr. Jacobson’s students at Florida Presbyterian College (now Eckerd College); by Dr. James Gentile, dean for the natural sciences and the Kenneth G. Herrick Professor of Biology at Hope, recently named president of Research Corporation; and by John E. Jacobson, elder son of John and Jeanne Jacobson.

In addition to reviewing his accomplishments, the speakers reflected on Dr. Jacobson’s warmth and wise counsel. The Jacobson’s son remembered a father who, many years before, took time in the early mornings to visit the ball field with him so they could practice hitting and fielding together. He read excerpts from some of his father’s speeches and writings at Hope—his 1987 inaugural address, a 1999 Chapel talk and Presidential Update.

“In his final Presidential Update, my dad wrote about how much he enjoyed the weather and all the festivities of the 134th annual Hope College Commencement of 1999,” John E. Jacobson said. “He concludes his remarks relating to the commencement by writing, ‘When the ceremony ended, faculty, students and families went out to the center of the stadium to mingle one last time, to introduce relatives, to reminisce about past years, to take impromptu group photographs, and to exchange farewells. And then, little by little, the great assembly dispersed, never to be gathered again in this life but to live on in the memories of many.’”

“His love was for people and for the college family itself and significant recognition for Hope and members of the college community.

“The same will be true of this gathering, and of the wonderful Musical Showcase that will be put on tonight, and of the upcoming 140th Hope College Commencement,” he said. “So I hope that everyone who is involved in each of those activities will treasure those fleeting moments of celebration. I know that my dad would be gratified to be considered a contributor to the good fellowship of these events and to the continued success of Hope College.”

“My father was very grateful for the opportunity to serve as president of Hope College,” he said. “The years at Hope were the crowning achievement in his lifelong commitment to provide higher education in America and to explore his profound Christian faith.”
Best in the state

Biologist Dr. Donald Cronkite has been named the state’s 2005 “College Teacher of the Year” by the Michigan Science Teachers Association (MSTA).

The Friday, March 4, awards ceremony during which he and winners in other categories were recognized carried added significance. This year’s “High School Teacher of the Year” was Angelique Finch ’94 Biehl, who as a student was in two of his classes and now teaches at Portage Northern High School.

The awards were presented during the MSTA’s 52nd annual conference, held at the Detroit Marriott Renaissance Center. The conference ran Thursday-Saturday, March 3-5, featuring the theme “Science is Elementary.”

Known for his imaginative approach to his discipline, Dr. Cronkite was also invited to present a seminar on “The Role of the Zany in Teaching.” In his own classroom, for example, he has had his students design costumes that illustrated the features that distinguished one of the phyla they studied, and has had them perform a square dance to demonstrate the principle of cell-division. For a biology “question and answer” column that he established for students seeking help, he adopted the egret image on the introductory text’s cover as the mascot and had the bird present the answers in the first person.

It is not the first time that Dr. Cronkite, a member of the Hope faculty since 1978, has received major external recognition for teaching excellence. In 1995, he won the “Four-Year College Biology Teaching Award” presented by the National Association of Biology Teachers. In 1991, he was one of only 700 faculty members recognized nationally with a 1990-91 Sears-Rowebock Foundation Teaching Excellence and Campus Leadership Award.

He has also received recognition from the campus community. In 1988, he was named a co-recipient of the college’s Hope Outstanding Professor Educator (H.O.P.E.) Award by the senior class and served as Commencement speaker.

In addition, in recognition of the MSTA award, in March Dr. Cronkite also received a special tribute citation from the State of Michigan signed by Senator Wayne Kuipers and Governor Jennifer Granholm.

Dr. Cronkite is a specialist in genetics. His teaching interests include introductory biology, embryology, cell biology, genetics, the history of biology, evolutionary biology, and science and human values. He was academic director for the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation National Leadership Institutes for High School Biology Teachers from 1991 to 1997, and with help from the National Science Foundation he has been involved in forming high school-college partnerships to enhance science education at the secondary level.

Biehl is in her second year at Portage Northern High School, where she teaches earth science, 10th grade biology, and one-year and two-year International Baccalaureate courses that cover a variety of topics in biology and biochemistry. She previously taught at Lakeshore High School in Stevensville, Mich., for seven years.

She is known for providing hands-on learning experiences in her courses, and established forensic science programs at both Lakeshore and Portage Northern.

Biehl appreciates the difference that a good teacher can make. Her interest in biology began in high school and was then shaped during her time at Hope. “I had a really good biology teacher in high school, and the fire kept going throughout my experience at Hope,” she said. She has even continued to learn from Cronkite since graduating, attending his presentations for teachers at a variety of professional meetings. Active in professional associations herself, she has also returned to Hope and shared her own expertise. During the college’s “Science Day” for high school students on Nov. 4, she presented the session “Fascinating Fingerprints.”

The MSTA was founded in 1953, and works to promote the development and advancement of science education in Michigan. Membership is open to all who are interested in the advancement of science education in Michigan, and includes elementary, middle school, junior and senior high school teachers of science, college-level instructors and science education administrators, and suppliers of science books and apparatus.

Scott Wolterink ’88 named VP

Scott Wolterink ’88 of the Hope staff has been promoted to vice president for college advancement.

Wolterink, who most recently served as associate vice president for college advancement, assumed his new duties on Tuesday, March 1. He succeeds William K. Anderson, who will be retiring from the Hope staff at the end of June as senior vice president for finance and advancement.

“Bill Anderson has provided an exceptional service to Hope College by assuming additional responsibilities in college advancement for these past three years. His overall contributions to the life of the college will be greatly missed,” said President Dr. James E. Bultman ’63. “We now look forward to the next phase of college advancement at Hope under the leadership of Scott Wolterink. He possesses demonstrated skills that will serve him and the college well in his new role.”

Wolterink joined the Hope staff in 1996 as a regional advancement director. In 2001 he was appointed director of the “Hope Fund,” which solicits ongoing, unrestricted financial support from alumni, corporations, churches, parents and friends for operations and programs at the college. He was promoted to associate vice president for college advancement in 2003, with additional supervisory responsibility for Hope’s programs in alumni and parent relations.

A certified fund raising executive (CFRE), he is a member of the National Committee on Planned Giving and the Association of Fundraising Professionals. He is past president of both the West Michigan Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals and of the West Michigan Planned Giving Group, and also serves on the Board of Directors of both organizations.

He serves on the board of Good Samaritan Ministries of Hope and of the Christian Missionary Scholarship Foundation of Keego Harbor, and is a member of Third Reformed Church, where he served as a deacon. He is a 2002 graduate of Leadership Holland and a past member of the board of Ladder Inc.

Immediately prior to joining the Hope advancement staff, Wolterink was director of the Career Development Center at Lake Forest College in Illinois. He was previous-ly a graduate assistant in the Department of Residential Life at the University of Vermont in Burlington, where he complet-ed a Master of Education degree in 1992.

From 1988 through June of 1990, he served as an admissions counselor at Hope. He has conducted additional profession-al studies through the National Planned Giving Institute at the College of William and Mary and the Owen Graduate School of Management Executive Management Institute of Vanderbilt University.

Wolterink and his wife, Heather Northuis ’88 Wolterink, have three children.

Anderson joined the Hope staff in 1986 as director of accounting, and was appoint-ed controller in 1986, chief fiscal officer in 1972 and vice president for business and finance in 1973. He was chosen to lead the college’s fundraising arm in February of 2001, succeeding Bob DeYoung ’56, who had retired in June of 2000.
Two profs receive NEH Fellowships

It is the second consecutive year that two faculty have earned the honor

**For the second consecutive year, two members of the Hope faculty have received fellowships from the National Endowment for the Humanities.**

Dr. Natalie Dykstra, assistant professor of English, and Dr. Joseph LaPorte, associate professor of philosophy, have each received “2005-2006 Fellowships for College Teachers and Independent Scholars” from the NEH. Each will be using the fellowships as they work on book projects.

The NEH awarded only 195 awards nationwide, totaling $7.4 million. Drs. Dykstra and LaPorte both received $40,000, the maximum.

Last year, Dr. John Cox ’67 of the English faculty and Dr. Anne Larson ’70 of the French faculty both received fellowships to support work on book projects during the current, 2004-05 school year.

This year’s award is the second for Dr. LaPorte, who had also received an NEH fellowship for work during 2000-01.

