

Former President John H. Jacobson dies

As we went to press, we learned that Dr. John H. Jacobson, president of Hope from 1987 to 1999, has died. More can be found at www.hope.edu and will appear in our April issue.

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Chapel Choir clad anew

For the Chapel Choir, the future is brighter than ever.

Because now, the choir's distinctive robes are as bright as ever, thanks to the Hope family.

The effort to raise funding to replace the aging Chapel Choir robes with faithful reproductions has been a complete success. Some 150 choir alumni responded to the call for donations, raising more than \$16,000.

Based on the strong initial response, the college ordered the robes even as the fundraising effort continued. They arrived in time to debut during Christmas Vespers, held on Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 4-5.

"I'm overwhelmed by it," said Brad Richmond, associate professor of music and choral activities. "The robes themselves turned out terrifically, I think, but more remarkable is the response to the whole process."

"In no time at all we had more than enough money," he said. "But more than the money, it was the commentary that people would pass along with it."

As reported in the October issue of *news*

from Hope College, the choir's robes, color coded by voice, were devised by internationally acclaimed designers Charles and Ray Eames in the 1950s. The aged robes were wearing out, but given their history with Hope and their pedigree, the college was eager to retain their look and character. The Shenandoah Robe Company of Roanoke, Va., crafted reproductions based on samples provided by Hope.

The college purchased 66 robes, more than enough needed to attire the 40-some-member choir—the extras will provide flexibility to accommodate a variety of heights and also variations in the number of singers in each section—yellow for soprano, orange for alto, red for tenor and violet for bass. (Examples of the previous robes are being preserved, with representatives of each color being shared with the Joint Archives of Holland and the De Pree Art Center.)

The contributions more than paid for the new robes. The surplus raised will support the choir in another way, helping to underwrite the group's trip to Europe in May.

Editor's Note: For more on this year's choir tour, please see page six. ↵



Thanks to the generous response from the Hope family, the Chapel Choir is bedecked in brand-new robes—carefully made replicas of the distinctive Eames-designed robes the choir has worn for more than 40 years. The garments debuted with Christmas Vespers.

"Quote, unquote"

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

The following three reminiscences are among the many responses sent by Chapel Choir alumni when invited to reflect on their experience with the choir or with Prof. Robert Cavanaugh, director from 1940 into the 1970s.

"Dr. Robert Cavanaugh, our choir director, our teacher and friend, gave my four years at Hope a dimension which has impacted my life. We students knew he was there for us in counsel and support and we esteemed his wisdom and friendship.

"He had a wonderful sense of humor and always had a twinkle in his eye. Prof always wore a green tie on St. Patrick's Day, knowing he would earn a few wise-cracks from his orange-clad choir.

"A memory I shall never forget happened on Good Friday evening when our bus was wending its way back to Holland after our California tour. We asked Prof if we could disembark and have a worship service. There in the darkness of the night desert, illuminated only by a myriad of bright stars, we prayed and sang alongside the highway. 'Were You There?' echoed through the night's vastness, with each verse begun at random by a choir member. I never sing that spiritual without feeling the oneness of a special community at Hope College."

— Carole Hoffs '55 Bos
Pasadena, Calif.

"I remember wearing those robes on their inaugural tour! The audible oohs and

ahs were awesome—they really made a statement!

"Yeh, it's time! Enjoy being the next group to wear new ones! With many fond memories,"

— Betty Whitaker '62 Jackson
(mother of Paul '02 and Nancy '04)
Cedar Rapids, Iowa

"Upon confessing that I could not read music during a staff worship meeting, Wesley Granberg-Michaelson, the RCA general secretary, exclaimed, 'How did you ever get into the Hope College choir?' He and I are classmates, graduating in '67, and were on choir tour that same year. I don't know how I got into the choir. I know that the audition was awful and I was very surprised and thrilled that my name was on the new choir list. Perhaps I got in because I am a tenor and do have a good ear for music. Also, Prof. may have seen how badly I wanted to be a Chapel Choir member.

"Regardless, Chapel Choir was the highlight of the extra-curricular activities at Hope College. I went on three choir tours, twice to New York and in '67 to California. Choir was my fraternity and sorority. The daily rehearsals were a spiritual blessing. The friendship formed in choir continues to this day. One choir member, Kelly Bakker, became my brother-in-law. The special friendship I formed with Dr. Cavanaugh continued after graduation. All of us mourned the death of our beloved Prof. However, the value of life is determined by what we do and leave behind. Dr. Cavanaugh gave much and left even more behind for us to remember and enjoy. He truly was a blessing from God, and to Him we express our praise and gratitude."

— Rev. Dr. Albert Vander Meer '67
South Holland, Ill. ↵



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On the cover

A mix of music moments from the department of music's first 100 years are featured on page one. Note the Chapel Choir rehearsing aboard ship while traveling to Europe in the 1960s, the *Anchor* article announcing a wartime appearance by the Trapp Family Singers of *Sound of Music* fame, and the circa 1905 photo of English Professor John Nykerk astride a horse next to Graves Hall. All of the images, as are all the vintage images on the center spread, are from the Hope College Collection of the Joint Archives of Holland.

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CHOIR CD: The Chapel Choir has released a new compact disc.

Pange Lingua features recordings made in the spring of 2002 and 2003 at Dimnent Memorial Chapel and St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church. Copies are available for \$10 at the Hope-Geneva Bookstore.

The CD features a variety of works, and includes two pieces sung in Latin and one in Thai. Among the selections is "Nunc Dimittis," composed by Brad Richmond, director of the Chapel Choir since 1998. The compact disc features 11 tracks.

The Hope-Geneva Bookstore is located on the ground level of the DeWitt Center and is open Mondays from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Tuesdays from 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Wednesdays-Fridays from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The bookstore can also be visited online at www.hope.edu/bookstore/ or called at (616) 395-7833 or 1-800-946-4673.

TSUNAMI WITNESS: Hope College student Claire Koen of Saratoga, Calif., had a close-up view of the devastating tsunami of Sunday, Dec. 26: she was outside near the beach with her mother in Thailand, when the first wave hit.

Koen and her family—her parents and her younger twin brothers—were on vacation at an oceanfront resort in Phuket when the tsunami struck. The family was battered by the successive waves, which devastated the area, but managed to escape them, her parents along the way rescuing two small children who were also in the water's path. Ultimately the Koen family was able to get a flight back to Singapore, where they also have a home. Koen was back on campus for the start of the spring semester.

Even before classes started, the Hope community was responding to the international disaster. Campus Ministries co-sponsored a concert held in Dimnent Memorial Chapel during the first weekend of the semester, on Saturday, Jan. 15, on behalf of Indonesian orphanages directly impacted by the earthquake and tsunami. Among other efforts, theatre students organized a February 10 benefit evening of scenes and songs to raise donations, and—in a show of bi-partisan cooperation—the Hope Republicans and Hope Democrats banded together to raise money for tsunami relief.

ADVANCEMENT RECOGNIZED: Hope has been honored for three of its advancement programs by the Great Lakes District of the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE), including with a top award for the college's new Parent Relations program.

Hope received a Gold Award in the "Alumni Relations Best Practices/ Individual Projects" category for launching the college's new comprehensive Parent Relations Program in 2003. In addition, the college received two awards in the "Fundraising Best Practices/ Individual Projects" category: a Silver Award for the *Legacies: A Vision of Hope* comprehensive campaign, and an Honorable Mention for the summer, 2003, phonathon on behalf of the campaign.

The awards were made through "The Pride of CASE V District Awards Program," and were presented on Tuesday, Dec. 14, during a luncheon scheduled as part of the annual CASE V conference held in Chicago, Ill. Programs were honored for excellence at the Gold, Silver or Bronze level, or with Honorable Mention.

(See "Campus Notes" on page eight.)

Prof honored nationally

Dr. Thomas Ludwig has received national acclaim for his teaching.

Dr. Ludwig, a professor of psychology, has been named the 2005 recipient of the national Charles L. Brewer Distinguished Teaching of Psychology Award by the American Psychological Foundation.

The award recognizes a significant career contribution to the teaching of psychology. Dr. Ludwig will be formally recognized during the annual convention of the American Psychological Association, scheduled for Thursday-Sunday, Aug. 18-21, in Washington, D.C. The honor includes delivering an invited address during the convention, which is attended by several thousand psychologists each year.

"There are several different teaching awards," said Dr. David Myers, a long-time colleague on the Hope faculty, "but this is like the Nobel Prize of awards for the teaching of psychology. Only one is given per year by the American Psychological Association's affiliated foundation."

It is not the first time that Dr. Ludwig, a pioneer in adapting the computer and Internet technology for use in psychology education, has received national or international recognition. In 1997, he received the Silver World Medal in the College Division of the New York Festivals' "International Interactive Multimedia Awards" for his *PsychQuest: Interactive Exercises for Psychology*. He also received the "Best Psychology Software" award in the 1990 EDUCOM/NCRIPTAL Higher Education Software Awards competition for his *PsychSim II: Interactive Graphic Simulations for Psychology*.

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**— Dr. David Myers
long-time colleague of
Dr. Thomas Ludwig**

"Few college faculty in American have exhibited more recognized excellence for specific, pioneering pedagogy than has Tom," said Dr. Myers, who is the John Dirk Werkman Professor of Psychology. "He is the world's recognized leader of computer-assisted instruction for psychology. It's impossible to know precisely how many students have engaged his learning materials at colleges and universities worldwide, but very likely it is in the hundreds of thousands."

Dr. Ludwig also shares his expertise with the department in a variety of ways. For example, he has created a Web site used by all of the faculty who



"Baby Day" is popular with both psychologist Thomas Ludwig and his students. Dr. Ludwig recently received the American Psychological Foundation's Distinguished Teaching Award, a recognition of contributions that have included ground-breaking instructional software used internationally.

teach the college's "Introduction to Psychology" course, and has programmed several research assignments for the course. He also regularly assists his colleagues in their own use of instructional technology.

"He is probably one of the most humble, dedicated and generous persons with his time," said Dr. Patricia Roehling, professor of psychology and chair of the department. "A day doesn't go by when somebody doesn't drop by with some technology-related issue and he drops everything to help with those questions. He's worked very hard to teach all of us how to use the most up-

challenging day for me because I can never predict what the babies are going to do, but I love doing it."

Dr. Ludwig has been a member of the Hope faculty since 1977. He is the author of numerous articles published in scholarly journals, on topics including not only the use of computer technology in teaching but also his research interests in development psychology, gerontology and cognitive psychology. Hope presented him with its Provost's Award for Excellence in Teaching in 2003.

He developed the first version of *PsychSim* in 1985 to accompany the popular introductory psychology text authored by Dr. Myers and published by Worth Publishers. Worth has since published the subsequent versions of *PsychSim*, as well as additional software and Internet packages Dr. Ludwig has developed.

PsychSim is currently in its fifth edition and features 42 interactive modules which demonstrate key psychological principles. To introduce instructors to *PsychSim*, a total of 20 of the exercises are freely available through the publisher's Web site (<http://bcs.worthpublishers.com/psychsim5/launcher.html>).

In addition to *PsychSim*, Dr. Ludwig has also created *PsychQuest* which consists of eight in-depth modules in which students apply psychological principles to their experiences; *PsychInquiry*, which contains 20 research simulations and critical thinking exercises; and *PsychOnline*, a complete distance-learning psychology course. He also developed and taught Hope's first online course ("Developmental Psychology") in 1999, and recently completed *Exploring Human Development*, a two-CD-ROM set of instructional activities co-authored with professors at four other universities. ↵

to-date information technology."

Even as he reaches students around the world with his instructional software, Dr. Ludwig finds additional interesting ways to connect his Hope students to his discipline. In teaching "Developmental Psychology," for example, he regularly invites parents bring in their infants and young children so that the students can see how the principles they are learning take living form.

"For me, 'Baby Day' is one of the highlights of each semester," he said. "People come up to me 15 or 20 years after they graduate, and one of the things they always remember from Developmental Psychology is 'Baby Day.' It's a

Events

Academic Calendar

March 18, Friday—Spring Recess begins, 8 a.m.
March 28, Monday—Spring Recess ends, 8 a.m.

Admissions

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

Visitation Days offer specific programs for prospective students, including transfers and high school juniors and seniors. The programs show students and their parents a typical day in the life of a Hope student. The remaining days for 2004-05 are Monday, Feb. 21, and Friday, March 4.

Junior Days: Friday, April 1; Friday, April 15; Friday, April 22
Pre-Professional Day: Wednesday, May 25

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

Dance

Dance 31—Thursday-Saturday, March 10-12

DeWitt Center main theatre, 8 p.m.

Tickets are \$7 for regular adult admission and \$5 for senior citizens and students. Tickets will be available beginning Thursday, Feb. 24, through the theatre lobby box office in the DeWitt Center, which is open weekdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and can be called at (616) 395-7890.

Sacred Dance Concert—Sunday, April 10

Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 2 p.m. Admission is free.

Spring Student Dance Concert—Monday-Tuesday, April 18-19

Knickerbocker Theatre, 8 p.m. Admission is free.

De Pree Gallery

"Cultural Reflections"—Through Thursday, March 17

Inuit art from the Dennon Museum Center at Northwestern Michigan College.

"Senior Show"—Friday, April 1-Sunday, May 8

Work by graduating Hope seniors. There will be an opening reception on Friday, April 1.

"Works by the late Stanley Harrington '58"—Saturday, May 14-Saturday, June 11

Professor Harrington was a member of the art faculty from 1964 to 1968. The memorial exhibition is being curated by Delbert Michel, professor emeritus of art. Proceeds from the sale of works will benefit the Harrington Art Award Fund at the college. There will be a formal opening on Saturday, May 14, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

The gallery is open Sunday and Monday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.; Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m.; and on Thursday from 10 a.m. until 9 p.m. Admission is free.

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/knick.

Visiting Writers Series

Tuesday, March 8—Mary Pipher, psychologist and writer; Dimnent Memorial Chapel

Tuesday, March 15—Carlos Eire, scholar and memoirist; and Vyvyan Loh, novelist, dancer and MD.