Dr. LaPorte’s project is tentatively titled “Still Life: The Photographs of Marian ‘Clover’ Adams.” Adams, Dr. Dykstra noted, is most remembered for who her husband was and how she died, but deserves greater recognition for what she did in life.

“People are interested in her because she committed suicide and because she was married to Henry Adams,” Dr. Dykstra said. “I want people to be interested in her because of her photographs.”

Clover Adams took up photography in 1883, two years before her death. Although her husband, a Harvard historian who was descended from two U.S. presidents, is highly regarded for his contributions as a writer, Dr. Dykstra believes that Clover Adams’s photographs—showing friends and family, pets, and interior and exterior locales—also have much to offer, providing insights into 19th century America and a woman’s place in it. Adams, Dr. Dykstra said, left behind not only the images but also a great deal of information about her photography, including the meticulous notes kept while she did her own darkroom work and references in her letters.

Dr. Dykstra’s interest in Clover Adams began while she pursued her doctorate at the University of Kansas, where her dissertation focused on self-representation in women’s autobiographical writing in the 19th and early 20th century. After completing her Ph.D., she conducted research through a Ruth R. Miller Fellowship in Women’s History from the Massachusetts Historical Society, which houses Adams’s photographs and other materials.

She plans to include many of Adams’s photographs in the book. The volume will also feature an updated biography, since the last biography of Adams was published in 1982, as well as several chapters that will put the photographs in their cultural context.

Dr. LaPorte has been a member of the Hope faculty since 2000. Her research emphasizes are reflected in courses that she teaches such as “Photography and Literature” and “Telling Lives: Studies in Women’s Autobiographical Prose.”

Her scholarship has included chapters and articles contributed to books and academic journals, as well as presentations during numerous professional conferences. She has already made multiple presentations on her research on Adams, including during conferences in the U.S., Canada and England.

Dr. Dykstra graduated from Calvin College in 1986 with a Bachelor of Arts degree. She completed her master’s at the University of Wyoming in 1992, and her doctorate in American studies at the University of Kansas in 2000.

Dr. LaPorte will be working on the project “Rigid Designation, Identity and Necessity for Properties.” His work on this new project follows naturally from his work on his previous NEH grant: “Natural Kinds and Conceptual Change,” published in December of 2003.

“Both projects stem from my interest in epistemology, particularly in knowledge of necessary truths,” he said, “so both projects are part of a larger, ongoing plan of research in a fundamental area that has fascinated philosophers since ancient times.”

Through his 2000-01 fellowship, Dr. LaPorte examined the way that scientific inquiry refines the way that concepts are understood, which in turn affects how science progresses as future inquiry becomes based on the new understandings. In his new project, he will focus not on changes in the meanings of scientific terms, as before, but rather on the necessary features of properties or attributes that our terms presently refer to.

“This project examines attributes, like the attribute of being courageous, hot or painful,” he said. “It examines what makes one attribute identical to another (so to speak). There is a special examination of whether attributes describing our mental or spiritual life can be identical to physical-ly describable attributes—for example, whether being in pain could be no more and no less than having certain neural activity going on.”

Dr. LaPorte joined the Hope faculty in the fall of 1998. He is currently on a year-long sabatical working on projects including the beginning of another book, scholarly articles and presentations, and an encyclopedia entry.

His primary research interests are the philosophy of biology, the philosophy of science, the philosophy of language and metaphysics, with areas of concentration including the nature and origin of knowledge and the philosophy of religion. He has had articles in numerous professional journals.

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Recipients usually produce scholarly articles, monographs on specialized subjects, books on broad topics, archaeological site reports, translations, editions or other scholarly tools.

A total of 11 fellowships were awarded to scholars in Michigan. In addition to Hope, the Michigan institutions to have Fellows named are Calvin College, Central Michigan University, Oakland University, the University of Michigan and Wayne State University. Hope and the University of Michigan were the only institutions in the state to have multiple recipients.
Campus Notes

Book examines Hope’s faith journey

A new book that explores the history and development of the college’s religious identity is intended not only for members of the Hope community but for all who care about Christianity and the academic enterprise, especially as they are embodied in American culture.


The two authors trace the way that Hope has defined, expressed and maintained its religious identity in light of both multiple traditions within the college itself and the broader context of U.S. culture. They carry the story from the college’s chartering in 1866 through the end of the 1990s and even a bit beyond.

Dr. Kennedy and Simon contend that Hope has long wrestled with balancing three traditions in its religious identity. First, with the college affiliated since the beginning with the Reformed Church in America, Hope’s heritage includes a Calvinist emphasis on intellectual inquiry as a way of understanding God. Next, also since its earliest days, Hope has been influenced by American evangelicalism, with an emphasis on personal piety and character. Third, the college is marked by a progressive ecumenism that calls for hospitality to a wide range of belief and opinion, a characteristic that has also found expression for more than a century.

The three qualities, they note, have waxed and waned in primacy relative to one another, but with a tendency in the long term toward what Drs. Kennedy and Simon call the “Middle Way.” The origins of that term itself demonstrate the longevity of the “Middle Way.” The origins of that term are found in the Buddhist tradition of the Middle Way, or the path of the noble one, and later on, in the Christian tradition of the Journey of the Cross. The roots of the word also have intertwined filial piety with the Taoist tradition of the Way of the Middle. The origin of the term can be found in the Buddhist path of the noble one, and later on, in the Christian tradition of the Journey of the Cross.

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The change was gradual, but especially following the postwar period Hope was in the mainstream in U.S. higher education in a variety of ways, “not least of all in its preponderant emphasis on academic excellence rather than faith commitment,” noted Dr. Kennedy. In the 1960s, relatively strict requirements concerning the Christian faith in faculty hiring were relaxed to enable the college to pursue a broader range of candidates. Correspondingly, Drs. Kennedy and Simon note, less emphasis was placed on the college’s religious heritage.

They stress that the college wasn’t unique in that respect. Most colleges founded in the 19th century were church-related, yet for most, through a process of secularization, by the end of the 20th century those ties had faded, according to Drs. Kennedy and Simon.

Part of what has distinguished Hope, Drs. Kennedy and Simon feel, is that the college made a deliberate effort from the early 1970s to reassert its religious identity where many other institutions did not. And so, they say, began the trajectory that led to the tensions of the 1980s as the college community found itself encountering varied understandings of its nature and of the college’s role as an institution of higher education.

Drs. Kennedy and Simon see continued need for discussion, even if the process isn’t always easy. “We hope, among other things, the book will help the local community reflect on the strength of the changes that happened out of a recent period of controversy and also learn to deal better with controversy in the future,” Dr. Simon said.

“In my perspective, looking at church-related higher education, the most damaging thing that an institution can do is take its Christian identity for granted.”

“The administration has been really supportive,” Dr. Kennedy said. “We’ve been very grateful that we were given room to write what we felt we have to write.”

For their part, Drs. Kennedy and Simon worked with a balance of their own in mind. “We tried to be respectful of the living, and the dead,” Dr. Kennedy said. “At that same time, we also tried to make this as frank and honest as possible.”

“What they found was a college that for most of its first century pursued its “Middle Way” in a largely conservative manner—an effect of the college’s origins in ethnically Dutch, Midwestern Holland.

“One reason that the college remained relatively conservative for so long had a lot to do with the fact that it was in a traditionally minded ethnic enclave,” Dr. Kennedy said. “The processes of Americanization were slower to make an impact on that ethnic enclave. The role of that ethnic character on the college is one of the issues that we explore.”
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Four people, 104 years,

They represent four different departments, but there are a few things they have in common.

The four faculty who are retiring from Hope this year have been uniting in their commitment to their disciplines, the college and Hope students. Their impact, on both the college and students’ lives, will endure far beyond their time as Hope educators. And they’ll be missed.

Retiring this year are Dr. Hersilia Alvarez-Ruf, professor of Spanish; Dr. George Kraft, professor of kinesiology; Dr. Stuart Sharp, professor of music and chairperson of the department; and Dr. Leslie Wessman, the Arnold and Esther Sonneveld Professor of Education and chairperson of the department. Combined, their service to Hope totals 104 years.

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Even as a child, Dr. Alvarez-Ruf was drawn to teaching. “I always loved my teachers,” she said. “I had great teachers, and thought maybe I could be like that.”

She began her career in her native Chile in 1959, teaching English phonetics at the Universidad de Concepcion, where she also did her undergraduate work, for several years.

In 1976, she and her husband Karl went to England so that she could complete a master’s degree at the University of Leeds. The time abroad had a significant impact. Chile had experienced a military coup in 1973, and while they hadn’t had any troubles before they left, they found readjusting difficult.

“When we went back to Chile, things there had deteriorated very much,” she said. “There was a lot of instability, a lot of people were disappearing. My husband and I, after being totally and absolutely free in England for two years, had forgotten what it was to live in Chile, where you couldn’t say certain things.”

And so they took advantage of an opportunity to go abroad again, this time to the United States, so that Dr. Alvarez-Ruf could pursue her doctorate at the University of Michigan. As she was finishing her coursework with her dissertation to go, her university back home gave her an ultimatum: come back in a few days, or find another job.

She decided to seek a position in the U.S. What she saw at Hope made her choice clear.

“They were so friendly, they were so nice,” she said, recalling her initial visit. “They treated me so well. Somehow, I felt very comfortable here.”

Hope’s small size was a major asset, since connecting with students has always been a priority for her.

“I want to know my students—that’s the most important thing to me,” Dr. Alvarez-Ruf said. “And that’s what I’ve tried to do at Hope—I’ve tried to get involved in as many student activities as possible.”

For more than a decade, she has been faculty advisor for the Sigma Sigma sorority. She has helped career planning with events, was a bingo caller for SAC’s “Vegas Night” for many years, participated in Senior Banquet skits and worked with the Hispanic Student Organization.

She has repeatedly taught May and June Term courses because she enjoys working with beginning students. She has also directed Hope’s student exchange program with the Autonomous University of Queretaro in Mexico.

Students have appreciated her commitment, both within the classroom and outside of it. In 1994, the graduating class presented her with the “Hope Outstanding Professor Educator” (H.O.P.E.) Award. In 1996, the student body presented her with the inaugural Homecoming “Favorite Faculty/Staff Member Award.”

As much as she has loved Hope, in July she will be moving away, to a retirement community in Florida. She is making the move not to take it easy, but to stay busy. The community itself is activity oriented, and there is college nearby where she hopes to teach part-time.

Even after 20 years, she finds Holland’s winters difficult—especially since an accident on icy roads about nine years ago. Karl used to chauffeur her, but since his death in May of 2003 she has been dealing with the weather on her own.

“What I want is to keep active, and I know if I stayed in Holland I wouldn’t be. Especially in the long months of winter, I wouldn’t get out of the house,” she said.

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Dr. Kraft was born the son of missionary parents in 1939 and spent his first few years in China. It was World War II, and the family left for the U.S. at Christmas in 1943, traveling west over the “Hump” across the Himalayas to India.

He did his undergraduate work at Wheaton College, majoring in history. He spent two years as an infantry officer in the U.S. Army, but ultimately was pulled by his interest in athletics.

“Sport has always been a huge part of my life,” he said. “It was coaching that got me hooked, and then I got interested in kinesiology as a result of that.”
While doing graduate work in physical education at the University of Indiana, he learned of Hope through Dr. Daryl Sedgwick ’60. “It was an opportunity to establish my education major, and enlarging the faculty accordingly.”

In addition to teaching, Dr. Kraft has served as department chair. He was chair from 1988 to 2003, during which time the program restructured and became the “department of kinesiology” to reflect its three-fold emphasis on athletic training, exercise science and physical education. He coached wrestling from 1967 to 1978, and was an assistant football coach from 1967 until 1997.

Dr. Kraft played a leadership role in developing the Dow Center, which opened in 1978, and was the building’s program director for many years. The Dow was designed for use by all students, and he is still gratified when the building encourages someone to be active.

“I get as much satisfaction from that as I would if one of our players got a tryout for professional football, maybe more,” he said. “Somebody who wasn’t really physically active at all who just got turned on. That’s exciting.”

Dr. Kraft’s involvement in the department has been complemented by an active interest in music. He and his wife Roberta, who is on Hope’s music faculty, have developed programs of sacred and secular music that they present throughout Michigan, on themes ranging from “Symbols of Christmas” and the “The Life and Times of Charles Wesley,” to George Gershwin, Stephen Foster, Lerner and Loewe, and Rodgers and Hammerstein.

In retirement, Dr. Kraft plans to spend more time conducting research for and fine-tuning their programs. Roberta isn’t retiring yet, but when she does he also anticipates that they’ll pursue additional performance venues. His retirement plans also include writing on football, about which he previously published a book, and on the intersection of sport and faith. The latter is a topic he has enjoyed exploring with students in a Senior Seminar these past few years—and wishes he had examined earlier.

“I don’t know why I didn’t start teaching a Senior Seminar earlier,” he said. “There are so many instances where sport and religion intersect.”

He is also working on an autobiographical piece, and envisions spending additional time serving his church and the community, and visiting friends on the mission field. And, appropriately, he also intends to continue to visit the Dow Center on a regular basis.

“I’ll be exercising in the winter every day,” he said. “I’ll be one of the regulars here.”

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“One of the things that I like about all of what I’ve learned about the brain is that it really affirms what we hear from scripture about God’s abundance,” she said. “Every child and adolescent can and does learn; every adult continues to learn throughout life. Yet there are so many children, youth and adults who believe they can’t learn well. I have been committed to helping our Hope teacher education graduates enter the profession with the desire and confidence to bring hope to all those with whom they work.”

As she nears retirement, Dr. Wessman anticipates only a partial change in focus. She will remain involved with the institute, and will also be guiding a related initiative to develop a new professional certificate in advanced studies in student learning.

She also plans to join a network of retired educators who are banding together to support current K-12 teachers as they cope with issues ranging from budget crises to ever-changing government regulations.

“It provides us a way to give back to them,” she said. “Hopefully, some day they’ll give back to teachers, too.”

Excited by the possibilities and as engaged as ever by her discipline, Dr. Wessman can’t quite believe she’s reached retirement.

“I’ve been doing this for 45 years now, and it doesn’t feel like 45 years,” she said.
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Each year, tens of thousands of high school seniors weigh numerous factors before enrolling at a particular college or university.

All things being equal, the atmosphere created by an institution and its surrounding neighborhood is often the deciding factor.

But today, colleges are luring more than teens who have just reached voting age. With increasing frequency, people who have been casting ballots for half a century or more are flocking to communities where the hub of activity is the local college or university.

The trend has taken hold in Holland, where the community’s amenities—and particularly the opportunities presented by Hope—have proven a significant draw for retirees looking to enjoy the next phase of their lives.

Holland is home to a number of retirement communities, but the campus connection is especially apt for two in particular: Freedom Village Holland and Resthaven’s Warm Friend, which are near-door neighbors to Hope. Freedom Village is just three blocks north, along Columbia Avenue across from the old Riverview Park, and the Warm Friend is located one block away, on Eighth Street at Central Avenue.

“There’s something uniquely appealing about the pace and the pulse of a college community,” said Freedom Village Holland’s executive director, Tom Bylsma ’86. “Once it gets in your blood, it never goes away. Even if you’re not actively involved in campus life, being in the neighborhood has a way of stimulating the mind and invigorating the spirit. That’s something that is extremely important to our residents and their families.”

For many of the residents, Hope and Holland are familiar territory. A significant portion are Hope alumni or past faculty.

Marianne Hageman ’58 can attest to the benefits of retiring not just near a college campus but down the street from her alma mater as well. She moved to Freedom Village from De Pere, Wis., a year ago, but not until she explored her options thoroughly.

Not unlike a high school senior trying to select a college, she looked at four retirement communities, but the campus connection was at the top of their list as they searched for the right destination in the early 1990s.

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The many cultural events presented by Hope have proven a major draw for those choosing a community to which to retire, reflecting a national trend that sees many retirees choosing college towns, especially if the school is nearby. Freedom Village, is one of two retirement communities within sight of campus.

“I can’t speak highly enough about having a retirement place near the campus. This has been a wonderful location.”

— Robert Snow ’49

They moved in only a few days after the community opened in August of 1991, and haven’t regretted it once.

“This is a unique setup. Everything is so convenient and accessible,” Hageman said. “I’m right next to downtown Holland. But having Hope College nearby, a place that shaped my life and that I hold in such high regard, that’s the big plus.”

Like Hageman, Bob Snow ’49 and his wife Rita considered several options when looking for a retirement community. They had lived in college towns—including Toledo, Ohio, most recently—and liked the atmosphere, so the presence of a college or university was at the top of their list as they searched for the right destination in the early 1990s.