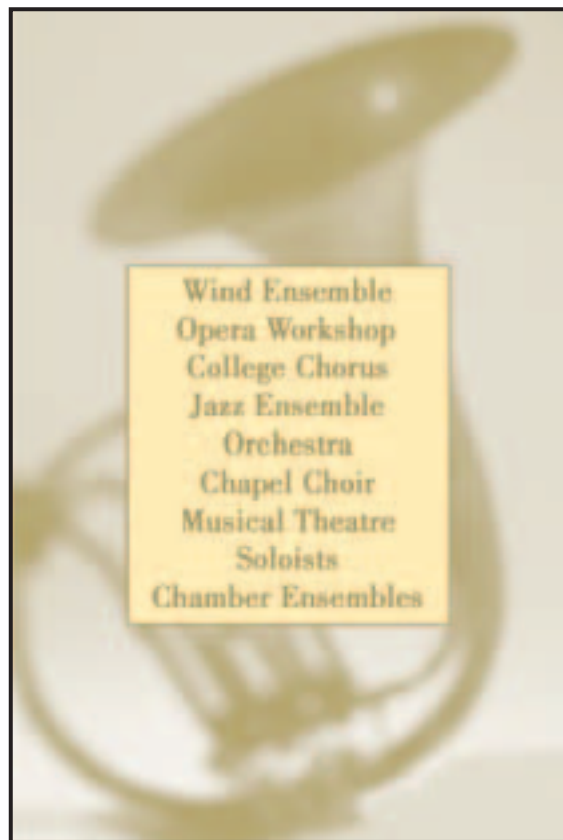
The readings will be at the Knickerbocker Theatre beginning at 7 p.m., except for the March 8 reading in Dimnent Memorial Chapel. Live music by the Hope College Jazz Chamber Ensemble will precede the readings beginning at 6:30 p.m. Admission is free.

Great Performance Series

Nnenna Freelon—Friday, Feb. 25: Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 7:30 p.m.

Dynamo Theatre in Me Me Me—Wednesday-Thursday, March 30-31, Knickerbocker Theatre, 7:30 p.m.

Tickets for Great Performance Series events are \$14 for regular adult admission, \$12 for senior citizens and members of the Hope faculty and staff, and \$5 for children under 18 and Hope students. Tickets will be sold at the theatre lobby box office in the DeWitt Center. The box office is open weekdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and can be called at (616) 395-7890.



17th Annual Musical Showcase Monday, March 7 8 p.m. DeVos Hall

The music event of the year.

All of Hope College's major music ensembles, as well as selected soloists and chamber groups.

Tickets \$10.00

Ticket plus pre-concert reception at 6:30 p.m., \$12.00

Tickets available at 616-395-7860

Music

Dr. Gail Archer, Organist—Tuesday, Feb. 22: room 113 of Nykerk Hall of Music, 8 p.m. Because seating is limited, please call the department at (616) 395-7650 for a free ticket.

Opera Workshop—Thursday, Feb. 24: Wichers Auditorium of Nykerk Hall of Music, 6 p.m. Admission is free.

Wind Symphony Concert—Friday, March 4: Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.

Faculty Recital—Saturday, March 5: pianist Lora Kolean '97, Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 4 p.m. Admission is free.

Musical Showcase—Monday, March 7: DeVos Hall, Grand Rapids, Mich., 8 p.m. Tickets are \$10, and are available at the office of public and community relations, (616) 395-7860.

Admission to the showcase and the 6:30 p.m. pre-concert reception together is \$12.

Orchid Ensemble—Wednesday, March 9: Knickerbocker Theatre, 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for the general public with admission free for the Hope community; tickets will be available at the door.

Faculty Recital Series—Sunday, March 13: Wichers Auditorium of Nykerk Hall of Music, 3 p.m. Admission is free.

Verdi String Quartet—Monday, March 14: Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$14 for regular admission, \$12 for senior citizens and members of the Hope faculty and staff, and \$5 for children under 18 and Hope students. Tickets will be available on Thursday, March 3, at the theatre lobby box office in the DeWitt Center. The box office is open weekdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and can be called at (616) 395-7890.

Dr. Ann Labounsky, Organist—Tuesday, March 29: room 113 of Nykerk Hall of Music, 8 p.m. Because seating is limited, please call the department at (616) 395-7650 for a free ticket.

Delta Omicron "April Fool's Concert"—Friday, April 1: Wichers Auditorium of Nykerk Hall of Music, 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.

Chapel Choir "Home" Concert—Monday, April 4: St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church, 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.

Guest Artists—Tuesday, April 5: Kalamazoo Symphony Woodwind Quintet, 7:30 p.m. Loc. TBA. Admission is free.

Orchestra Concert—Friday, April 8: Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.

Jazz Combos Concerts—Monday-Tuesday, April 11-12: Wichers Auditorium of Nykerk Hall of Music, 7 p.m. Admission is free.

Faculty Recital Series—Sunday, April 17: Wichers Auditorium of Nykerk Hall of Music, 3 p.m. With guests hornist Bill Kuyper '61 and cellist Kermit Moore. Admission is free.

Women's Chamber Choir Concert—Monday, April 18: St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church, 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.

Traditional Events

Honors Convocation—Thursday, April 28

Baccalaureate and Commencement—Sunday, May 8

Theatre

The Icefishing Play—Thursday-Friday, Feb. 17-18, and Wednesday-Saturday, Feb. 23-26

DeWitt Center, main theatre, 8 p.m.; By Kevin Kling
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, and available approximately two weeks before the productions open. 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) 395-7890.

Freezing Paradise, with Kevin Kling—Saturday, Feb. 19

DeWitt Center, main theatre, 8 p.m.

Tickets are \$10 for regular admission and \$5 for senior citizens and students, and are available at the theatre lobby box office in the DeWitt Center. The box office is open weekdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and can be called at (616) 395-7890.

Alumni, Parents and Friends

Regional Events

San Francisco, Calif.—Monday, March 21

A 6:30 p.m. dinner with President James Bultman '63, Martie Tucker '63 Bultman and Dr. Stephen Hemenway of the English faculty at the World Trade Club.

Grand Rapids, Mich.—Saturday, April 2

Mid-afternoon, featuring the Henry Moore exhibit at Frederik Meijer Gardens.

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

Mahwah, N.J.—Sunday, April 24

New York City—Monday, April 25

More information about these three events TBA.

Alumni Weekend—Friday-Sunday, May 6-8

Includes reunions for every fifth class, '40 through '80.

Alumni Trip—June 11-25

An educational trip through northern Italy for alumni and friends of the college, led by Dr. John Quinn, associate professor of classics.

For more information concerning the above events, please call the Office of Alumni and Parent Relations at (616) 395-7250 or visit the Alumni Association Web site at: www.hope.edu/alumni/

Instant Information

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

A lasting legacy

As Hope's largest single fund-raising effort succeeds, the real winners are the students who will benefit from the campaign for generations to come.

The *Legacies: A Vision of Hope* comprehensive campaign has successfully concluded as the largest single fund-raising effort in the college's history.

Hope has raised more than \$137 million from more than 3,300 donors through the campaign, well above the college's goal of \$105 million. The college also raised nearly \$15 million through its annual "Hope Fund" effort from 2000 through 2004, for a combined total of more than \$152 million, making it one of the largest fund-raising efforts by a non-profit organization in West Michigan history.

Hope announced the successful end to the multi-year campaign on Friday, Jan. 28, in conjunction with the January meeting of the college's Board of Trustees.

"By any measure, this was a wonderfully successful capital campaign," said President Dr. James E. Bultman '63. "That the money was raised during a period of economic recession in our country and especially in western Michigan makes the amount even more remarkable."

"It's very humbling and gratifying to have this level of support from our constituency, and we thank our alumni and our friends who have been so faithful and generous in their support," he said. "And we acknowledge also God's grace and goodness to us as an institution."

Joel Bouwens '74, chairman of the Board of Trustees, agreed, citing the lasting role that the campaign will play at the college.

"These gifts will enable Hope to have a positive impact on the lives of students for many years to come," Bouwens said.

"Hope's alumni and friends are very generous, and we're extremely grateful for the support that Hope has received, not only locally but also nationally," he said. "This level of giving suggests the Hope community is supportive of its mission; they believe that the college carries out its mission effectively and efficiently; and they are confident the college will continue to hold true to its mission."

Bouwens also expressed appreciation for the campaign's three co-chairs and the college's presidential leadership, as well as the efforts of the college's advancement staff.

LEGACIES

A VISION  OF HOPE

"Our three chairs, Peter Cook, Peter Huizenga ['60] and Phil Miller ['65], provided great leadership for this campaign," he said. "[Former President] John Jacobson started out with a strong vision, and President Bultman built on that vision and met the challenge of bringing it to a successful conclusion. All the members of the fund-raising team, under the leadership first of Bob DeYoung ['56] and then of Bill Anderson, also deserve to be commended for their outstanding work."

The *Legacies: A Vision of Hope* comprehensive campaign featured four primary initiatives: building a new science center and renovating the Peale Science Center; increasing the endowment to provide on-going support for college operations and programs; building the Martha Miller Center for Global Communication and making a variety of campus improvements; and building the DeVos Fieldhouse.



The largest single fund-raising effort in the college's history, *Legacies: A Vision of Hope* has already had a major impact on the college and will continue to shape the campus and Hope programs in the years to come. Announcing the campaign's successful conclusion in January, President James Bultman '63 and Trustee Chairman Joel Bouwens '74 unveil the total.

The college announced the campaign in October of 2000 as an \$85 million effort including the first three components. The DeVos Fieldhouse, anchored by a \$7.5 million leadership gift from the Richard and Helen DeVos Foundation, was announced as a separate fund-raising initiative in March of 2001, and was made a part of the campaign in January of 2002, bringing the total goal to \$105 million.

Work on all four components proceeded even as fund-raising continued.

The science center project included construction of both a new, 85,900 square foot building and the renovation of the existing, 72,000 square foot Peale Science Center. The new building opened in August of 2003, and the renovation of the adjacent Peale building was completed in August of 2004. The combined structures house the departments of biology, chemistry, geological and environmental sciences, nursing and psychology. The project totaled \$36 million.

The college broke ground in late April of 2004 for both the Richard and Helen DeVos Fieldhouse and the Martha Miller Center for Global Communication. Construction on both continues, with the Martha Miller Center expected to be ready for the 2005-06 school year and the DeVos Fieldhouse scheduled to open during the fall of 2005.

The Martha Miller Center will house the departments of communication and of modern and classical languages, as well as the offices of international education and multicultural life. The 49,000 square foot building is named in honor of the late Martha Muller '24 Miller, who died in 1999 at age 96, in recognition of a \$3 million leadership gift her family made on behalf of the project through her estate. The project totals \$12 million.

The DeVos Fieldhouse will house offices for the department of kinesiology and the college's athletic training program, and will become home court for the volleyball and men's and women's basketball programs. Owned and operated by Hope, the fieldhouse will serve as a community

resource for local events, helping to meet an area-wide need for such space. Among other uses, it will be a home court for Holland Christian men's basketball.

The 102,000 square foot building is being built on Fairbanks Avenue south of Ninth Street. Particular emphasis has been placed on the fieldhouse site itself, with extensive use of green space intended to create a park-like setting designed to help enhance the visual appeal of the main eastern gateway to downtown and campus.

The fieldhouse is being named for Richard and Helen DeVos in honor of their foundation's leadership gift. The total project cost is \$22 million.

Additional campus projects already completed include the construction of new weight and exercise rooms, and of two new dance studios, in the Dow Center, and the restoration of the stained glass windows and mortar joints of landmark Dimment Memorial Chapel. A major restoration of the historic Skinner organ in the chapel began at the beginning of January and is expected to continue through the fall. Projects remaining include the renovation of Graves and Lubbers halls, both of which will likely begin in 2006, after some of the buildings' occupants have moved to the new Martha Miller Center.

Gifts in support of endowment have totaled more than \$52 million. The campaign added 167 new endowment funds, including 138 new scholarships and four new endowed chairs.

Approximately 70 percent of the \$137.5 million raised through *Legacies* is in gifts already received and short-term pledges. The remaining 30 percent, about \$41 million, is in the form of deferred gifts, such as provisions made by members of the Hope family through their estate planning.

The total raised through *Legacies: A Vision of Hope* more than doubles the previous high for a single fund-raising effort at the college. An earlier campaign, *Hope in the Future*, concluded in June of 1994 having raised \$58.1 million, surpassing its goal of \$50 million. ✍

Events

CHAPEL CHOIR TOUR

Director: Brad Richmond

Instead of conducting a stateside March tour this year, the Chapel Choir will tour France and the Netherlands in May.

Planned appearances in France include an evening performance in Caen on Thursday, May 12; a late afternoon performance in historic Chartres Cathedral on Friday, May 13; and participation in the Pentecost Sunday morning worship service followed by a short concert at the American Church in Paris on May 15. In the Netherlands, the choir's plans include a performance at a school near Maastricht plus an evening concert with a local choir on Tuesday, May 17; an evening concert in the central Netherlands on Wednesday, May 18; and a midday performance as part of the regular concert series at historic St. Janskerk in Gouda on Thursday, May 19.

The tour will also provide sight-seeing opportunities for the choir in France, Belgium and the Netherlands. The itinerary will include visits to the Normandy D-Day beaches, the palace and gardens of Versailles, the Notre Dame Cathedral, the Louvre Museum, Brugge and Brussels, and the Het Loo Royal Palace and Gardens, and a cruise of Amsterdam's canals.

The Chapel Choir will present its annual "Home" concert on Monday, April 4, at 7:30 p.m. at St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church in Holland.

SYMPHONETTE TOUR

Director: Richard Piippo

Thursday, March 17—Resurrection Reformed Church, Flint, Mich., 7:30 p.m.

Friday, March 18—St. John's Episcopal Church, Detroit, Mich., 7 p.m.

Saturday, March 19—Grace Church, Port Huron, Mich., 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 20—Grace United Methodist Church, Zanesville, Ohio, 7 p.m.

Monday, March 21—Winton Woods High School, Cincinnati, Ohio, noon

Tuesday, March 22—Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Clemson, S.C., 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 23—Trinity Church, Southport, N.C., 7 p.m.

MEN'S TRACK

Indoor

Sat., Feb. 19.....at Wis.-OshKosh, 10 a.m.
Fri., March 4.....at Carthage, Wis., 5 p.m.

Spring Trip

Sat., March 19.....at Coastal Carolina, 10 a.m.
Sat., March 26.....at Emory, Ga., 10 a.m.

Outdoor

Sat., April 2.....*Albion & Olivet at Albion, noon
Wed., April 6.....*Alma & Adrian at Alma, 2 p.m.
Wed., April 13.....*CALVIN & TRI-STATE, 2 p.m.
Sat., April 23.....at Eastern Michigan, 4 p.m.
Fri.-Sat., April 29-30.....at Hillsdale Relays
Thurs.-Fri., May 5-6.....*MIAA FIELD DAY
Wed., May 11.....at Aquinas Invitational, 4 p.m.
Thurs.-Fri., May 12-13.....at North Central, Ill. Invitational
Thurs.-Fri., May 19-20.....at North Central, Ill. Invitational

WOMEN'S TRACK

Indoor

Sat., Feb. 19.....at Wis.-OshKosh, 10 a.m.
Fri., March 4.....at Carthage, Wis., 5 p.m.

Spring Trip

Sat., March 19.....at Coastal Carolina, 10 a.m.
Sat., March 26.....at Emory, Ga., 10 a.m.

Outdoor

Sat., April 2.....*Albion & Olivet at Albion, noon
Wed., April 6.....*Alma & Adrian at Alma, 2 p.m.
Wed., April 13.....*CALVIN & TRI-STATE, 2 p.m.
Sat., April 23.....at Eastern Michigan, 4 p.m.
Fri.-Sat., April 29-30.....at Hillsdale Relays
Thurs.-Fri., May 5-6.....*MIAA FIELD DAY
Wed., May 11.....at Aquinas Invitational, 4 p.m.
Thurs.-Fri., May 12-13.....at North Central, Ill. Invitational
Thurs.-Fri., May 19-20.....at North Central, Ill. Invitational
*MIAA Meet
Home meets held at Ekdal J. Buys Athletic Fields located at 13th Street and Fairbanks Avenue.



Ready to Play — Even as the winter sports seasons continue, other athletes at Hope are already thinking spring. Four sports, including men's tennis, start this month.

BASEBALL

Early Season

Fri., March 4.....at De Pauw, Ind.(DH), 1 p.m.
Sat., March 5.....at Franklin, Ind.(DH), tba
Tues., March 15.....AQUINAS, 3 p.m.

Spring Trip

Sat., March 19.....#Marion, Wis. (DH), 12:30 p.m.
Mon., March 21.....#Saint John's, Minn. (DH), 10 a.m.
Tues., March 22.....#Elmhurst, Ill. (DH), 12:30 p.m.
Wed., March 23.....#St. Mary's, Minn., 3 p.m.
Thurs., March 24.....#St. Norbert, Wis. (DH), 12:30 p.m.
Fri., March 25.....#Carthage, Wis., 9:30 a.m.
#Games played in Port Charlotte, Fla.

Regular Season

Mon.-Tues., March 28-29.....*at Alma, 3 p.m., 1 p.m.
Fri.-Sat., April 1-2.....*CALVIN, 3 p.m., 1 p.m.
Tues., April 5.....at Concordia, 4 p.m.
Fri.-Sat., April 8-9.....*at Adrian, 4 p.m., 1 p.m.
Tues., April 12.....at Madonna, 3 p.m.
Fri.-Sat., April 15-16.....*KALAMAZOO, 4 p.m., 1 p.m.
Tues., April 19.....+Aquinas (DH), 2 p.m.
Fri.-Sat., April 22-23.....*ALBION, 4 p.m., 1 p.m.
Mon., April 25.....at Spring Arbor, 3 p.m.
Fri.-Sat., April 29-30.....*TRI-STATE, 4 p.m., 1 p.m.
Fri.-Sat., May 6-7.....*at Olivet, 4 p.m., 1 p.m.
*MIAA Tripleheader (one nine-inning game on first day and two games on second day)
+Fifth Third Ball Park
Home games played at Ekdal J. Buys Athletic Fields located at 13th Street and Fairbanks Avenue.

MEN'S TENNIS

Indoor Season

Sat., Feb. 19.....*ADRIAN, 1 p.m.
Sat., Feb. 26.....CARTHAGE, WIS., 1 p.m.
Sat., March 12.....*Alma at Wabash, Ind., 8 a.m.
.....Wabash, Ind., 4 p.m.
Tues., March 15.....GRAND VALLEY, 4 p.m.
Wed., March 16.....*TRI-STATE, 4 p.m.
Indoor matches played at DeWitt Tennis Center.

Spring Trip

Mon., March 21.....#Luther, Iowa, 8 a.m.
Tues., March 22.....#Wis.-Whitewater, noon
Wed., March 23.....#Macalester, Minn., 8 a.m.
Thurs., March 24.....#Asbury, Ky., 2 p.m.
Fri., March 25.....#Carleton, Minn., noon
#Hilton Head Island, S.C.

Regular Season

Sat., April 2.....Central, Iowa at Ottawa, Ill., 9 a.m.
.....at Elmhurst, Ill., 3 p.m.
Fri.-Sat., April 8-9.....GLCA Tournament at DePauw, Ind.
Wed., April 13.....*at Kalamazoo, 4 p.m.
Sat., April 16.....*at Albion, 1 p.m.
Wed., April 20.....*at Calvin, 4 p.m.
Fri., April 22.....WHEATON, ILL., 4 p.m.
Mon., April 25.....AQUINAS, 4 p.m.
Wed., April 27.....GRAND RAPIDS COMMUNITY, 4 p.m.
Fri.-Sat., April 29-30.....MIAA TOURNAMENT
*MIAA Match
Home matches played at 13th Street and Columbia Avenue.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Indoor Season

Tues., Feb. 22.....FERRIS, 4 p.m.
Sat., Feb. 26.....WHEATON, ILL., 9:30 a.m.
.....CARTHAGE, WIS., 4 p.m.
Tues., March 1.....GRAND VALLEY, 4 p.m.
Fri., March 4.....UNIV. OF CHICAGO, ILL., 5 p.m.
Indoor matches played at DeWitt Tennis Center.

Spring Trip

Mon., March 21.....#St. Benedict, Minn., 11 a.m.
Tues., March 22.....#UW Whitewater, 8 p.m.
Wed., March 23.....#Luther, Iowa, 8 a.m.
Thurs., March 24.....#Carleton, Minn., 8 a.m.
Fri., March 25.....#St. Olaf, Minn., 8 a.m.
#Matches played in Hilton Head, S.C.

Regular Season

Thurs., March 10.....*at Alma, 3 p.m.
Wed., March 30.....*CALVIN, 3 p.m.
Fri.-Sat., April 1-2.....GLCA Tournament
Tues., April 5.....*OLIVET, 3 p.m.
Thurs., April 7.....*at Saint Mary's, 3 p.m.
Fri.-Sat., April 8-9.....at Midwest Invitational
Sat., April 16.....*TRI-STATE, IND., 1 p.m.
Sat., April 23.....*KALAMAZOO, 1 p.m.
Tues., April 26.....*at Albion, 3 p.m.
Fri.-Sat., April 29-30.....MIAA Tournament at Kalamazoo
*MIAA Match
Home matches played at 13th Street and Columbia Avenue.

SOFTBALL

Early Season

Tues., March 15.....at Aquinas, 3 p.m.
Thurs., March 17.....at Trinity International, Ill., 4 p.m.

Spring Trip

Sat., March 19.....Spring Arbor at Warner Southern, Fla., tba
Mon, March 21.....#Otterbein, Ohio, 12:30 p.m.
.....#UW-Eau Claire, 4:10 p.m.
Tues., March 22.....#DePauw, Ind., 8:50 a.m.
.....#Millikin, Ill., 10:40 a.m.
Wed., March 23.....#Concordia, Mn., 10:40 a.m.
.....#Washington & Jefferson, Pa., 2:20 p.m.
Thurs., March 24.....#Western Connecticut St., 4:10 p.m.
.....#Fontbonne, Mo., 6 p.m.
#Games played in Kissimmee, Fla.

Regular Season

Wed., March 30.....*at Alma, 3 p.m.
Fri., April 1.....UW-Stout, 3 p.m.
Sat., April 2.....+Case Western Reserve, Ohio, 11 a.m.
.....+UW-Riverfalls, 3 p.m.
Tues., April 5.....*at Olivet, 3:30 p.m.
Sat., April 9.....*TRI-STATE, IND., 1 p.m.
Tues., April 12.....*ADRIAN, 3:30 p.m.
Thurs., April 14.....*at Saint Mary's, 4:30 p.m.
Fri.-Sat., April 15-16.....at Illinois Wesleyan Tournament
Wed., April 20.....*KALAMAZOO, 3:30 p.m.
Mon., April 25.....*at Albion, 3:30 p.m.
Tues., April 26.....UNIV. OF CHICAGO, ILL., 3:30 p.m.
Thurs., April 28.....*CALVIN, 3:30 p.m.
Thurs.-Sat., May 5-7.....MIAA Tournament
*MIAA Doubleheader +Single Game
Home games played at Ekdal J. Buys Athletic Fields located at 13th Street and Fairbanks Avenue.

MEN'S GOLF

Fri.-Sat., March 25-26.....at Muskingum, Ohio Invitational
Sat., April 2.....at Manchester, Ind. Invitational
Fri.-Sat., April 15-16.....at Wooster, Ohio Invitational
Mon., April 18.....at Furniture City Classic
Fri.-Sat., April 22-23.....at Tri-State Invitational
Tues., April 26.....Tournament Player's Club of Mich. Red
Polink Classic

WOMEN'S GOLF

Sat., April 9.....at Tri-State Invitational, 11 a.m.
Wed., April 13.....at Bethel, Ind. Invitational, 1 p.m.
Fri., April 22.....at Millikin, Ill. Invitational, 1 p.m.
Sat., April 23.....at Millikin, Ill. Invitational, 8 a.m.
Mon., April 25.....HOPE SPRING INVITATIONAL
Home match played at Wuskowhan PC.

Finding voice

They aren't perfect.

They aren't always easy to admire.

But—or, maybe, therefore—the characters at the heart of Scott Kaukonen's fiction also can't be ignored, not by the author who brings them to life nor by those who read his work.

Those readers include judges of literary competitions. Twice within the past year, Kaukonen, a 1991 Hope graduate who is completing his doctorate in English and creative writing at the University of Missouri-Columbia, has won national awards for his writing.

In October, he won first prize in the 2004 Nelson Algren Awards competition of the *Chicago Tribune* for his short story "Punnett's Squares." Last spring, he was named the 2004 winner of The Ohio State University Prize in Short Fiction, formerly known as the Sandstone Prize, for his collection *Ordination*, which The Ohio State University Press will publish in April. In 2003 he had received another honor, a writing fellowship through Western Michigan University's Prague Summer Program.

His characters are complicated, conflicted human beings in situations both ordinary and extraordinary. In "Punnett's Squares," an adopted Eurasian teen works through his identity. In "Ordination," the titular short story of his award-winning collection, a young minister and his wife face social compromises in seeking a new pastorate. In "Punitive Damages," a father whose son has died deals with his grief whether he knows it or not.

"My stories are often interested in pushing my characters into situations that make them very uncomfortable..."

— Scott Kaukonen '91

"My stories are often interested in pushing my characters into situations that make them very uncomfortable, that might lead them to an initial dogmatic response, then forcing them to confront the complexity of the situation," Kaukonen said.

"One thing in general that I'm interested in is—it's sort of an old-fashioned question—why do people do what they do?" he said. "Then, how do they reconcile themselves to what they have done?"

Interest doesn't equal approval. At the same time, however, he also approaches the characters with a sense of empathy.

"There are characters who, if I were to know that person in real life, they're not someone I'd be very pleased with," he said. "But then, how do you try to understand who that person is—which isn't to accept what they've done, but how do you show grace toward them or how do you understand what that even means? That's not an easy thing sometimes."

Kaukonen's investigation of concepts

such as grace and morality has early roots. He is the son and grandson of fundamentalist Baptist ministers.

"So I draw a lot upon that world, somewhat autobiographically and somewhat not autobiographically," he said.

Dr. Trudy Lewis is chair of Kaukonen's dissertation committee at the University of Missouri-Columbia, where she is a professor of English, women's and gender studies. She has been impressed by his exploration of moral themes.

"I admire the ethical force in all of [his] fiction, which is the element that reminds me most strongly of [Flannery] O'Connor in particular," she said. "As a result, the work is much more dramatic than most contemporary short fiction. There's also a significant amount of pointed humor in his fiction, serving not merely to amuse the reader but to reveal inconsistencies in characters and ideological positions. [He] has a gift for the conceptual, taking an idea—often a philosophical or religious one—and embodying it in the flesh of his characters."

His thematic interests began in early childhood, but the idea of becoming a writer didn't. That happened at Hope, beginning with a class taught by Jack Ridl of the English faculty.

"He had a big impact on me freshman year, first semester, freshman composition," Kaukonen said. "Jack was the first person to get me to think about writing specifically as something other than a marketable skill that you needed to get a job, or that you need to perform academically in class; the first person to really get me to think about the relationship between literature and the world—that literature wasn't just these fanciful stories that people made up, but there was some relationship between what took place in a novel and the larger world."

After Hope, where he was a political science and English/communication composite major, he returned home to Colon, Mich., interested in writing but with no definite plans. He had written for the *Anchor* as a student, though, and a friend of his father's knew of a part-time opportunity in sports at *The Sturgis Journal*. Within four months he was the sports editor. After a couple years with the *Sturgis* paper, he returned to Holland to cover sports for the Lakeshore edition of *The Grand Rapids Press*.

His colleagues included Jeff Seidel, who now writes features for *The Detroit Free Press*. Seidel fondly recalls good, extended conversations about writing, and the freedom to experiment with the form.

"I think we were both growing up as writers, and that's not a bad place to do it," Seidel said. "Literally, we could do anything we wanted. We had to fill, basically between the both of us, a full page every day."

The immediacy of the feedback in covering a daily, local beat, Seidel noted, was invaluable.

"You would find out what worked, what didn't; what touched people, what didn't. And it's got to have a huge influence on your style, what you look for, all those kinds of things."

Seidel can see Kaukonen's journalistic background in his fiction.

"It's literally the stuff I'm trying to do in nonfiction right now at the *Freep*," he said. "What he's doing is mining his own experi-



Scott Kaukonen '91 has earned national recognition for his fiction, including, most recently, first prize in the 2004 Nelson Algren Awards competition of the *Chicago Tribune*.

ences and other people's experiences just to get, we call it, 'felt life,' and that's what you felt when you were reading ['Punnett's Squares']. It was just so real. Obviously there is a lot of talent there."

While he was back in Holland with the *Press*, Kaukonen attended writing workshops taught by Pinckney Benedict of the Hope English faculty and looked into fiction writing.

"I really enjoyed working as a sports writer," he said. "But there was a lot more I wanted to say or address about the world."