Bob’s Hope roots run deep. His father, W. Curtis Snow, came to the college in 1929 as Hope’s organist and first full-time music professor, and his mother, Esther, was college organist and taught music and German at Hope for many years. He and Rita had stayed connected to people at the institution, like the late Dr. John Hollenebach, and had participated in activities like the 1981 alumni tour scheduled in conjunction with the 25th anniversary of the Vienna Summer School.

It was what Freedom Village—then in the planning stages—had to offer that clinched the decision. A large apartment, excellent on-site dining, an indoor pool, friendly neighbors and staff, coupled with the location—downtown and Hope on one side, and peaceful Lake Macatawa and Windmill Island on the other—was enough to convince them to sign up early.

With his eyesight deteriorating, they decided to move nearer to one of their three sons. They had varied options: Holland, New Hampshire and Texas.

Rev. De Roo had only attended Hope for one year. Enrolled during World War II, he finished his undergraduate work at Rutgers (at the time an RCA school like Hope) when wartime travel became too difficult. He returned to Holland, however, to attend Western Theological Seminary. His work with the RCA, including as national youth director for 10 years, brought him back to Hope on numerous occasions. Son Mark also attended, graduating in 1972.

“So we’ve had a lot of connections over the years,” he said.

If for no other reason, Rev. De Roo and Dorothy have had one excellent cause to become involved in the life of the college just recently: their grandson Taylor is a student.

But, like others who have returned, they have also enjoyed the campus’ cultural offerings, like concerts, lectures and theatrical productions.

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That he and Dorothy moved to the Warm Friend is not without irony. The building is one of Holland’s historic structures, constructed by the Holland Furnace Company in 1925 as a hotel. As such, it had employed students.

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The benefits in having retirement options close to campus run both ways. While the retirees can take advantage of activities and resources at the college, Hope also gains from their involvement. Some serve as mentors—Hageman, for example, hosts a pair of international students. Some have shared their life experiences with classes. Whatever their involvement, they become a valuable and valued part of the campus community.

“It is nice to have these people back because they invariably take a very real interest in the life of the college and engage in many of the activities,” said President James E. Bultman ’63. “For our students, you can imagine how much more enjoyable it is to perform to a packed house instead of just a few people, and to have the opportunity to compete in front of a large home crowd.”

Derek Emerson ’85, who is the arts coordinator at Hope, feels the same way.

“I find that alumni who return to Hope College give a lot back to the school in general, and the arts in particular,” he said. “Simply by being present at the variety of arts events, whether it be the Hope College Wind Symphony or a GPS event, they show their support for what we do at Hope College.”

“Plus, the chance for current students and alumni to share a performance together is a unique and wonderful experience,” he said. “The alumni are also a living example of the value of the liberal arts. The alumni visiting our performances come from a range of disciplines, and have that well-rounded approach to life that we see to instill in all students.”

That’s the way it works with the best of ideas—everybody wins.

“It worked out very well. We’re very pleased,” Snow said. “We haven’t had a bad day since we’ve come back.”

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Alumni News

Association to honor three

The Hope College Alumni Association will present three Distinguished Alumni Awards during the college’s Alumni Day on Saturday, May 7.

Being honored this year are Dr. Richard E. Smalley ’65 of Houston, Texas, Dr. William C. Waggoner ’58 of Tewksbury, N.J.; and L. Ling-chi Wang ’61 of San Francisco, Calif.

The annual Distinguished Alumni Awards are presented by the Alumni Association Board of Directors in recognition of the awardees’ contributions to society and service to Hope. The award, presented during the college’s Alumni Banquet, is the highest honor that alumni can receive from the college’s Alumni Association.

Dr. Richard Smalley ’65 is a member of the faculty at Rice University, where he is the University Professor, the Gene and Norman Hackerman Professor of Chemistry, and a professor of physics. He is also director of the Carbon Nanotecnology Laboratory at Rice, and is chairman of Carbon Nanotechnologies Inc.

In 1996, he and two other researchers won the Nobel Chemistry Prize for discovering “buckyballs”—buckminsterfullerenes, or carbon 60, the third molecular form of carbon. He has received several other awards and prizes for his research. Among other honors, he was elected to the National Academy of Sciences in 1990 and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in 1991, and was elected an AAAS Fellow in 2003. He has been awarded eight honorary degrees.

Dr. Smalley attended Hope from 1961 to 1963 before completing a Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry at the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor in 1965. After working for several years as a research chemist for Shell Chemical Company, he attended Princeton University, where he completed a Master of Arts degree in 1971 and a doctorate in 1977. He joined the Rice faculty in 1976 as a professor of chemistry, and has been a member of the physics department since 1990. He was named to his endowed chair in 1982.

In April of 2002, Dr. Smalley presented the college’s annual James and Jeannette Neckers Lectureship in Chemistry. In 1985 he had also given a guest lecture at Hope concerning the ground-breaking research that ultimately earned the Nobel Prize. He has two sons, Chad and Preston.

Dr. William Waggoner ’58 is chief executive officer of Institutional Review Board Inc., an accredited, professional, research medical ethics organization. He has been active in the drug, device and cosmetic industry for more than 40 years, and has traveled world-wide as a lecturer and consultant in medical ethics.

At Hope Bill majored in German, and minored in biology and chemistry. He was on the victorious freshman pull team during his freshman year and played football for Hope in his sophomore, junior and senior years. He also attended both the first and second Hope Vienna Summer School programs in 1956 and 1957.

Following graduation Bill worked as a medical technician at Grateful Community Hospital in Alma, Mich. From there he went to Michigan State University, and completed a Master of Science and doctorate in physiology.

He went on to conduct research with a variety of companies, including Colgate-Palmolive Company and Johnson & Johnson. In 1984 he acquired his own clinical research company, Clinical Evaluations Inc. He started IRRB in 1985 and has since devoted himself to the field of medical research ethics.

He has had publications in several professional journals and authored a book on clinical efficacy and safety testing. He is a Fellow of the American Academy of Clinical Toxicology, and twice past president of the Association of Clinical Research Professionals.

Bill is an avid pilot and sailor, and is a volunteer pilot for Angel Flight Northeast and a Regional Race Officer for United States Sailing Association. In addition, he is a life member of United States Sailing Association, Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, and New York Yacht Club.

He has returned to campus on several occasions, and in December of 1998 addressed gatherings of students and business and medical professionals concerning medical research ethics.

He and his wife, Nancy, have eight children, Kathy, Juliana, Susan, Richard, Sonia, John, Mary and William.

L. Ling-chi Wang is an associate professor in Asian American studies at the University of California—Berkeley. He is known internationally for his work for multicultural understanding and equality for all people.

Born in Xiamen (Amoy), Fujian China, he completed his secondary education in Hong Kong. After majoring in music at Hope, he completed a B.D. in Old Testament studies at Princeton Seminary. He completed an M.A., and did additional work, in Semitic studies at UC-Berkeley.

Professor Wang has been a member of the UC-Berkeley faculty since 1972, and is past chair of the Department of Ethnic Studies and past director and coordinator of Asian American Studies.

He became active in civil rights issues while in graduate school, and his interests have ranged from pre-school care to campaign finance reform. He founded Chinese for Affirmative Action, and currently chairs the organization’s board of directors. He is also a former board member of several community organizations.

Professor Wang’s professional activities include serving as president of Asian Pacific Americans in Higher Education, and he is secretary-treasurer of, and founded, the International Society for the Study of Chinese Overseas. He has chaired a variety of national and international conferences.

He is the author of numerous articles published in scholarly journals, books and encyclopedias, with much of his work focusing on the experience of Asian Americans in the United States.

Professor Wang returned to campus most recently in 2001 for his 40-year class reunion, and has attended regional events in the San Francisco area. He hosted the college’s Baker Scholars during the group’s trip to California in 2000.

He and his wife, Linda, have three children, Wei-min, Wei-lin and Wei-ying.

With the presentation of this year’s Distinguished Alumni Awards less than a month away, the Alumni Association is already looking toward next year.

The annual spring awards offer just one way of recognizing outstanding alumni and friends of the college. Others include the Meritorious Service Award and the Hope for Humanity Award. The association invites members of the Hope family to nominate candidates for each.