So, he left his full-time job, moved west, and completed an M.F.A. in creative writing at the University of Arizona. He went on for his Ph.D. for an additional opportunity to hone his writing and more options as a teacher.

The Algren and Ohio State awards won't hurt either.

"These are significant recognitions. I know that the Nelson Algren Award has been the first step for many well-known and accomplished writers," Dr. Lewis said. "At the very least, the Nelson and the Sandstone should guarantee Scott an excellent teaching job, which will give him a strong base for continuing his work."

Kaukonen, who has been teaching throughout his graduate experience, takes seriously his responsibility to his students. Wherever he winds up next year, he is committed to "demythologizing" the world of

writing and helping them to learn, as he did, to appreciate how literature relates.

Hope, he noted, provided a strong model.

"I have an even greater appreciation for the caliber of teaching at Hope, whether it's Jack, or Nancy Nicodemus, Jane Bach, Stephen Hemenway or the guys over in the political science department," Kaukonen said. "I think that influence of what a teacher can be and what a teacher should be is significant, and that goes right back to my experience at Hope and the teachers I had there."

Professor Ridl, in turn, sees a good alumni model for today's students in Kaukonen, whose dedication has been the basis for, rather than motivated by, his successes.

"Those things that have come his way are results rather than goals," Professor Ridl said. "His goals are very Hope College-y goals: be humane, be of service, do something that has meaning and value and adds something of good."

"And so these things that have happened are the result of that, and I think that's a really important thing and an important thing for our students to see—that he didn't set out to win The Ohio State Prize, or to go to Prague, or to win the Algren Award. Those were the results," he said. "He's a wonderful writer for our students to look toward to stay centered on the real reasons for doing this." ↵

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Faculty Kudos:

FACULTY HONORED: Hope College presented awards honoring teaching, service and scholarship to multiple faculty members during the college's annual recognition luncheon on Monday, Jan. 10.

Named a "Towsley Research Scholar" was Dr. Matt DeJongh, assistant professor of computer science.

The "Ruth and John Reed Faculty Achievement Awards" were presented to Dr. Steve Smith, associate professor of kinesiology, and Dr. Leslie Wessman, who is the Arnold and Esther Sonneveldt Professor of Education and chairperson of the department.

The "Provost's Awards for Excellence in Teaching" were presented to Dr. Patricia Roehling, who is professor of psychology and chairperson of the department, and Dr. Kathleen Verduin '65, professor of English.

The "Provost's Awards for Service to the Academic Program" were presented to Dr. Barry Bandstra, who is the Evert J. and Hattie E. Blekkink Professor of Religion, and Carl Heideman '88, who is director of computing and information technology.

The traditional luncheon provides an opportunity to celebrate many different forms of faculty service, scholarly achievement and professional involvement.

Nancy Sonneveldt '62 Miller, who is dean for the social sciences, and her husband Phil Miller '65 received an Outstanding Volunteers Award from the West Michigan Association of Fundraising Professionals.

They were recognized on Tuesday, Nov. 9, during the chapter's celebration of National Philanthropy Day, which included not only an awards luncheon but also a keynote presentation and breakout sessions. The event was held at Grand Valley State University's L.V. Eberhard Center in Grand Rapids.

The Outstanding Volunteers Award is presented to those whose personal commitment through volunteer efforts to a cause or causes has been extraordinary in bring great benefit to philanthropy. The Millers were honored for their active and extensive involvement in area organizations.

Nancy Miller is also a professor of education at Hope, where she has been a member of the faculty since 1968. Phil Miller, who is chairman and chief executive officer of Howard Miller Clock Company, is a past member of the college's Board of Trustees, serving from 1988 until retiring from the board in 2004.

In addition to their other involvement with Hope, they are supporters of the Children's After School Achievement (CASA) program, a tutoring and mentoring program housed at the college for area elementary-age children. For more than 30 years, they have coordinated the Christmas Project for Bethany Christian Services, a program that provides gifts for each child that Bethany has in its foster and residential care, more than 400 each year. Phil also served as a member of Bethany's National Board of Trustees for several terms. They have been active with the Holland Christian Schools, Nancy serving three terms on the Board of Education and Phil serving terms on the investment committee and with the Tuition Grant Fund.

Patricia Roehling, professor of psychology and chair of the department, is co-author, with Dr. Phyllis Moen of the University of Minnesota, of the book *The Career Mystique: Cracks in the American Dream*, published

recently by the Rowman and Littlefield Publishing Group Inc. of Lanham, Md. The two authors examine the disconnect between the demands of a career and the structure of American society.

"According to myth of the 'career mystique' if you follow the prescribed path of education, work and family, and devote yourself to your job, with long hours and hard work, you will achieve the American dream," Dr. Roehling said. "But, society has changed and the myth of the career mystique no longer fits the realities of the 21st century."

"Careers are set up for people who can devote most of their time and energy to them, but most workers cannot or do not want to live their lives that way," she said. "The majority of families who have children, even under the age of one, have two parents who work. It has become the reality of family life."

The book's title is inspired by the name of Betty Friedan's 1963 book *The Feminine Mystique*, which challenged society's assumption that women should find complete fulfillment by devoting themselves to the duties solely to duties of the home. In the decades that followed, Dr. Roehling said, expectations for women changed, and they were able to pursue career opportunities previously available only to their male counterparts. Where only one woman in five worked for pay in 1900, today three out of five are employed. While 35 percent of mothers with infants were employed in 1978, nearly 60 percent work outside the home today.

"Unfortunately, women traded in the feminine mystique for the career mystique and it just doesn't work," she said. "The career mystique is based on the assumption that someone is at home taking care of the needs of the home. That is no longer the case."

Priscilla Atkins and Heather Sellers both have work in Issue 11 of *Smartish Pace*.

Both poets, who have had work published in a variety of literary journals through the years, knew to expect to see their own work when the mail brought the highly selective magazine to them in January. Seeing a Hope colleague's work included in the same edition was a bonus.

Smartish Pace is published twice a year and based in Baltimore, Md. Among the other poets with work included in Issue 11 are Michael Burkard, Debora Greger, Richard Jones (who previously read at Hope through the Visiting Writers Series), U.S. Poet Laureate Ted Kooser and Marina Tsvetaeva.

Atkins is arts librarian with the rank of associate professor. She has had poems published in many periodicals, including recently *English Journal*, *The Hollins Critic*, *Southern Review*, *Southern Humanities Review* and *Tar River Poetry*, and the forthcoming *The Connecticut Review*, *Prairie Schooner*, *Raritan: A Literary Quarterly* and *Southern Humanities Review*.

Sellers is an associate professor of English and director of the college's creative writing program. Her poems have appeared in several journals, anthologies and literary magazines. She is the author of a chapbook of poetry, *Your Whole Life*, and a book of poetry, *Drinking Girls and Their Dresses*. Her publications also include the *Georgia Under Water*, a collection of short fiction; *Spike and Cubby's Ice Cream Island Adventure*, a children's book; and *Page after Page: how to start writing and keep writing no matter what!*, a guide for writers. conference held in Chicago, Ill. Programs were honored for excellence at the Gold, Silver or Bronze level, or with Honorable Mention. ✍



The soaring entry arch that will frame the main event entrance to the Richard and Helen DeVos Fieldhouse has taken its place on the building's east side. The arch stands 28 feet tall and 53 feet wide, and weighs 198,000 pounds. Made of post-tension, pre-cast concrete, the arch arrived in six pieces by truck and was assembled on-site. Construction continues throughout the winter on the building, scheduled to open in the fall of 2005.

Theatre prof volunteers with featured program

Michelle Bombe of the theatre faculty plays a behind-the-scenes role in a program featured in a documentary film that premiered at the 2005 Sundance Film Festival in January.

Bombe, who is an associate professor of theatre, director of theatre and resident costume designer at Hope, designs the costumes and provides technical support for "Shakespeare Behind Bars," part of the educational outreach of the Kentucky Shakespeare Festival. Philomath Films has produced a documentary about the prison-based program that was one of only 16 such films selected to have its world premiere at Sundance, which ran Thursday, Jan. 20, through Sunday, Jan. 30, in Park City, Utah.

"Shakespeare Behind Bars" was created in 1995 by Curt L. Tofteland, the long-time producing artistic director of Kentucky Shakespeare Festival, and co-founded with Dr. Julie Barto, staff psychologist at the Luther Luckett Correctional Complex in LaGrange, Ky.

The program was designed with the inmates' personal growth in mind, and seeks to allow the adult prison population an opportunity to examine relevant personal and social issues within the structure of an aesthetic experience. The 90-minute documentary by Philomath Films follows the nine-month process of bringing Shakespeare's play *The Tempest* to performance at the medium-security prison in 2003.

Professor Bombe, who joined the Hope faculty in 1991, works with the Kentucky Shakespeare Festival each summer, designing costumes for the festival's free outdoor presentations of Shakespeare's plays in Louisville's preservation district—a program that serves a total audience of 12,000-15,000 annually. She began working with the festival in 1998, and joined

Tofteland in working with "Shakespeare Behind Bars" the next year.

"It's so rewarding to watch the growth that they experience—to witness that is a real privilege," she said. "I've always believed that theatre has the power to change people, but this is seeing it in such an immediate way."

The inmates prepare for the productions within the limits set by their incarceration. For example, Professor Bombe noted, they might rehearse while waiting in line. Sometimes, she said, the rehearsals themselves prove inspiring.

"One of the inmates joined us after seeing a rehearsal," Professor Bombe recalled. "One day out on the yard, they were doing a scene from *Julius Caesar*, and it was so captivating that everyone stopped to watch these two men doing this scene. The inmate, who was watching, wanted to be a part of that."

The productions are true to history in one respect in particular: the cast is all-male, just as it was in the Elizabethan playwright's day.

As a costumer, Professor Bombe is careful to keep the production's context in mind.

"The philosophy of designing costumes for the prison productions is a little different," she said. "We never forget that they're inmates. Their prison uniform becomes the base of the costumes, so we always have that visible in some way."

Watching the inmates present their finished production to their peers, she has found that all the elements combine to produce a powerful experience.

"That's part of the power of the performances," Professor Bombe said. "You see it on many levels. Not only do you hear the great words of Shakespeare and the situations that those characters are in, but then you have the added layer of these human beings that are convicted criminals and their journeys to redemption." ✍

Restoring a treasure

A treasured campus icon is taking a two-year sabbatical from which it will return as good as new.

And that's really saying something.

Hope's Skinner organ, a prominent fixture in Dimnent Memorial Chapel since both were dedicated in June of 1929, is being removed for a complete restoration. The process began in January, and the organ will be away until late in 2006.

"[The Skinner organ] came from a builder who is regarded as certainly the most important 20th century American builder."

**— Dr. Huw Lewis,
professor of music**

Audiences who have heard the instrument played during worship services, concerts and formal events such as Opening Convocation and Baccalaureate know well its quality. And, according to Dr. Huw Lewis, college organist, the many world renowned guest organists who have given concerts in Dimnent "readily acknowledged that it's one of the finest instruments that they've heard or played."

"Everybody who has played it, from both Europe and America, and American builders have readily acknowledged that

it's one of the finest instruments that they've heard or played," said Huw Lewis, who is a professor of music at Hope.

And well it should be.

"It came from a builder who is regarded as certainly the most important 20th century American builder, Ernest M. Skinner," Dr. Lewis said. "In his heyday, his company was thought of as the Rolls Royce or the Cadillac—the industry standard—for quality construction and sound."

What's more, the organ was built during a golden era in the company's history. Skinner, Dr. Lewis noted, was willing to share his knowledge with others, and became friends with the owner of the Willis organ company of Great Britain, which was itself highly regarded. Eventually, one of Willis's employees, G. Donald Harrison, came to the U.S. and started working with Skinner.

"And the instruments from that period, starting in 1928 for about maybe three, four or five years—the 'honeymoon period'—represented this fantastic marriage of the ideas of two great builders," Dr. Lewis said. "And Hope's instrument is a product of that period."

The reputation of Hope's organ is also high amongst today's organ builders. One expert who recently examined the organ, Dr. Lewis recalled, even went so far as to say that ultimately Hope's organ will stand as one of the top three masterpieces produced by Skinner.

It's also fortunate that the organ has survived. Hope's organ, like the others of its day, is an "orchestral" organ, large in range and sound. In the 1960s, such organs fell out of vogue, and there was a movement to return to the Baroque sound of earlier centuries. Many of the Skinner organs, Dr. Lewis observed, were modified accordingly, and some were even destroyed. Hope's organ, then, is one of a relatively few that remain authentic his-



Those attending this year's Christmas Vespers services were able to enjoy the final performances of the college's historic Skinner organ before the instrument's removal beginning in January for restoration. Pictured is senior David Bellows of Rochester, N.Y.

torically. (Hope also has an example of a Baroque instrument, the Pels and Van Leeuwen organ installed in the chapel's balcony in 1971.)

As fine as the Skinner organ is, it has been showing its age. In all of its 75-plus years, the organ never had a major restoration, although the project has been envisioned for some time—and, Dr. Lewis noted, was far overdue.

"The project has been on the docket since before I came in 1990," he said. "It's a testament to the quality of the instrument that it has continued to play and sound so beautifully."

The restoration, which will preserve the organ's original character, is being done by the Thompson-Allen Company of New Haven, Conn. Responsible for instruments such as the large Skinner organ in Woolsey Hall at Yale University, the company is, Dr. Lewis noted, "revered worldwide for restoring Skinner organs."

The company's services are so in demand that it would normally take about 10 years to work into the firm's schedule. As it happens, however, a project contracted for 2005 and 2006 fell through and the slot became open to Hope. Happily, funding became available at the same time, through the recent *Legacies: A Vision of Hope* comprehensive campaign.

The entire organ is going to New Haven, from the console, to all 2,932 pipes, to the pieces in between. All of the parts will be examined, and when replacements are needed they'll be constructed to the original specifications. In the meantime, the chambers in Dimnent that house the pipes and other out-of-sight components will be renovated.

The organ resulted from the cornerstone ceremony for the chapel in October of 1927. As he closed remarks prepared

for the event, the Rev. Henry J. Veldman, a member of the Board of Trustees and 1892 graduate, saw John Nykerk of the faculty in the audience, and, as a light-hearted and impromptu aside, said, "And now, Prof., as head of the music department I hope you will provide that beautiful chapel with a suitable organ."

Others were listening. Shortly after the ceremony, William Arendhorst approached Professor Nykerk and offered to donate the instrument with his father Bernard and brother John.

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The organ and the chapel chimes were dedicated on June 17, 1929, 10 days after the dedication ceremony for the chapel. Period accounts place the organ's cost at \$25,000, which was 10 percent of what it cost to build Dimnent.

Note: Provisions have been made to fill the void resulting from the Skinner organ's absence. The Pels and Van Leeuwen organ remains, of course, as does the J.W. Walker & Sons organ in the teaching studio completed in 2000, but the college is also renting a large electronic organ from the Westfield Organ Company—the same firm that supplies instruments to the Grand Rapids Symphony for concerts.



In January, the Thompson-Allen Company began dismantling the organ so that it can be shipped to New Haven, Conn., for restoration. The removal will continue in March. The organ is due back in time for Vespers at the end of the year.

Soaring through a century

The story of music at Hope is, perhaps, the ultimate liberal arts tale.

It also provides an embodiment of the familiar maxim that one person can make a difference.

It was long-time English faculty member John Nykerk whose efforts led, 100 years ago, to the founding of the department of music.

"Certainly Nykerk was a fascinating character," said Charles Aschbrenner, professor of music and himself a member of the faculty for more than 40 years, who is researching the department's history. "He was an English professor and yet he was teaching classes and lessons in music as well as organizing and directing musical ensembles."

"I think that most of the colleges that were founded by different denominations have all developed strong music programs—performing sacred choral literature is considered a very important element in both the academic and cultural life of these colleges."

— Charles Aschbrenner, professor of music

John Nykerk was raised in Overisel, Mich. He graduated from the Holland Academy (the high school that Hope used to operate) in 1881 and from the college in 1885. And then he stayed for the next 51 years, first as a tutor in English at the academy and then on the Hope faculty,

"influence the heart as well as the intellect." He recalled the Classical Greek conception of the arts as uplifting, but particularly cited the role of music throughout church history, noting, "Has not music been a mighty power in the hands of the Church for all times?"



The aptly named Musical Showcase at DeVos Hall in Grand Rapids, Mich., presents an opportunity to enjoy all of the department's major performing groups and many soloists and smaller ensembles. This year's concert will be held on Monday, March 7.

except for brief stints teaching at Northwestern Classical Academy and for graduate study at Oxford University.

His academic interests included not only literature but speech, and therein lies a clue to his enthusiasm for music. In a two-part essay written for the *Anchor*, the student paper, in 1890, he addressed "Music: Its Educational Value."

"First," he noted, "music can not fail to be an important aid in mental discipline."

Further, he said, the study of vocal music could be of direct help in both speaking and reading. "What a help the study of vocal music would be to advance the art of reading properly with good inflection, proper emphasis of word and thought, thereby bringing out its meaning," he wrote.

And finally, Professor Nykerk said, music "is a great factor in the training of the emotions and moral nature," a way to



Tours and noteworthy experiences have a long tradition among Hope's music ensembles. The Women's Glee Club in 1927 traveled to Washington, D.C., and posed on the White House lawn with President Calvin Coolidge (the gentleman on

Although there was a period early in Holland's history when the singing of hymns was a point of significant controversy in the local Reformed churches, for the Hope College of the 1890s the issue was long past. Professor Nykerk's view, according to Professor Aschbrenner, was in many ways typical.

"I think that most of the colleges that were founded by different denominations have all developed strong music programs—performing sacred choral literature is considered a very important element in both the academic and cultural life of these colleges," he said. "I believe that Hope College is simply a good example of that tradition."

The practice that resulted at such schools ultimately led to a model in higher education distinct from the more European approach of separating training in performance from academics, according to Dr. Stuart Sharp, professor of music and chairperson of the department. "The Midwestern universities and the church-related liberal arts colleges became places where one could study performance at a fairly high level and also study musical courses in an academic sense, in conjunction with the liberal arts environment," he said.

Professor Nykerk's priority, as is true at Hope today, was the development of the whole person. "The true educator strives to develop the whole man, body, mind and spirit," he wrote.

Small wonder, then, that a Glee Club under his direction debuted in 1890, and an

orchestra in 1893. He also organized a "Lyceum" series, a precursor to today's Great Performance Series, which brought in guest artists and used the proceeds from ticket sales to purchase musical instruments for the department. In fact, according to newspaper reports, by the time of his death in 1936 he had been responsible for acquiring every instrument at Hope except for a grand piano and the chapel organs.



John Nykerk of the Hope English faculty is recognized as the founder of the department of music.

the right). Regular readers of news from Hope College may recall the photograph in the October issue that showed the Chapel Choir inside the White House with Richard Nixon in 1970.

Brief references in the early college *Catalogs* to co-curricular activities in music and an abbreviated course listing in the 1903-04 edition eventually yielded to a section for the grandly named "School of Music" in the 1904-05 book. In April of 1905, the *Anchor* proclaimed, "The Musical Department of Hope College is rapidly coming to the front. It is no longer an experiment." The department/school marked its arrival with a production of Mendelssohn's *Elijah* at the end of the school year.

Senior Joseph Turbessi of Nunica, Mich., a music major who has been working with Professor Aschbrenner on the project through a student-faculty research grant, admired the musicians' ambition when he encountered reports of the oratorio.

"I was just really impressed that they were able to do such a difficult piece of music with such scant resources," he said. "That was the first performance of an oratorio in Holland. That was quite inspiring, I thought."

The activity continued, and by 1916 Hope also had both a Men's Glee Club and a Ladies' Glee Club. In 1927, the Ladies' Glee Club even visited Washington, D.C., and met President Calvin Coolidge.

For the first several years, the department's faculty were shared with other college programs or taught on a part-time/adjunct basis. That changed with the construction of Dimnent Memorial Chapel in 1929. William Curtis Snow was hired as organist and became Hope's first full-time music faculty member. Professor Snow's

tenure was cut short by his untimely death in December of 1935, but his contributions included one of Hope's most visible and enduring musical groups, the Chapel Choir.

The program continued to grow during the next couple of decades, producing traditions and ensembles that thrive still. Christmas Vespers began as a student-organized production in 1941, coincidentally on Pearl Harbor Day, and in the post-war



Walsh Hall, which stood west of Pillar Christian Reformed Church, was the first independent home of the department. Nykerk Hall of Music (shown on the cover), located in the central campus, was built in 1956.

period was transformed by faculty members Jantina Holleman and Anthony Kooiker into the popular form known today. Professor Holleman also organized the College Chorus, and Robert Cavanaugh initiated the choir's annual spring tour. Guest artists included well-known notables such as the Trapp Family Singers, of *Sound of Music* fame, Aaron Copland and John Cage.

In the early years, the department shared space in buildings such as Voorhees Hall and Dimnent Memorial Chapel. The department's first self-contained building was a former home: Walsh Hall, which stood on 10th Street west of Pillar Church.

The present, and purpose-built, "Music Hall" was constructed in 1956. The building was named for Professor Nykerk in 1962, and its main auditorium was named for Professor Snow in 1963. Nykerk Hall of Music has been expanded twice—with the Wynand Wichers addition in 1970, and with a new organ studio in 2000. Enhancements are on-going—this fall, for example, the department opened a new piano laboratory with 16 state-of-the-art electronic pianos.

The department offered bachelor's degrees in music in the 1920s and 1930s, and the present Bachelor of Music degree program has been accredited by the National Association of Schools of Music since 1969.

The accreditation was a milestone all the more because at the time it wasn't that common. More than 600 institutions are accredited by NASM today.

"In a way, we were a leader in our kind of school being accredited that early," Dr. Sharp said.

The department of music today offers two degree programs. The first is the Bachelor of Music degree with a major in performance, music education or an emphasis in jazz



Joan Conway, now retired, works with students in the initial piano lab in Nykerk Hall in the latter 1970s.

studies. The second is the Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in music. Students also find creative ways to blend the discipline with other studies, ranging from business to communication to theatre.

The program has 11 full-time and 30 part-time faculty, and they are highly regarded as artists and educators, with performance credits including Carnegie Hall and honors including state-wide "Teacher of the Year" recognition.

In addition to the Chapel Choir, College Chorus and Orchestra, performing ensembles available to students today include the Wind Symphony, Jazz Ensemble, Anchor Band, Symphonette, Collegium Musicum and Opera Workshop. Hope music students and faculty present approximately 100 public events each year, attracting more than 10,000 people annually. Several of those events are scheduled during the remainder of the spring semester, including one that provides an opportunity to hear much of the department's work in a single evening: Musical Showcase, this year scheduled for Monday, March 7 (please see page four for details). ↪

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Barry Bandstra named to chair

Dr. Barry Bandstra of the religion faculty has been appointed to the Evert J. and Hattie E. Blekkink Professorship.

"Barry Bandstra was an obvious choice for the Blekkink endowed professorship," said Dr. James N. Boelkins '66, provost at Hope. "He models the quality of the Blekkink chair that was exemplified by the previous holders—Elton Bruins, Dennis Voskuil and Allen Verhey. He is an accomplished scholar and teacher, a demonstrated servant-leader, a strong supporter of the college's mission, and a humble and caring colleague. He is a person with vision who couples that vision with the energy and hard work that it takes to implement that vision. It was a joy to support Professor Bandstra's nomination and selection for the Blekkink professorship."

First held in 1981, the Evert J. and Hattie E. Blekkink Professorship was created from a bequest of the late Victor and Ruth Blekkink in honor of their parents, and is open to faculty members in the departments of education and religion. The chair provides financial support for a



Barry Bandstra

tenured member of the faculty who is selected on the basis of a distinguished record as an outstanding teacher, for recognized scholarly contributions, and for significant contributions to the overall mission and life of the college.

Dr. Bandstra has been a member of the Hope faculty since 1983. In addition to teaching, his current responsibilities include chairing the department of religion and serving as director of academic computing at the college.

His primary scholarly interests are the Old Testament, biblical Hebrew linguistics and the use of computing technology as an instructional tool.

He has taught 16 different courses at the college, ranging from the beginning-level "Introduction to Biblical Literature" course, to "Archaeology and the World of the Bible," to a seminar for religion majors on the Dead Sea Scrolls, to the interdisciplinary "Encounter with Cultures" course. During the 1980s and 1990s, he led multiple Hope May Term courses in the Middle East.

Dr. Bandstra has spent more than two decades designing materials for both the personal computer and the Web. In 1989, he received one of only 12 Apple Computer Courseware Development Grants awarded to the Consortium of Liberal Arts Colleges; in 2000, britannica.com gave his multimedia textbook *Reading the Old Testament* a four-star "Superior" rating; in 2002, he received a grant from the Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion to develop "Reading Hebrew: A

Biblical Hebrew Internet Course," which he has made available for free.

His publications include the textbook *Reading the Old Testament: An Introduction to the Hebrew Bible*, now in its third edition; three articles in the *Encyclopedia of the Ancient World*; and several articles in edited books and scholarly journals. He has also presented numerous papers and invited addresses.

Dr. Bandstra recently completed a four-year term on the college's Board of Trustees. He has served on numerous Hope faculty committees, and is a past chair of the college's Administrative Affairs Board. His active involvement in the life of the college has included making multiple presentations during the annual "Arts and Humanities Fair" for high school students, serving as a featured speaker during the annual "Winter Happening," and speaking to groups such as the Hope Academy of Senior Professionals (HASP). In 1988, he led an alumni tour to Israel and Jordan.

He graduated from the University of Illinois at Urbana in 1972, and completed a B.Div. at Calvin Theological Seminary in 1975, an M.A. and M.Phil. at Yale University in 1978, and a Ph.D. at Yale University in 1982. He and his wife, Debra, have three grown sons, Adam, Jonathan and Daniel. ✍

Grant supports online master's course

The department of education and the Ottawa Area Intermediate School District (OAISD) have received a grant to develop online graduate courses for in-service teachers.

Hope and OAISD have received \$100,000 for "Brain-compatible Instruction in the Content Areas," and are creating four courses, focusing on the language arts, mathematics, science and social studies. The grant has been made through Michigan LearnPort, a statewide, online professional development management system for teachers jointly administered by the Michigan Department of Education and Michigan Virtual University.

Each course, designed for elementary and secondary teachers alike, will run for a semester, and will be available to educators throughout the state via Michigan LearnPort. The plan is to have the completed courses ready by the fall of 2005.

The courses are being developed by a five-member team that includes OAISD Assistant Superintendent Dr. Dan Jonker, education consultants Dave Neifer and Dr. Jan Dalman, and Hope professors Linda Jordan and Dr. Leslie Wessman.

The project has grown out of the week-long summer "Midwest Brain and Learning Institutes" that the team has coordinated at Hope since 2001.

The annual institutes focus on the latest brain research information and its implications for learning. Featuring nationally known presenters, the discussion-oriented institutes have drawn teachers from throughout the state and around the country. The on-line courses will build on and share the lessons with a broader audience.

"We live in an absolutely incredible time," said Jordan, an assistant professor of education. "We can now see what happens in the brain as learning takes place. As researchers have discovered what seem to be the most effective ways for the human brain to learn, that's being translated into classroom practice."

"The old view was that teachers delivered instruction for people to learn, understand and give back as they received it," said Dr. Wessman, who is the Arnold and Esther Sonneveldt Professor of Education and chairperson of the department.

"We're focusing on a different approach or different theoretical basis for learning on-line, and that has to do with it being brain-compatible," she said. "It is based on the belief that people construct understandings and meaning based on their experiences

both in and outside the classroom."

Each 16-week, three-credit course, which will be tested and then managed through Hope/OAISD, will blend brain research, subject content, and information concerning effective instruction and assessment of student learning. The courses will be discussion-oriented, with the teachers who enroll able to discuss ideas with one another. The planning team will serve as instructors and will be actively engaged throughout, to help guide the discussions and the participants' learning.

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The courses can be applied toward the 18 credits of academic work that must be completed by teachers seeking professional certification. Professors Jordan and

Wessman noted that they hope that the program will offer a helpful alternative to beginning teachers in particular, both through the quality of the coursework and by eliminating the need to travel to what for some could be a great distance for an on-site experience.

LearnPort awarded six grants, chosen from among 13 proposals. In addition to the Hope/OAISD project, the recipients and their programs are: Berrien County ISD, "Social Studies Content Benchmarks Using Technology"; Clinton County RESA, "Early On Michigan and Unified System of Learning"; Michigan Association of School Administrators (MASA), "Champions for Teaching and Learning"; Michigan Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (MASCD) and Successline Inc., "MI Strategies Online"; and Tuscola ISD and East Central Michigan Education Consortium, "Empowering Teachers with Data."