“It is important to recognize those who have helped Hope be the best college it can be. The alumni awards are opportunities for Hope College to thank those who have taken an extra step in making the lives of others better,” said Ray Vinstra ’58, chair of the Alumni Board Awards Committee. “It is an honor to distinguish such outstanding and notable alumni and friends of the college, and to celebrate their amazing life accomplishments.”

The Distinguished Alumni Award is the highest honor that the Alumni Association can bestow on a member. It is presented in recognition of outstanding contributions to society and active involvement with the college. Nominees must have earned at least 45 credit hours at Hope.

The Meritorious Service Award is presented in recognition of contributions to Hope and its alumni through notable personal service and long-term involvement with the college. Nominees need not have attended Hope, but the contribution to service must have benefited the college and its alumni. The Hope for Humanity Award is presented in recognition to those who put service above self among the H-Club community. The award is presented to alumni athletes who have demonstrated the values of Christian commitment and service to others in their careers after Hope.

To nominate someone for an award, please visit http://www.hope.edu/alumni/awards/ or call the Office of Alumni and Parent Relations at (616) 395-7250 for a nomination form.
1940s

John H. Muller ‘42 of Creston, Fla., cele-
brated the 60th anniversary of his ordination on
Saturday, May 29, 2004. He has served 20
Reformed and Presbyterian churches in Korea,
Australia, Canada, New York, California, Florida,
Illinois and Michigan. He reports that
his wife, Sunny, who served faithfully at his
side for 62 years, passed away suddenly on
March 21, 2004. Their daughter, Martha Muller ‘24
Miller was their aunt and Mary Jane Muller ‘68
Montgomery is their daughter.

1950s

Evelyn Jannenga ’50 Schmidt of Holland,
Mich., has traveled extensively in the
Hindu Kush, Afghanistan. Hope has
been kind to those people and their
government, she says. She has
touches the hearts of her students
and her brother, the late Michael
Schmidt. Hope has given her a
framework of character and
honor.

1960s

Marilynn Sudler ’66 of New Brighton,
Minn., has received the American Academy
of Ophthalmology Outstanding Humanitarian
Service Award.

1970s

Caroline Chapman ’70 Taylor of South
Windsor, Conn., has a full-time volunteer job as a state
regent of the Connecticut DAR. She reports that it keeps
her quite busy, but that she still finds time to
provide their summer house in Rhode Island. Her
younger son is a junior in college and her other
two children are out of college and employed.
Steve DeOliveira ’71 of East Lansing, Mich.,
recently returned from Tanzania, Africa, where he and his
daughter, Melissa DeOliveira ’93, were part of a
12-person mission team dispensing eyeglasses to
people in need. Over a two-week period, 1,300
people were tested for vision and more than 1,100
pairs of eyeglasses were dispensed: a mission
that was sponsored by MOST Ministries of Ann
Arbor, Mich., and St. Luke Lutheran Church of
Hastings, Mich.

Jonathan Fuller ‘71 of Huron, Ohio, is a geologist
for the state of Ohio.

Margaret Sudekum ’71 of Ada, Mich., is a relief
volunteer in the Grand Rapids, Mich., area.
She is the representative for the Western counties
on the board of directors for the Michigan
Veterinary Medical Association, and is also a
member representative on the board of directors for
the Grand Valley Health Plan, the HMO
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MaryEtta Buis ’71 Zwart of Ada, Mich., is a relief
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member representative on the board of directors for
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1980s

Earl A. Laman ’54 of Holland,
Mich., has served as a paramedic. They will be honored at
the Alumni Office on the internet:
www.hope.edu/alumni

1990s

Milt Nieuwsma ’92 of San Rafael, Calif., was fea-
tured in an article in the Wednesday, Jan. 12,
2005, edition of the San Francisco Chronicle. He is an
artist who, along with his late elder brother
and a few others, helped revive the blacksmith’s
art in the United States in the 1970s, combining
the artistic tradition of Italian forged-metal work
with industrial machinery and methods. His
work and that of seven other blacksmiths
was displayed at San Francisco’s Brantoin/Quay
gallery as “Stephen Bondi and Friends,” a tribute
to the late artist who was killed in an accident.
Carl W. Gomes ’72 and his wife live in
Schwenksville, Pa. He is a mechanical engineer
for Motorhead Inc.

Donald Steele ’72 of New York, N.Y., had his
play “Going to the Chapel” selected Best Short
Production at the Theatre Association of New
York Public Library’s “Best Books for Teens” in
1999 and being named to the
Nonfiction Honor List for 1999 by
Voice of Youth Advocates Magazine.

The PBS program is scheduled in conjunction with
Holocaust Remem-
brance Day, which is May 5 this year, and also
with the 60th anniversary of VE Day, May 8. In commemoration of the 60th
hoping the public will have an opportunity to view
the PBS program.

The book Surviving Auschwitz: Children of the Shoah is available through eibooks/Simon & Schuster.

Detailed information concerning broadcasts and the program’s availability to PBS affiliates was not available as of press time. It is tentatively scheduled to show on WGVU/TVS/DGWV/TVS of Grand Rapids and Kalamazoo, Mich., on Thursday, May 19.
Benefit exhibit celebrates artist

A promising talent cut short. A program that has blossomed.

A memorial exhibition at the college in May and June will commemorate both.

An exhibition of works by the late Stanley Harrington ’58 will open in the gallery at the De Pree Art Center on Saturday, May 14, and continue through Saturday, June 11.

Professor Harrington was a member of the Hope faculty from 1964 until his untimely death at age 92 on Oct. 18, 1968, of a brain aneurysm. The exhibition, curated by Del Michel, professor emeritus of art, will feature some 50 works that Professor Harrington painted from 1958 until the year of his death.

The exhibition will begin with a formal opening on Saturday, May 14, from 7 p.m. to 7 p.m. Professor Michel will make remarks during the opening, as will Professor Harrington’s daughter, Anne Harrington ’99 Hughes, an artist living in Hamtramck, Mich.

A number of the pieces will be available for purchase. Proceeds will support the Stanley Harrington ‘58 Art Award, which is presented each year to a promising art major for the purchase of research material.

The exhibition anticipates a maybe-have been. Professor Harrington would have been 70 this November.

After graduating from Hope with an English major, Professor Harrington completed a Master of Fine Arts degree in 1961 at the University of Iowa, where he studied painting, graphics and prints. He taught at Lake Forest High School in Illinois as head of the art department and instructor in drawing and painting from 1961 to 1964. He joined the Hope faculty in February of 1964.

Active as an artist, in the nine years before his death he had paintings in exhibitions in Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Des Moines, Iowa; the Joddy Museum in Omaha, Neb.; the Detroit Institute of Arts; and the Kalamaezoo Institute of Arts; and in a National Small Painting Exhibition at the University of Oklahoma. In January of 1968, 35 of his works were featured in a one-man show at Valparaiso University.

In December after he died, Hope displayed some of his works in a memorial exhibition. His work was also featured in a one-woman show at Kalamaezoo College in February of 1969 and a one-man show sponsored by the Holland Friends of Art in March of 1969. Otherwise, most of the pieces have not been shown publically for more than 34 years.

“I think it’s extremely appropriate at this moment,” said Professor Michel, who also joined the Hope faculty in 1964, just a few months after Professor Harrington, and remained at the college until retiring in 2003. “The art department is full-blown, and as I look back we had no nothing but dedication and hard work.

The idea to display the works began with Professor Harrington’s widow, Dr. Jane Gouwens ’58 Bach, who has held the places in the decades since they were last exhibited.

“Part of it is selfish, because it would be nice to see them all displayed together once,” said Dr. Bach, who retired from the Hope faculty in 2000 as a professor emeritus and continued her teaching at the college since 1975. “But there also are still people who knew Stan—friends and classmates.”

When Professor Harrington died, the department of art did not yet have a building of its own. The department moved into the old Holland Rusk Bakery building in 1969, and into the De Pree Art Center—the department’s current quarters—in 1982.

In addition to the gallery, De Pree features studio space for students and faculty alike. It’s a combination, Professor Michel believes, that his former colleague would have appreciated, since it gives students a chance to see how their faculty mentors work as artists.

“We shared a sensibility about the work—and not only the work but the process of working,” said Professor Michel, who like Professor Harrington did his graduate work in the University of Iowa. “I believe it, and I know Stan believed it if you’re going to teach students as an artist you must be an artist.”