Even as the online courses are being developed for next fall, planning for the fifth annual Midwest Brain and Learning Institute is underway. Co-sponsored by Hope, OAISD and the Muskegon Area ISD, the event will run Monday-Thursday, June 20-23, at the college's Haworth Inn and Conference Center. Additional information about the summer institute can be obtained online at www.hope.edu/brain. ✍

Class Notes

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1910s

Lillian Hoffman (Prep '16) Tazelaar of Holland, Mich., will celebrate her 105th birthday on Wednesday, Feb. 23, 2005. Upon completing her education at Hope Preparatory School, she attended Western Michigan University (then Western Normal), graduated in 1918, and began teaching. She has good health, a sharp mind, and a wonderful memory of her life. She resides at Oakcrest Manor Assisted Living.

1940s

Chet Toren '41 and **Lucille Teninga '46 Toren** have "retired" to Hartsfield Village in Munster, Ind., after 45 years in their Lansing, Ill., home. They report that Hartsfield has many similarities to Freedom Village in Holland, Mich., including a "Columbia Ave." address.

1950s

Gord Beld '50 of Holland, Mich., wrote "For the Love of the Game," the cover story for the November/December issue of *Michigan History* magazine, which examines the history of MIAA football. He is retired as director of news services and publications at Alma College, where he was on staff for 24 years. He began writing sports for the *Grand Rapids Press* in 1944 at age 16, and continued covering athletics for the *Press* and the *Grand Rapids Herald* until 1959.

Carol Elston '50 De Mull of Grand Rapids, Mich., reports that the DeVos Fieldhouse site includes property where her grandparents and other relatives have lived.

Charles W. Link '50 of Athens, N.Y., reports that he and his wife have enjoyed extensive traveling since retirement and have covered most of the

New Alumni Board member Changes made to association by-laws

With a new appointment, the first of two new positions on the Alumni Association Board of Directors has been filled.

Carol Rylance '60 MacGregor of Norcross, Ga., has joined the board as a representative of the Southeast Region.

The second new seat will be filled this spring, with a representative for the Northwest Region. The expansion of the Alumni Board, to 22 members, is designed to better represent the geographic distribution of Hope alumni. In addition to helping advise the alumni program, the members of the board assist in planning regional events and other activities that provide opportunities for involvement and fellowship for the extended Hope family.

MacGregor is active with her church and in her community.

A member of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), she is active in Presbyterian Women and in 1990 participated in the Presbyterian Women Global Exchange to Australia. She is a member and officer of the Norcross Garden Club, and is a landscape design consultant for the National Garden Clubs. She and her husband,



Carol Rylance '60 MacGregor

Duncan, are certified officials for USA Track and Field, officiating at track and field cross country meets, and co-received the "Track and Field Volunteer of the Year Award" from the Atlanta Track Club. Her activities have also included serving as a volunteer for AFS Intercultural Programs for many years, and serving as a Girl Scout leader and volunteer.

MacGregor has remained active in the

life of the college, including as a parent: daughter Elizabeth graduated from Hope in 1985. She is a past Class Representative to the Hope Fund, and her activities have also included attending five-year reunions regularly and regional events while living in Texas. Her parents established the Cameron A. Rylance Memorial Scholarship Fund at Hope, with preference for students interested in church music or music ministry, in honor of her brother, who was killed in an automobile accident.

She majored in political science and minored in French at Hope, and did graduate work at the University of Chicago. She was a founding member of the Alpha Gamma Phi sorority, and her activities as a student also included the Chapel Choir, and spending a semester in Washington, D.C.

In addition to Elizabeth, MacGregor and her husband have two sons, Duncan Jr. and Robert.

In addition to the board's expansion, another recent change within the Alumni Association is the revision of the association's constitution and bylaws. Both documents may be reviewed online at <http://www.hope.edu/alumni/about.htm>. Otherwise, a copy of the revised documents may be obtained by calling the Alumni office at 616-395-7250. ✉

European countries. They most recently traveled to Spain, Turkey, Greece, Cyprus, Egypt and Morocco, and the next stop is Hungary.

Ron Schipper '52 of Holland, Mich., served as the U.S. head coach in the Aztec Bowl on Saturday, Dec. 11, in Cancun, Mexico, his eighth consecutive year in that position.

Douglas van Gessel '52 of Artesia, Calif., was honored on Thursday, Nov. 18, by the Ontario (Calif.) Christian Schools with a banquet and the creation of "The van Gessel Endowed Chair of the Ontario Christian School Association." Returns on the endowment will be used for the development of future Christian leaders within

the student body. He and his wife, Joyce Kooiman van Gessel (special student '51-52), have been chosen by the Holland America Lines to be the 2005 World Cruise chaplain and counselor, respectively, on the *M.S. Prinsendam*. This is their 12th year of ministry on cruise lines since retirement.

Norman C. Gysbers '54 of Columbia, Mo., was promoted to professor with distinction at the University of Missouri-Columbia. He also received the Governor's Award for Excellence in Teaching in 2004. He has been a faculty member in the Department of Educational, School, and Counseling Psychology for 41 years.

John A. Bos '55 of Palm Desert, Calif., retired in December after 33 years as Classis of California treasurer and CFO, and was honored during the 2004 spring meeting of the classis. He retired in 1999 from Boeing after 36 years as director in business and finance.

Marjorie Bruns '55 Schilling of Shelton, Wash., and her husband are active in their church's missions to Haiti. They have gone on medical mission trips since 1999. In November the church sent two tons of relief supplies (mostly clothing) to Global Vision Citadelle Missions, a church planting organization to which the church belongs. That group has planted and supports about 40 new churches in Haiti.

Tom DePree '57 of Holland, Mich., was chosen by the National Republican Congressional Committee to receive the 2004 Ronald Reagan Republican Gold Medal award. This award is given in recognition of support to the Republican party, leadership in business, and commitment to Reagan's vision for an entrepreneurial America.

Robert Ritsema '57 of Saugatuck, Mich., was a featured musician when the Herrick District Library hosted "Quintet Sampler II" on Sunday, Dec. 19. He is the principal cellist of the Marquette Symphony and an active guest conductor.

Calvin Bosman '59 of Grand Haven, Mich., began his sixth six-year term as Ottawa County judge in January.

Carl Ver Beek '59 of Grand Rapids, Mich., was presented the State Bar of Michigan Labor and Employment Law Section's Distinguished Service Award for 2004 during the section's mid-winter meeting in Ypsilanti, Mich., in January. The award is given annually to a Michigan attorney who exemplifies outstanding service and professionalism in the practice of labor and employment law.

1960s

William A. Harms '61 and his wife of nearly 14 years live in Shermans Dale, Pa.

Carol Yonkers '61 Johnson of Gilbert, Ariz., retired Monday, May 24, 2004, after 43 years of teaching in Michigan, California, Oregon and Arizona. The last 27 years, she taught seventh and eighth grade mathematics and science at Higley (Ariz.) Elementary School.

Bill Kuyper '61 of New York City is returning to West Michigan for two concert appearances in April. Please see the story on page 14 for details.

Renetta Dykstra '62 of Wyoming, Mich., retired last June from Catholic Social Services in Grand Rapids, Mich. She now works part-time at D.A. Blodgett Services for Children and Families.

Nancy Sonneveldt '62 Miller and **Phil Miller '65** of Holland, Mich., were presented with the 2004 Outstanding Volunteer Award by the West Michigan chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals. The award was presented as part of National Philanthropy Day on Monday, Nov. 15, in recognition of their service to community organizations.

John R. deVelder '65 of Franklin Park, N.J., celebrated 20 years last September as founding chaplain and director of the pastoral care depart-

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ment of Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Brunswick, N.J. He also received an advanced degree (please see "Advanced Degrees"), the thesis for which was titled "An Ecological Paradigm for Pastoral Care."

Michael D. Laughlin '65 of Antioch, Calif., retired from Benicia High School after 29 years of teaching U.S. history, Advanced Placement U.S. history, psychology, psych. lab. and Advanced Placement psychology. He coached track for 17 years and took many track athletes to the CIF State Track Meets. He designed the psych. lab. classes to bring high school students into elementary school classrooms as tutors who studied the learning process of their students. He was named "Educator of the Year 2004," awarded the George Drollette Memorial plaque, and named "Coach of the Decade."

John Nodop '65 of Wallkill, N.Y., retired from the Connecticut Air National Guard in July of 2003 as senior chaplain with rank of lieutenant colonel. He served 21 years in the military chaplaincy and was deployed to Desert Storm and the World Trade Center emergency. He now works as a methadone counselor for heroin addicts, having had 10 years of substance abuse counseling employment experience.

Paul Terpstra '67 of Grass Lake, Mich., retired in January after 38 years of teaching. His first year was in Rockford, Mich., and the remainder were in Chelsea, Mich. In addition to teaching high school English and psychology, he was a coach, National Honor Society advisor for 20 years, and a class advisor the last 14 years.

1970s

Carter S. Bolton '70 and **Susan Beth Wierda '70 Bolton** have moved to Leesburg, Fla., for retirement and to pursue their future goals. Susan retired after nine and one-half years of serving as Bath Community Schools superintendent.

Natalie Roelofs '70 Bowman of Appleton, Wis., teaches French at Neenah High School in Neenah, Wis.

Harold R. Hilliard '70 of Lantana, Fla., recently earned state certification as a child protective investigator with the Florida Department of Children and Families.

Barbara Skidmore '70 Mezeske of Holland, Mich., is coordinator of first year composition and director of the faculty mentoring program at Hope, where she teaches in the department of English.

Christine Peacock '70 Powers of Aurora, Colo., was recently elected president of the board of directors of Arapahoe House, a \$26 million drug and alcohol treatment agency that just added a psychiatric hospital to its varied services. She also completed her 17th year as a volunteer at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science. She supervises special exhibit volunteers and serves on two leadership committees.

Howard Veneklasen '70 of Holland, Mich., was honored with the Small Business Person of the Year Award on Tuesday, Oct. 5, by the Holland Chamber of Commerce. He was recognized for his business skills and community commitment in the development of Veneklasen Auto Parts Inc. and its sister company, U-Wrench It of Michigan.

Chris Hahn '72 made a temporary move from Lake Tahoe to Merced, Calif., to facilitate his wife's residency. He consequently sold his interest in his former company in order to have time to finish his Ph.D.

David V. Daubenspeck '74 of Vista, Calif., earned the "Certified Fund Specialist" designation last spring. He has a financial planning practice in San Diego, Calif.

Jan Koopman '74 of Grand Rapids, Mich., accepted a new position as coordinator of the Vaccine for Children program with the Michigan Department of Community Health, Division of Immunization. She and her husband have two children: Dan (a college freshman) and Julia (a high school sophomore).

Dora Adam '75 Cullen of Levittown, Pa., lives with her son, Thomas (age 17). She has three grown daughters who live on their own in various parts of the country. She has been on medical sabbatical leave since January of 2004 and hopes to return to teaching in September of 2005.

Jean Donaldson '75 of Fennville, Mich., began an MFA low residency program at Spalding University in Louisville, Ky. She is majoring in writing for children with a minor in creative non-fiction.

David Gebhard '75 of East Lyme, Conn., is planning to take a Boy Scout troop to Iceland for a Jamboree this spring. He is scoutmaster of Troop 240.

Bob Klein '75 reports that since moving to San Diego, Calif., in July of 2000 to join a team of church planters, he has led the effort to start a new church in La Jolla-UTC, and will begin a second church plant in March 2005 in Mira Mesa, Calif.

Bobette Aardema '75 Morgan of Sarasota, Fla., has her own small business teaching Musikgarten early childhood music classes at the Suzuki Institute in Sarasota.

Jean Boven '75 Norden of Dublin, Ohio, celebrated life with a hike through the Cinqueterre, Italy, in late October with good hiking buddies. Her travels included stays in Cortona and Rome.

David B. Rawlings '75 of Naples, Fla., formed and is president of David B. Rawlings, Ph.D., P.A., a private practice group in Naples providing neuropsychological diagnostic and treatment services to the Collier County medical community.

Geraldine Tensen-Eadie '75 of Conklin, Mich., was named Muskegon County's 2004 4-H leader of the year. She reports that since her children are in college or done with college, she has time for hobbies and has started a local garden club and red hat club.

Jane Churchill-Valvo '76 of Marlborough, Conn., retired from Aetna Inc. in December after 26 years of service. She reports that she plans to focus on building her Mary Kay Consultant business and team, play lots of golf, spend the winter in Florida, and enjoy her family and friends.

Mark McCullough '76 of Glen Rock, N.J., was elected to the Glen Rock Borough Council in November and began his three-year term of office on Wednesday, Jan. 5.

Barbara Treadwell '76 McKinney of Kalamazoo, Mich., was appointed registrar at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo on Monday, Dec. 6. She has worked at the university for 18 years, most recently serving as interim registrar since September.

Edward W. Smith '77 of Portage, Mich., is senior pastor at Lakeland Reformed Church in Vicksburg, Mich.

Scott E. Deyer '78 of Grand Rapids, Mich., was elected president of the board of directors for Indian Trails Camp, which provides year-round camping experience for children and adults with physical disabilities. He was also appointed to the State Bar standing committee on character and fitness. He is a member of the law firm Mika Meyers Beckett & Jones PLC, and concentrates his practice on labor, employment and wrongful discharge law, and general litigation.

Robert L. Hunt '78 of Muskegon, Mich., is a real estate appraiser and president and owner of Coastline Appraisal LC.

Alumnus to return for area concerts

Holland native Bill Kuyper '61 will return to his roots for two concerts in West Michigan in April.

Kuyper will perform with the Holland Symphony Orchestra at Zeeland East High School on Saturday, April 16, at 7:30 p.m. and will be featured with the college's Faculty Recital Series on Sunday, April 17, at 3 p.m. in Wichers Auditorium of Nykerk Hall of Music.

He is assistant principal hornist with the New York Philharmonic, and is active both in the United States and abroad as a soloist, clinician and recording artist. He also appears regularly with the Philharmonic Ensembles in their acclaimed chamber-music series at Merkin Concert Hall.

He joined the Philharmonic in 1969 after memberships in both the National Symphony Orchestra in Washington, D.C., and the United States Marine Band. While in the Marine Band, he had the distinction of participating in the State funeral service of President

John F. Kennedy.

Kuyper's other activities have involved the writing and production of an educational video, *Steps to Excellence*, for Yamaha Corporation of America. He has also arranged and edited various horn scores for Kendor Music Inc. and the International Music Company.

His recording projects have included the Britten *Serenade* for Tenor, Horn and Strings on the Vox label; on Elysium Recordings Inc. in collaboration with other distinguished principals of the Philharmonic, *The Complete Works for Winds and Piano of Robert Schumann*; and *Mozart: Elysium String Quartet & Friends*, in which he performs the Horn Quintet.

Kuyper's wife, Joan, is the executive director of The Netherland America Foundation and the author of a handbook for volunteer administration in museums and other cultural institutions, written for the American Association of Museum Volunteers and published in cooperation with the American Council for the Arts. They have two children: Susan and Edward '92. ↙

1980s

Andrew Birner '80 of Arlington Heights, Ill., plays acoustic guitar and electric bass for Second Chance, the contemporary worship band at Our Savior's Lutheran Church. He is also one of four infrastructure team leads on Grainger's ASAP Project.

Dave Hammar '80 of Gladstone, Mich., opened Boney Falls Outfitters, a fly fishing store, located in Gladstone, and he has a Web site for the business.

Beth Bischoff '80 Marrie of Swampscott, Mass., is a physical education teacher for Lynn (Mass.) Public Schools and assistant swim coach at Salem State College in Salem, Mass. During the summer months, she is assistant manager at the Swampscott Beach Club. She is married and has three children: Kaitlyn (a college freshman), Kevin (a junior in high school), and Melissa (a sophomore in high school).

Tom Schaap '80 of Holland, Mich., and his company, West Michigan Office Interiors, were featured in an article in the *Grand Rapids Press* on Monday, Oct. 11.

Nola Morrow '81 Ridl of Syracuse, N.Y., is the director of communications for New Life Adoption Agency Inc., a New York State-licensed adoption agency that specializes in inter-country adoptions through China. She also serves on the board of directors for Westcott Community Center. She has a 13-year-old son.

Dave Baar '83 of Evergreen Park, Ill., teaches at

Providence-St. Mel School, a private college prep school in the city of Chicago, Ill., recently designated a model school for urban education. He also directs a German men's chorus, The Rheinischer Gesang Verein, and the choir at Hope Christian Reformed Church in Oak Park, Ill.

Laura Ramel '83 Mattes of Lombard, Ill., works for Harris Bank in Chicago.

William R. Kordenbrock '84 has joined EDS, a global information technology provider, as the United States Midwest region director for global government affairs. He previously served more than 16 years in Michigan State Government, including as chief of staff in the State Senate, legislative director, legal director, chief administrative law judge, and bureau director for various agencies. He continues to live in Okemos, Mich., with his wife and children, Will (age seven) and Joe (age four).

Elizabeth Karle '85 Wierda of Jacksonville, Fla., has been named principal of Cunningham Creek Elementary School in Fruit Cove, Fla., and will begin the position with the St. Johns County Schools in April. In 2004 she was named Elementary Principal of the Year for Region I in Jacksonville, and received the Outstanding Leadership Award.

Yoshiki Kumazawa '87 of Tokyo, Japan, is director of financial markets of Imprint PLC, British Executive Search.

Rob Peel '87 of Spring Lake, Mich., is a Class of 2005 inductee into the Muskegon Area Sports Hall of Fame—the first inductee in the sport of swimming. He swam for Spring Lake High

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Alum's honor helps Hope

Recognized for excellence by his employer, chemist Dr. James Bohling '92 found an opportunity to help Hope prepare future scientists.

Dr. Bohling, a senior scientist in Rohm and Haas's Advanced Biosciences business in Spring House, Pa., received a prestigious Otto Haas Award for Scientific Achievement, recognizing new and innovative contributions to science.

The honor includes a \$5,000 grant, which is donated to a university or technical institute of the winner's choice. Dr. Bohling chose Hope.

"I thought that's where the money could make the most difference, to be honest," Dr. Bohling said. "It's such a great institution—such a great chemical institution—as well as a great place to get an education to set you up for future success."

Dr. Bohling enrolled at Hope as a non-traditional student, after working in the industry and attending community college. As he looked toward obtaining a four-year degree, he asked scientists at his employer which school they'd recommend in chemistry.

"They said, without even a question, Hope," he recalled.

After Hope, Dr. Bohling went on to complete his doctorate in organic chemistry at Boston College. He completed post-doctoral work at the University of Utah in 1999, the same year that he joined Rohm and Haas.

His work at Rohm and Haas has

been focused on developing resin products that are used in the purification process of pharmaceuticals such as antibiotics, vitamins or other over-the-counter drugs. Dr. Bohling has helped create new products that have proven to be far more effective in the process than were previous materials.

For example, he helped to develop Amberzyme Oxirane to overcome problems experienced with existing products on the market in the field of antibiotics, including well-known drugs such as amoxicillin. Amberzyme effectively produces a higher yield of the drug and increases its effectiveness for the end user. Similarly, Amberlite Cobalamion is a specialty resin used for vitamin B-12 purification which ultimately produces a higher-quality end product. The B-12 vitamin is used extensively in many third world countries today.

The annual Otto Haas awards, named for the co-founder of the company, celebrate the highest level of excellence and achievement among researchers, scientists and technical service employees in the company's global research and technology community. Dr. Bohling was one of only five scientists to receive the awards this year.

"Dr. Bohling's work has provided a revolutionary product that has already had tremendous impact on some extremely important pharmaceuticals used to treat infectious diseases," said Dr. Gary Calabrese, vice president and chief technology officer of Rohm and Haas. "Every day he continues to make real and significant progress, and we are excited about the future possibilities that can result from his research in the biosciences industry."

Getting the Gospels: Understanding the New Testament Accounts of Jesus' Life, published by Hendrickson Publishers in 2004. He is a theology professor at Saint Joseph's College in Maine. The book was recently featured as a starred review in *Publishers Weekly*, and called "a gem of accessible biblical scholarship."

Keith Engwall '91 of Salisbury, N.C., is head of systems and technology at Catawba College. He and his wife have four children: Daniel (age six), Brian (age three and one-half), Maggie (one and one-half) and William (please see "New Arrivals").

James Bohling '92 of Lansdale, Pa., was recently recognized for excellence by his employer. (Please see the story elsewhere in this section.)

Mark G. Fromhold '92 of Redmond, Wash., is manager, small molecule manufacturing, for ICOS Corporation.

Karen Fitz '92 La Barge of Holland, Mich., was ordained to the office of Minister of Word and Sacrament on Sunday, Jan. 23, at First Presbyterian Church in Holland.

Joe Miklosi '92 of Denver, Colo., reports that he became engaged on Wednesday, Dec. 10. He attended graduate school full-time at night during the past two years (please see "Advanced Degrees") and also worked as executive director of the Colorado Democratic State House Caucus in Denver. Under his leadership, the party took control of the Colorado State House for the first time since 1974, and won or picked up seven seats — the highest number of legislative seats in the country in the 2004 election. He reports that he is an applicant for the prestigious Fulbright Scholarship to live in Florence, Italy, in 2005 and 2006. He designed a nine-month research project to study the cultural, economic and political reasons why Italy has the lowest birth rate of any industrialized nation in the world, and whether 'family friendly' Italian public policies toward 18-35 year olds could reverse this trend. He worked eight months preparing the application and has already partnered with an Italian professor sponsor from the European University Institute. He will find out in June if he earned the scholarship.

Tim Schaaf '92 is senior pastor of the Church of the Good Shepherd in Lynnwood, Wash. He and his wife and daughter, Tahlia, moved to Lynnwood in October, and he was officially installed on Friday, Nov. 12, 2004.

Joe Clemens '93 recently earned a doctorate (please see "Advanced Degrees") and is a post-doctoral fellow at Middlesex Hospital in Middletown, Conn. He lives in Windsor Locks, Conn., with his wife and 19-month-old son, Zachary.

Kristin Sikkenga '93 Northrop of Ann Arbor, Mich., moved her career as a teacher consultant to Ann Arbor Public Schools, where she is working at an alternative high school. She reports that she is happy with the change as she is now teaching in the community where she lives and in the district where her two step-daughters (and very soon, her two sons) attend.

Tara Cook '94 Crawford and **Blake Crawford '95** moved to Naples, Fla., in August and welcomed their third child in November (please see "New Arrivals"). Blake and his company, Crawford Management Group, have created a real estate development and management business in Southwest Florida.

Todd May '94 has lived in Florida since 1996, and in Hollywood, Fla., with his partner for the last year. He is president and owner of Identity Travel. He has modernized the 33-year-old business, adding a wide variety of travel offerings for clients across the country, including booking cruises, tours and group travel, such as family and class reunion travel. Last year the company, which has a Web site, was named agency of the year by the country's largest tour operator.

Tim McCarty '94 of Middletown, N.Y., is in his seventh year of teaching seventh grade social studies at Monroe-Woodbury Middle School in Central Valley, N.Y. He also continues to coach the middle school football team and assist with the track team, which last year attracted 300 students. He coached sprinters, long jumpers and triple jumpers, new areas to him. The top 50 boys and girls went to the West Point Invitational and won the meet—the first time in the 26-year history of the meet that one school took first place for both boys and girls.

Kari Essex '95 Berge of Twin Lake, Mich., is an associate at Parmenter-O'Toole - Attorneys at Law, where her practice focuses on serving municipal, health care, and litigation clients. She

earned her law degree from the University of Denver College of Law.

Buffy DeVries '95 Brown and her husband live in Dallas, Texas, with their children, Stephanie (age 17 months) and Spencer (age four months).

Kathleen Dominiak '95 of Whiting, Ind., is a Pilates Certified Personal Trainer. She works with post-physical therapy clients and the general public. The *Northwest Indiana Times* published a series of her articles on Pilates exercise this winter.

Vonda Evers '95 of Martin, Mich., is one of two community police officers for the townships of Dorr, Salem and Leighton. The Allegan County Sheriff's Department appointed her to the position in October.

Tonya Mann '95 of East Grand Rapids, Mich., is beauty editor for Quixtar in Ada, Mich.

Jack Methric '95 of Holland, Mich., is marketing/admissions director for Hillcrest Nursing and Rehabilitation Community, Northcrest Assisted Living, and Roosevelt Park Nursing and Rehabilitation Community in the Muskegon, Mich., area.

Jennifer Sakala-Uwishaka '95 moved to Pristina, Kosovo (Serbia & Montenegro), in August of 2001. She is municipal and urban management coordinator for the United Nations' UN-HABITAT Programme in Kosovo. She reports that living and working in the mission in this part of the world has exposed her to many challenges and rewards, and that she has gained great experience in the international development work world. She and her husband have two children: a daughter, Simbi (age seven), and a son, Konda (age four).

Scott Secory '95 of Fairfax, Va., is sales manager at Tolin Mechanical Systems.

Gregory G. Green '96 is a member of the active medical staff at Memorial Medical Center of West Michigan in Ludington, Mich. He completed his internship and residency in adult psychiatry and, most recently, a fellowship in child and adolescent psychiatry, at the University of Michigan Medical Center.

Paul Rosenbrook '96 of Grand Rapids, Mich., was named the Forest Hills Eastern Hawks first girls soccer coach. He was the JV boys soccer coach last fall.

Jennifer Zeerip '96 of Broomfield, Colo., is office manager at Providence Community Church in Westminster, Colo.

Tammy Bouwens '97 Ashby of Hudsonville, Mich., earned the Robert C. Seber Memorial Award at Western Michigan University in the spring of 2004. The award is given annually to advanced students in the Master of Arts in the Teaching of Mathematics program for outstanding scholarship in mathematics and mathematics education.

Peter Christensen '97 of Holland, Mich., practices medicine with InterCare Community Health Network in Holland.

Mimi Do '97 of Virginia Beach, Va., is a squadron intelligence officer, VFA-136 Knighthawks, at Oceana Naval Air Station in Virginia Beach.

Lora Clark '97 Kolean of Holland, Mich., played the piano in the Herrick Library Series "Young Artists on the Rise" on Sunday, Nov. 28. She is completing a master's degree at Western Michigan University.

Trevor Starnes '97 and his wife recently moved to Charlottesville, Va., from Indianapolis, Ind. He earned a medical degree (please see "Advanced Degrees") and accepted a residency position in orthopaedic (oncology) surgery at The University of Virginia Medical Center.

Carrie DeVries '98 of Chicago, Ill., finished her Peace Corps service last summer and is editor for Health Newsletters Direct in Chicago. She reports that she found a lovely apartment and a great job, and that one of her co-workers is fellow classmate Amy Strassburger '98 Van Stee.

Robert M. Dietz '98 of Manorville, N.Y., is a consumer banker at HSBC Bank, USA.

Jennifer Hendricks '98 Dykstra of Grandville, Mich., earned a master's degree (please see "Advanced Degrees") and earned Family Nurse Practitioner Certification in November. She holds a family nurse practitioner position at South Kent Family Care in Grand Rapids, Mich.

Mollie Schodorf '98 Hanson of Normal, Ill., recently completed a doctoral degree (please see "Advanced Degrees") and is a clinical psychologist at Midwest Regional Pain Center in Bloomington, Ill.

Sarah Obermeyer '98 of Los Angeles, Calif., became a certified nurse midwife in October 2004 through Frontier School of Midwifery and Family

School before competing on the college team.

Cheryl Henderson '87 Raymer of Stonington, Conn., is currently doing legal work for Clay Aiken's The Bubel/Aiken Foundation (TBAF), which serves to promote inclusion programs for individuals with special needs. She has worked for the past 13 years as a child rights attorney. She is also active assisting fan-based fundraising efforts which benefit TBAF. She notes, however, that most of her time is now spent traveling around the world with her husband, winner of The World Series of Poker Championship 2004, while he plays in tournaments, makes appearances and does charity work.

Christina Eisenmann '88 Boerigter of Roseville, Minn., began a new position as an inside sales rep for Corporate Express, a business-to-business provider of office and school supplies, furniture, and facility supplies.

Daniel Boerigter '88 of Roseville, Minn., was recently appointed to the planning commission for the City of Roseville. The commission hears requests and makes recommendations to the city council on matters pertaining to zoning, variances, and city development. He continues to practice law as a partner in the Minneapolis firm of Yost & Baill, focusing on commercial real estate and trust and estate planning.