First as a student and in the years since as an artist, Hughes has appreciated the emphasis.

“I think the beauty in the design of the building is the kind of exchange it provides—student to student, student to faculty,” said Hughes, who returned to Hope as a visiting artist in the fall of 2003. “That’s kind of unique. Not many other places do that, where you see the artist in his studio.”

For Hughes, too young to remember her father, the gallery provided a way to understand who he was. For the works to be displayed and sold now brings together three—her family’s ten. For Hope, her father’s work, he dream he had for Hope and the department of today, and the students who will benefit in the future.

“For me it was the idea of giving to the college in a different way,” she said. “The kind of Hope College is generations and heritage, and this exhibition fits that vein.”

1980s

Samuel K. Aldaia ’80 of Goldens Bridge, N.Y., is grade four and three science/computer coordinator at the Hicksville Union Free School District in New York. As of Sept. 1990, he is the principal of Hicksville ‘90 of Lawrence, Kan., will be moving this summer to 70 acres outside of the Kansas City area in Leavenworth County to enjoy horses, cows and quiet. She continues her spiritual counseling, consultation and healing practice, named Soul Teachings. She is also serving as lead volunteer coordinator for the Association of Unity Churches International Convention in Kansas City. Roy Hogg ’80 of Patanu, N.J., and his wife were married in January of 2001. They have two children, Jennifer and Jonathan. David L. Huizten ’80 of Shivelyville, Mich., is an industrial hygienist for Fizer Inc. William R. Jellison ’80 of York, Pa., has been appointed senior vice president and chief financial officer of DENTISPLY International Inc. He joined the company, which designs, develops, manufactures and markets products for the dental market, in 1998. Perry Pagangan ’80 of Calendria, Mich., conclud- ed his seventh year as a National Football League (NFL) official by serving as back judge for the AFC Championship game between the New England Patriots and Pittsburgh Steelers on Sunday, Jan. 23.

Ron Buijka ’81 of Silver Spring, Md., was a recent speaker at a conference on cultural awareness and the implications for military operations, sponsored by the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA), the central research and development organization for the Department of Defense. He has also been advising a number of West African governments on capacity building and economic development. Jim Te Winkle ’84 of Wilmette, Ill., earned an MBA with a healthcare specialization (please see “Advanced Degrees”) and received the Hotchkiss Scholar Award for academic excellence. He is the senior director of Specialty Technology Ventures, a division of Neurosource Inc. in Chicago, Ill. James S. Bryon ’85 of Wayzata, Minn., has been promoted to senior vice president and treasurer of TCF, a Wayzata-based national financial institution with 430 offices in the Minneapolis area. He joined the company in 1993. James Quinton ’85 of Chicago, Ill., became a principa- l of the law firm of Welsh & Katz Ltd. of Chicago in January. J. Scott Carpenter ’87 of Alexandria, Va., is deputy assistant secretary of the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs. He and his wife, Susan Beede ’88 Carpenter, have two children, Alex (age 10) and Ethan (age seven). J. Marvin (Marv) Baldwin ’88 of Western Springs, Ill., has been selected to serve as presi- dent and chief executive officer of Foods Resource Bank (FRB), a rapidly growing Christian response to world hunger. FRB members represent many of the major Christian denominations in the United States or their agen- cies. Its mission is based on partnering with third-world communities to allow them to know the dignity and pride of feeding themselves, instead of supplying them with food on an ad hoc basis. Prior to the Feb. 1 appointment, FRB, Merv was a district sales manager for Nalco. Jim DeWitt ’88 of West Chester, Pa., is a senior financial advisor and executive vice president for the West Chester Area School District.

Tim Kleya ’88 of Grand Haven, Mich., received the “Leadership” award from the Michigan Mortgage Brokers Association. Jeff Lewis ’88 of Holland, Mich., has been promoted to vice president for college advance- ment at Hope. Please see the story on page six for the complete story.

Michael L. Wood ’88 of Sunniva, Ga., is region- al sales manager, Mid Atlantic/Northeast, for Northstar Varies.

Michael Pikaart ’99 and Jennifer Pikaart of Hudsonville, Mich., traveled to Beijing, Chengping and Guangzhou, China, in April of 2004 to adopt their daughter Kristen, who came from the Yunnan orphanage in Chongqing. During two weeks in China, they saw the Forbidden City, Tiananmen Square, Temple of Heaven, the Great Wall, and much of the coun- tryside. He reports that the trip was a thrill and that they can’t imagine life without Kristen, who was born halfway old when they received her and is doing well. Brad Krom ’99 of Grand Rapids, Mich., continues to work as a health consultant for Grand Valley Health Plan in Grand Rapids. She reports that she is excited about the three- story Victorian she just bought. She is working on her second master’s degree in social work at Western Michigan University, and also serves on the board of directors for Gateway Charter School in Grand Rapids.

1990s

Stephanie Wright ’91 Amada of Chicago, Ill., is a graduate student at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago. She is pursuing a Master of Fine Arts in writing. Lauren Evans ’91 De Jong of Hinule, Ill., has joined the Chicago law firm of Skydler, Roche and Applewhite as a partner, concentrating her prac- tice in estate planning and probate. Jordi Yarwood ’91 Kimes and Kim Kimes ’91 live in Spokane, Wash. She is entering her third year of a doctorate of pharmacy program at Washington State University and will start her rotations in May. He is operating a commercial paint business out of Spokane and Pullman.

Cheryl Knight ’92 of Burbank, Calif., works for the Walt Disney Company in Anaheim, Calif. On New Year’s Day he performed with Disney’s Entertainment as the number for the Rose Parade in Pasadena, Calif. The televi-
locals said, “Welcome home,” when he arrived. He has been there so many times and for so long that the
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flight ban ended, enabling him to return to his job with the Transportation Security Administration, to assist with the preparation of the Attorney General’s testimony for a Congressional hearing on the fiscal year 2006 budget.

Scott M. Venema ’93 of Colorado Springs, Colo., has again deployed to Iraq in support of
the Department of Justice in Washington, D.C., from her job with the
 FormGroup. She reports that she stays
home tutor and worked with home schooling
her elementary endorsement in December of 2004.

Jeffrey H. Hazard ’95 of Grand Rapids, Mich., has become head coach the following year.

Karen Marty ’95 Jekel of Holland, Mich., is owner of Children’s Horizons, a group child care
business in Holland. She reports that she stays
busy running the business and caring for her three children, (age six), Clara (age four), and Isaac (age one).

Deborah Kramer ’95 of Goodrich, Mich., earned her bachelor’s degree from Hope College in December of 2004. In addition to substituting, she has been an
in-home tutor and worked with home schooling parents. During the past four years, she has taught her sister to read, write, type, think, and do math computations. She has been involved in an accident involving a drunk
driver nearly took her sister’s life. She reports that it has been a very long and rewarding road, and her sister will
continue in law school.

Allison Clark ’93 LoPresti and Nick LoPresti ’97 of Harbison, S.C., just purchased a new home. He recently accepted a position in division manager for Wadler & Reid Inc. He is responsi-
bile for numerous assignments, which cover a majority of central Pennsylvania.

Sara Murphy ’89 of Chicago, Ill., began working as a special education teacher and assistant teacher to the
CEO of the League of Chicago Theatres in September. In February she joined the stage man-
agement team of the Chicago company of Blue
Man Group.

Colin Connaire ’98 of Grosse Pointe Park, Mich., is a police officer/firefighter for the city of Grosse Pointe Park. He and his wife have two children, Gillian Lee and Brady Patrick (please see “New Arrivals”).

Clayton Gibson-Faith ’96 of Ypsilanti, Mich., and the family of the late Ann Paeth ’97 have estab-
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Laura McCraine ’98 Sadler of Winston-Salem, N.C., is a second-year urology resident at Wake Forest University. She stays at home with their daughter (please see “New Arrivals”).

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Scott M. Hess ’00 of Traverse City, Mich., is an attorney for the Law Offices of Gerald P. Chehade
Chris Kerrins ’00 and Trena Hedley ’00 Kerrins of Mattawan, Mich., recently moved from the
Chicago, Ill., area with their son, Luke (age 19 months). Chris was the 41 sales rep for Styrker
Corporation’s Interventional Pain Division in 2004. His performance with the company over
the past four plus years earned him a promotion as manager of clinical education at Styrker’s
Kalamazoo headquarters.

Stacey Slat ’89 of Rosenvale, Ill., is a special education case manager for the Plainfield (Ill.)
High School district. Stacey is a nurse in Woodbine, Md. She has recently been
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Sara L. Maile ’02 of Galesburg, Mich., will begin a law clerk position with the 17th Judicial Circuit Court of Kalamazoo County (Mich.) in July.

Chevi Cecil ’02 Phelps of Grand Rapids, Mich., works for the Grand Rapids Art Museum in the education department.

Matthew Scogin ’02 of Cambridge, Mass., wrote an op-ed piece in support of President Bush’s pro-
ing body of amateur baseball in the U.S. and a member of the U.S. Olympic Committee. The
organization selects and trains the USA Baseball Olympic Team in addition to the collegiate, 18-
under, and 16-under national teams, all of which participate in various international competitions.

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weeks on
in Woodbine, Md. She has recently been
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Naomi Tsukamoto ’96 of New York City, has taken a
posting as associate director of education for an internationally renowned nutritional company, and still regular-
ly enjoys skiing and other outdoor sports. He
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Campus Notes

(Continued from page seven.)

Page After Page, subtitled Discover the confidence and passion you need to start writing and keep writing (no matter what), features the lessons that Dr. Sellers has learned during her journey as a writer. Writing in a conversational tone, Dr. Sellers illustrates her advice with anecdotes from her experience.

"Every writer is a little different," Dr. Sellers notes in her introduction. "But all people who write have similar fears and blocks about writing. Most of my writing students face predictable jobs and traps that I want to tell you what I know about the writing path, and, I hope, give you some equipment so you can build bridges over the traps.

"The chapters in this book explain how I found out what kind of writing life was right for me, and what kinds of exercises and books I found useful along the way," she writes. "This book is, I hope, like sitting down with me, in my living room, over tea."

Page by Page, published in hardcover by Writer's Digest Books, is divided into three general sections: "Blank Pages: Creating a New Writing Self," "Turning Pages: How to Maintain Your Commitment to Writing" and "New Pages: Finding Your Place in the World of Writing." The book contains 30 chapters, each four to 12 pages long, covering topics such as "The First Day," to "Anxiety" to "Rejection, Bliss, Speeding Tickets." Exercises at the end of each chapter guide the reader in applying the book’s suggestions.

Neal Sobania '68, who is director of international education and professor of history, has played a central role in an exhibit featuring work by Qes Adamu Tesfaw of Ethiopia, including a display of photographs featuring the exhibitions themselves but about Ethiopian culture and religion. Dr. Sobania also provided many of the 35 photographs featured in the parallel exhibition "Ethiopian Crossroads: Photographs of a Land and Its People" that will run in the Fowler's Goldenberg Gallery. Dr. Sobania also wrote the captions for the photographs being featured.

Dr. Sobania is also pleased with initiatives related to the exhibitions. Dr. Sobania provided copies of the catalog, for example, are being provided for use by scholars in Ethiopia, which he values as a way to give back to the nation he has studied for decades. In addition, on the day before attending the March 6 opening activities he made presentations on the history of Ethiopia during the beginning of a multi-week teachers' workshop sponsored by the museum that elementary and secondary educators could include lessons related to the exhibitions in their classrooms.


Research conducted by students under the supervision of Dr. Deborah Weiss '75 Sturtevant, professor of sociology and social work and chair of the department, was the starting point for a conference concerning area health care held at the college on Feb. 18.

The "Community Collaboration Conference," organized by the Holland Community Hospital Foundation, was geared toward identifying ways to improve the health and well-being of the community. The day-long event was based on research that Dr. Sturtevant and her Hope research students conducted during the summer of 2004.

Through the research project, the researchers organized several focus groups comprised of service providers and those who had received services, and asked questions related to the participants' opinions of community health. The research, according to Dr. Sturtevant, indicated the need for pre-preventative measures to promote good health, such as good nutrition, exercise, social connections, spirituality and appropriate medical care, and barriers including lack of time, money and transportation.

The students made a presentation concerning the results to the foundation's board in August. The February 18 conference provided an opportunity for MQH participants—including area health care professionals, directors of social service agencies and representatives of area school systems—to learn more about the findings and then to break into work groups to generate ideas to address the needs.

The students with whom she worked on the research project are Jenele Dame, a senior from Holland, Mich.; Andrea Jobin, a junior from Spring Lake, Mich.; and Jeffrey Seymour, a senior from Holland, Mich.

Lutheran Church of Haslett, Mich.
Jessica L. Ostling '03 of Holland, Mich., continues to work in corporate wellness at the Wellness Center — a Metropolitan/Spectrum Health service in Grand Rapids, Mich.
Rebecca L. Randall '03 of Huntington, Kan., is currently pursuing a master's degree in international relations at the University of Warwick in Coventry, England.
Hillary Stone '03 of Holland, Mich., was promoted to a professional recruiter position for Manpower Professional of West Michigan after completing one year with Manpower's Industrial Staffing Division. She will be recruiting professional candidates in the areas of management, I.T., engineering, finance and scientific companies for the West Michigan (Lakewood) area. She was also accepted into the Master of Public Administration program at Western Michigan University and will begin classes in May.
Katherine R. Boss '04 of Grand Ledge, Mich., is a first-year medical student at the Michigan State University College of Human Medicine.
Bradley A. Brondyke '04 of Chicago, Ill., is a real estate sales consultant for Coldwell Banker.
Amy L. Brown '04 of Bangor, Maine, is a charge nurse at Ross Manor in Bangor.
Molly Baxter '04 of Dalesandro and Scott Dalesandro '04 left in August for their Peace Corps assignment in Bangladesh. Scott is teaching English in a high school. Molly is teaching English in a community center in young adults who need an additional job skill in order to find employment. They would welcome mail.
Micah H. Holden '04 of Portsmouth, Va., is an ensign in the U.S. Navy. He works as a registered nurse on the pediatrics unit at the Naval Medical Center Portsmouth.

Courtney Randel '04 of Slyke Van Slyke Center, Mich., is an elementary Spanish teacher in the West Ottawa Public Schools.
Mindy Beukema '04 of York of Holland, Mich., is a first grade teacher at Pine Creek Elementary School in the West Ottawa Public Schools.
New Arrivals

VanFossan, Kolin David, Jan. 18, 2005.
Sandman, Rhys Anthony, Keira Anne, Katrina
Kristen, adopted in China, April, 2004.
Sabrina Jo, Feb. 3, 2005

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Deaths

Orville Carl Beattie ’39 of Lake Forest, Ill., died on Tuesday, March 1, 2005. He was 87. He was a veteran who served four years during World War II teaching electronics at Scott Air Force Base in Belleville, Ill.

He was the retired president and CEO of the former A.S. Hansen Inc., an auction and benefits consulting firm in Lake Bluff, Ill., which merged with the Mercer Corp. in 1987. Upon retirement in 1979, he became owner of the hanging art gallery Benjamin-Beattie Galleries.

He served on the board of trustees of the college from 1978 to 1983, was a member of the gallery Benjamin-Beattie Galleries, consulting firm in Lake Bluff, Ill., which merged in death.

Orville Carl Beattie ’39 died on Tuesday, March 1, 2005. He was 87.


Survivors include his wife, Mary; children, Tom; and niece, Carol.

He was the former president and CEO of Atomic Power Manufacturing after 38 years of service.

Survivors include a sister, Marjorie Gillette, and nephews and nieces.

Margaret Schoonveld ’51 Kraay of Hudsonville, Mich., died on Saturday, Feb. 19, 2005, from complications of ALS. She was 77.

She was a teacher in the Hudsonville School System for 22 years, and a member of Fellowship Reformed Church, where she was also a member of a Bible study group. She was also actively involved with her husband serving Trinity Reformed Church, Mars Hill Reformed Church and Beavertown Reformed Church.

Survivors include her husband of 51 years, Louis Kraay ’58; children, Nancy (Gary) Driezena, Linda Kraay ’78 (Lou) Zadow, Kevin ’80 (Patricia) Kraay, and Karen (Jack) Kalkman, all of Zeeland, 10 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; a brother and sister, Arthur Schoonveld, Henricka Spikema, Dorothy (Virgil) Bult, and Marilyn Janzon, and in-laws, Eleanor Ruzema, Wesley ’40 (Jewel) Kraay, Florence (Paul) Holleman, Russell ’49 (Gwen Lemmen ’48) Kraay, and Marge Kraay.

Eunice Heinen ’49 Lewis of Waunakee, Ill., died on Monday, Jan. 24, 2005. She was 77.

She was a special agent and subsequently enjoyed several part-time positions, including with J.C. Penney, Abbott Labs and her church, where she also served on the board as treasurer.

One of her favorite hobbies was reading. She was preceded in death by her brother, Reuben Heinen, and infant twin sisters.

Survivors include her daughter, Barbara Olson of Iowa City, Iowa; two sons, Bob (Mary Lulik) Lewis of Linden, Ill., and Tim (Ruth) Lewis of Springfield, Ohio; five grandchildren; two brothers, Eugene (Mary) Heinen of Oostburg, Wis., and Harold (Arleen) Heinen of Rome, N.Y.; and one sister-in-law, Millie Heinen of Kiel, Wis.

Esther Baltman ’39 Marcus of Lansing, Mich., died on Sunday, Jan. 23, 2005. She was 86.

She was elected to the Lansing School Board as an at-large member in 1974.

She was also a member of the Lansing Woman’s Club, Friends of the Waverly Library, and the Lansing Area Retired School Personnel. She was preceded in death by 65 years, Clifford Marcus ’39; children, Stanley ’60 (Virginia) Marcus of Freewater, N.Y.; Brian (Donna) Marcus of Dulong, Ga., and Karen Cullen of Troy, Mich.; sons-in-law, Robert Roy of Oak Park, Ill.; nine grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and brothers-in-law, Eugene ’50 (Betty) Marcus of North Canton, Ohio.

Raymond H. Martin ’30 of Clifton Park, N.Y., died on Monday, Nov. 1, 2004. He was 86.

He was a veteran of World War II and a lifetime member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars in the Clifton Park area.

He retired from Otto Elevator Company, and was the former elevator inspector for both Clifton Park and Edgewater, N.J.

He maintained membership in the Grantwood Congregational Church for much of his adult life, serving as chairman of the board, trustee, Sunday school teacher, and tenor in the choir. He was also a member of the Fort Lee (N.J.) Players.

He was preceded in death by his son Terrence. Survivors include his wife of almost 54 years, Marjorie Plasch Martin; his children, Pamela Cooper of West Islip, N.Y., Robert Martin of Anaheim, Calif., Glenn Martin of Little Rock, Ark., and Cheryl-jo Martin of Elmwood Park, N.J.; and five grandchildren, including Amanda J. Cooper ’08.

Pamela Moffett ’70 Rawluk of New Paltz, N.Y., died on Sunday, Oct. 26, 1997. She was 49.

She had been a teacher in the New Paltz School District.

She was a member of the Reformed Church of New Paltz, the New York State Teachers Association, and the Philanthropic Education Organization.

She was preceded in death by her brother, John Moffett.

Survivors include her husband, Robert W. Rawluk; two daughters, Marieke Cook and Kallin Rawluk, both of New Paltz; two nieces; and two nephews.


He was a veteran who served in World War II and the Korean War.

He volunteered with the Disaster Response Service/Christian Reformed World Relief Committee and his church.

Survivors include his wife of 57 years, Annamae; his children, Richard Rotman, Shelia O’Rourke, David (Nora) Rotman, and Mary (Joe) Rotman; seven grandchildren; in-laws, Nick (Thelma) Kegstra, and nieces and nephews.


He was a minister who served Ligonier Presbyterian Church in Ligonier, Ind., Granger Presbyterian Church in Granger, Ind., and Westminster Presbyterian Church in South Bend, Ind.

He was on the staff for many years at the Haltom Funeral Home in Niles, Mich., and was also a desk clerk at the Golden Eagle Motel in Niles for 23 years.

He was the originator of the Culley Fund in the Wabash Valley Presbyterian, and originator of the San Dimas Noteholders Association (Reformed Church in America). He received a special award for his many contributions to the Boy Scouts over the course of 12 years in Granger.

Survivors include his wife of 62 years, Helen Buskens Schap; two sons, Arthur Paul Schap ’67 of Grose Pointe Park, Mich., and Arnold James Schap of Edwardsburg; a daughter, Mrs. Richard (Janice) Tyson of Goshen, Ind.; five grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and a sister, Mrs. Clarence (Betty) Lutth of Holland, Mich.

Bertha “Betty” Stibbs ’35 Snyderack of Lake Forest, Ill., died on Friday, Feb. 5, 2004. She was 94.

She spent most of her life in the Chicago area, and was an active volunteer in many organizations throughout the North Shore, especially committed to the League of Women Voters and the Wabash Valley Presbytery, and originator of the Wabash Valley Presbytery, and originator of the Wabash Valley Presbytery. She was a pianist, weaver, jewelry maker, knitter and seamstress.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Daniel Snyderack, and her son Harry.

Survivors include a daughter, Ruth Broeg; a son, Dan Jr.; a sister, Harriet Stibbs ’36 Meyer of Holland, Mich.; nine grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Al Vanderbush ’29 dies

Retired Hope coaching and teaching legend Alvin Vanderbush ’29 of Bloomington, Minn., has died at age 97.

Vanderbush, who died on Sunday, Feb. 14, 2005, graduated from Hope in 1929, and spent a majority of his career coaching and teaching in the Bloomington area. He was a member of the Hope faculty for 28 years, teaching history and political science, and coaching football from 1946 to 1954. He also coached track and field at Hope.

He was a supporter and participant in the New Presbyterians Renewing in Spirit and Mission (PRISM) Inc., an organization dedicated to re-energize the Reformed Church in America in Hopkins, Ill., Harvey, Ill., Southgate, Mich., and Kalamazoo, Mich.

Survivors include his wife, Roberta; his son, Mark ’72 (Nancy) Wildman of Glen Rock, N.J.; two brothers, John Vanderbush of Rockford, Ill., died on Saturday, Dec. 24, 2005. He was 94.

She enjoyed photography and singing, and was a supporter and participant in the New Jersey Choral Society.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy; his son, Stan Bysley; his daughters, Debra (Steve) Steward, Brady ’77 (Bill) Nihart ’79; his grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Al Vanderbush ’29 is well and fondly remembered for his service as coach of the football team from 1946 to 1954.

A member of the Hope faculty for 28 years, teaching history and political science, he also chaired the department of political science.

He was a Hope football lineman as an undergraduate during the late 1920s, achieving all-MIAA honors and serving as captain during his senior season.

He earned an M.A. from the University of Michigan in 1938. Prior to World War II, he taught at Bessemer High School and Grandville High School, and with the Grand Rapids public schools. During World War II, he served with the U.S. Navy.

Vanderbush was preceded in death by his first wife, Elizabeth ’53, in 1978, and by his second wife, Irene, in 2002. Survivors include a step-daughter, Judy Kreyer, of Ramsey, Minn.

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To each and everyone who has helped to bring us this far… THANK YOU!! We are counting on many more to join in and bring us to the finish line.

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If there’s a limit, 2005 wasn’t the year to find it.

For a fifth year in a row, student-organized Dance Marathon has topped its own fundraising record on behalf of DeVos Children’s Hospital of Grand Rapids, affiliated with the Children’s Miracle Network. Featuring the involvement of hundreds of students as well as faculty and staff, the charitable effort raised $103,012.08 this year, besting 2004’s total by more than $15,000. Even the event’s first year set a milestone, raising more than had ever been raised by an inaugural Dance Marathon at a school of Hope’s size. Since its debut on campus in 2000, the event has raised more than $369,000.

More than 560 students participated in the March 11-12 Dance Marathon itself, held in the Dow Center, as dancers or morale boosters, with dozens more serving in a variety of other roles.

Activities began shortly after the beginning of the fall semester, and involved more than 20 student organizations (the Delta Phi sorority alone raised more than $16,000). Individual students raised funds in a variety of ways, from canning—seeking donations with can in hand—to asking family and friends. Area businesses donated a portion of their sales. Campus-wide efforts included an auction in the fall.

The funds the participants raise by pledging to stay on their feet for the 24-hour Dance Marathon support the hospital’s work in providing comprehensive care to children. As the year goes on, the dancers get to know the children and families helped by the hospital—the “Miracle Families” who ultimately benefit from their effort.

It makes staying motivated easy. From start to finish, everyone involved works with the marathon’s rallying cry in mind: “It’s for the kids!”