Scott Buhmaster '88 of Chicago, Ill., was appointed to the National Advisory Board of the Force Science Research Center, an international organization based at Minnesota State University-Mankato. The center studies the complex human dynamics involved in high-level force confrontations, particularly lethal force

encounters involving law enforcement officers. In addition to being president of The Buhmaster Consulting Group, a Chicago-based marketing, public relations and business development company, he has been involved in law enforcement training consultation for 15 years.

Brad Rottschafer '89 of Ada, Mich., is a real estate developer for Mosaic Properties in Grand Rapids, Mich. He and his wife have three children: Anders (age six) and twins, Luke and Hudson (age two).

Gayle Veldboom '89 Shumaker of Holland, Mich., is a limited license psychologist with Psychological Services Center L.C. She specializes in treatment for youth and young adults.

Amy VandePoel '89 of Holland, Mich., successfully completed specialty certifications in "Exercise and Aging" and "Yoga." She is fitness and pool coordinator at Evergreen Commons, a senior center in Holland.

1990s

Martie Sharp '90 Bradley of Grand Rapids, Mich., was on maternity leave last summer with newborn son Aiden (please see "New Arrivals") and Colin (age three and one-half). In September she returned to work at Zondervan Publishing, where she serves as promotions manager for Zondervan ChurchSource.

Mark Van Genderen '90 of Cedarburg, Wis., has been named director of investor relations for Harley-Davidson Motor Company.

Steven L. Bridge '91 of Naples, Maine, wrote

Nursing.

Amy Strassberger '98 VanStee of Chicago, Ill., recently took a new position as a senior editor at Health Newsletters Direct in Evanston, Ill. The company publishes newsletters and magazines for the health care industry. She reports that she enjoyed her three years at the University of Chicago Press, but that it was time for a change, and that she is excited to work with fellow alum Carrie DeVries '98, who told her about the opening.

Greg Vlietstra '98 of Portage, Mich., recently received a Certificate in Executive Management from the Mendoza College of Business at the University of Notre Dame. He continues to work for the City of Portage, with a current focus on purchasing and risk management.

Amie Evans '99 of Grand Rapids, Mich., directed this year's Thornapple Kellogg High School play, *Gentlemen Prefer Blondes*.

Katherine Bawinkel '99 Harmsen of Durham, N.C., is a field research coordinator for the North Carolina Birth Defects Monitoring Program.

Andrew Low '99 and **Jill DeBoer '00** Low of Petoskey, Mich., have a 19-month-old daughter, Emma. He is a banker at Bank One.

Emily Mezeske '99 Domagtoy of Vero Beach, Fla., is a biology lab technician for the USDA in Ft. Pierce, Fla. She and her husband survived two direct hits by hurricanes Frances and Jeanne.

Alicia Tomicich-Wiley '99 of St. Charles, Mo., is a teacher at St. Dominic High School in O'Fallon, Mo.

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Meredith Arwady '00 of New York City sang "The Messiah" in December with the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra and the Kalamazoo Oratorio Society. In January she sang in the New York gala for the Richard Tucker Foundation, honoring the late American tenor, and she sang at the college on Friday, Jan. 21.

Michael W. Ladd '00 of Grand Haven, Mich., has been authorized by the Certified Financial Planner Board of Standards to use the CFP certification mark in accordance with the CFP Board. He has been with Merrill Lynch's Lakeshore office for four years.

Sara Tillema '00 Ver Burg of Lawrenceville, Ga., has accepted a call as the associate minister at Pilgrimage Presbyterian Church in Lilburn, Ga., and will be ordained in March.

Adrienne Cameron '01 Dilling of Pittsburgh, Pa., reports that she and her husband (please see "Marriages") bought their first house in November.

Jami Grant '01 of Kewadin, Mich., placed 12th among women in the *Detroit Free Press* marathon on Sunday, Oct. 24, in Detroit, Mich.

Angela Lee '01 Leete of Traverse City, Mich., is a medical social worker II at Munson Medical Center.

Elizabeth Tworek '01 of Woodridge, Ill., is a cost analyst at Northstar Aerospace in Chicago, Ill.

Shannon Wixson '01 of North Aurora, Ill., is clinical nurse supervisor in the outpatient department of endocrinology at Northwestern downtown.

Bethany Buege '02 of Portland, Ore., is a support specialist for United Cerebral Palsy.

Joshua M. Carstens '02 of Atlanta, Ga., is campaign records manager at Woodruff Arts Center.

Kara Schwieterman '02 Haas of Battle Creek, Mich., is public programs and exhibits director at the Kalamazoo (Mich.) Nature Center.

Sarah Proulx '02 Hill of Oscoda, Mich., is choral director for Oscoda Area Schools.

Lauren Kruse '02 of Holland, Mich., played the piano in the Herrick Library Series "Young Artists on the Rise" on Sunday, Nov. 28.

Christopher Meyer '02 of Holland, Mich., played the cello in the Herrick Library Series "Young Artists on the Rise" on Sunday, Nov. 28. He is working on a degree in instrumental music education at Western Michigan University.

Andrew Mezeske '02 of Holland, Mich., teaches AP English at Black River Public School in Holland. He also coaches boys' and girls' soccer.

Kari Rakosky '02 of Holland, Mich., is a teacher at Eagle Crest Charter Academy in Holland.

Jennifer Walvoord '02 of Holland, Mich., played the violin in the Herrick Library Series "Young Artists on the Rise" on Sunday, Nov. 28. She is working on her doctorate in musical arts at the University of Michigan.

Bradley Bishop '03 of Holland, Mich., is a claims representative for the Social Security

Administration in Grand Rapids, Mich.

Jordana Blondin '03 of Holland, Mich., is an investment representative at Macatawa Bank in Holland.

Ken Diekema '03 of Holland, Mich., is working in Holland as a Young Life church partner.

Adrienne Farrell '03 of Chicago, Ill., is a seventh grade special education teacher and eighth grade basketball coach at Deer Path Middle School.

Hussam Kanaan '03 of London, England, is currently studying at the London School of Economics and Political Science. In August of 2005 he will begin a year of study at the University of Southern California's Annenberg School of Communication, the second half of a two-year master's degree program in global communication.

Rob Wise '03 of Elwell, Mich., is the head boys' basketball coach at Clare (Mich.) High School.

Matthew Zwier '03 of Savoy, Ill., is a graduate student in physical chemistry at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Amy Bogatto '04 of Palatine, Ill., is an admissions advisor for Colorado Technical University Online.

David Foster '04 of Chicago, Ill., is a staff worker for InterVarsity.

Elizabeth Foster '04 of Grandville, Mich., is an administrative assistant for Crown Ridge Properties in Holland.

Daniel Halloran '04 of Brighton, Mich., is an associate in the ecological services group of ASTI Environmental, an environmental engineering firm.

Andrew Huisman '04 of Mission, S.D., is an instructor in arts and sciences at Sinte Gleska University in Mission.

Abigail Kulick '04 of Mount Pleasant, Mich., is the new Main Street manager for the city of Clare, Mich. She oversees the four committees of the Main Street board, and is liaison between the committees, the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, and the National Main Street Program.

Bryan Monty '04 of Schenectady, N.Y., is marketing director at Merriam Insurance Agency in Schenectady.

Susana Rodriguez '04 of El Paso, Texas, is an elementary music teacher at the Jane Hambric School of the Socorro Independent School District.

Nakisha Zwyghuizen '04 of Zeeland, Mich., is a staff member at Urban Youth Ministries in Holland, where she has volunteered since high school.

Marriages

We welcome your news. In fact, we *like* printing it, so please keep it coming. Please note, though, that we don't publish engagement announcements. Please write us after your wedding takes place.

Thomas Rush Van Den Brink '88 and Thitpon Latthitham, Sept. 18, 2004, Bangkok, Thailand.

Deborah Quint '90 and Nicholas Pellegrini, Nov. 6, 2004, Columbus, Ohio.

Paul Thomas '90 and Maribel Torres, Oct. 9, 2004, New York City.

Kathy Wichnal '90 and John Estes, Nov. 20, 2004, Richland, Mich.

Christopher Barrett '91 and Julie Van Eenenaam '92, July 24, 2004, Spring Lake, Mich.

Suzanne Greicar '92 and Grant Clay, May 30, 2004, Chicago, Ill.

Jill Richter '92 and Clint Zalas, Sept. 24, 2004, Arches National Park, Utah.

Tim McCarty '94 and Jaime Nagy, Aug. 20, 2004.

Megan Carpenter '95 and Matthew Bejin, Oct. 4, 2003, Ann Arbor, Mich.

Brian Capps '96 and Nyasha Spears, Sept. 12, 2004, Duluth, Minn.

Anne E. Lucas '96 and Eric L. Palmer, Sept. 25, 2004, Chillicothe, Ohio.

Sean DeWulf '97 and Karen Gillett, Aug. 14, 2004, Jackson, Mich.

Laura Listenberger '97 and Jay Demas, Oct. 2, 2004, Baroda, Mich.

Robert M. Dietz '98 and Kristen Sobocinski, Aug. 1, 2004, Wading River, N.Y.

Alicia Tomicich '99 and Glenn Wiley, Oct. 23, 2004, St. Peters, Mo.

Melissa Kay Hart '99 and Gandalf B. Church, July 31, 2004, St. Joseph, Mich.

Christopher Mahlmann '00 and Janelle

Thompson '00, Oct. 2, 2004, Marysville, Mich.

Leslie Merriman '00 and Jeffrey T. Kortez, Oct. 23, 2004, Augusta, Mich.

Chad Beaver '01 and Reichen Woods, July 17, 2004, North Muskegon, Mich.

Adrienne Cameron '01 and Benjamin Dilling, Sept. 20, 2003, Romeo, Mich.

Angela Ciesielski '01 and Timothy Kelley, June 26, 2004, Fenton, Mich.

Katherine Kober '01 and Timothy O'Donnell, Sept. 18, 2004, Highland Park, Ill.

Laura Piotrowski '01 and Matthew Wertman, May 30, 2004, Traverse City, Mich.

Kate VerHeulen '01 and Andy Thornton, Oct. 16, 2004, Holland, Mich.

David M. Woody '01 and Julie Blauwkamp, Feb. 21, 2004, Grand Rapids, Mich.

Chad Gibbie '02 and Ellen Herrema, Oct. 9, 2004, Grandville, Mich.

Lucus Pols '02 and Amanda Van Dyk, June 25, 2004, Kalamazoo, Mich.

Kara Schwieterman '02 and Joshua Haas, Sept. 4, 2004, Battle Creek, Mich.

Leanne VanDuinen '02 and Michael VanBeek '03, Aug. 6, 2004, Hudsonville, Mich.

Andrea Masick '03 and Matthew Beaver '04, Aug. 14, 2004, Cadillac, Mich.

Lisa Moores '03 and Rich Jabaay, Sept. 10, 2004, Hudsonville, Mich.

Laura Cheek '04 and Daniel Mitchell, July 23, 2004, Midland, Mich.

Jeffrey Eldersveld '04 and Lacey Wicksall '04, Aug. 14, 2004, Leland, Mich.

Dustin Peck '06 and Emily Fritz, Aug. 21, 2004, Kalamazoo, Mich.

New Arrivals

Teri Forth-Tromblee '86 and Brian Tromblee, Ella Grace, Nov. 18, 2004.

Michele Perzee '88 Torres and Luis Torres, Andrea Camille and Matthew David, June 11, 2004.

Linda Bigelow '89, Taryn, born Sept. 14, 2001 in China, adopted February of 2004.

Kristen Boyd '89 Hintz and John Hintz, Robert Antonio, born July 13, 2004, adopted from

Guatemala.

Harry F. Coffill '89 and Michele Coffill, Harper Ford, Nov. 4, 2004.

Jill McCandless '89 Northuis and Michael Northuis '89, Mathieu Richard, Aug. 3, 2004.

Andrea Longcore '90 Arrieta and Phil Arrieta, Grace Marilyn, June 16, 2004.

Steven E. Boeve '90 and Judy Slotman '91 Boeve, Spencer Ray, adopted July 27, 2004.

Martie Sharp '90 Bradley and David Bradley, Aidan Edward, June 26, 2004.

Daniel Benes '91 and Tara Hansen '92 Benes, Owen Matthew, Sept. 8, 2004.

Keith Engwall '91 and Elizabeth Engwall, William Gage, Nov. 21, 2004.

Kelly Fletcher '91 Flanagan and Bill Flanagan, Kate Elizabeth, Dec. 3, 2004.

Kara Tellier '91 LaBella and Vincent LaBella, Alexa Lee, Aug. 4, 2004.

DeLynn Pedersen '91 Mallen and Steve Mallen '91, Claire Elizabeth, April 13, 2004.

Kevin Rosenau '91 and Kimberly Rosenau, Kelly Nicole, Dec. 4, 2004.

Heather Backer '91 Toppen and Joel Toppen '91, Ezekiel James, Nov. 18, 2004.

Brad Doan '93 and Katie Doan, Ryan Jennifer Brusveen '93 Maranka and David Maranka, Hannah Sue, Nov. 25, 2004.

Gretel VanWieren '93 and Jeff Ericksen, Carl, Aug. 18, 2004.

Tara Cook '94 Crawford and Blake Crawford '95, Peyton Day, November, 2004.

Chris Cooper '94 and Colene Cooper, Jayden Henry, Nov. 22, 2004.

Maria Dolgolenko '94 and Alexey Kalgin, Sasha (Alexander), Jan. 6, 2003.

Jacqueline Domkowski '94 Wyrick and David Wyrick, Jackson David, Nov. 15, 2003.

Lara Hilbelink '94 Page and Keith Page, Ella Marie, Oct. 22, 2004.

Kirk M. Assink '95 and Kristen Hoving '96 Assink, Blake Matthew, Jan. 17, 2004.

Dirk Joldersma '95 and Lisa Meengs '95 Joldersma, Annika Claire, July 29, 2004.

Kristen Underhill '95 VanHaitsma and Tim VanHaitsma, Jade Li, born Oct. 28, 2003, adopted in China, Nov. 18, 2004.

Jill VanVossen '95 Whalen and Mike Whalen, Chloe Marcella, Nov. 16, 2004.

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Kristen Douglass '96 Polgruto and David Polgruto, Emily Kathryn, Sept. 9, 2004.

Mimi Phan-Dinh '96 and Sinh Dinh, The-Phiet Ethan, Aug. 2, 2004.

Heidi VanWieren '96 and John Byrn '98, Schuyler, July 26, 2004.

Nicole Clements '97 Koch and Kory Koch, Emma Mae, Aug. 16, 2004.

Betsey Van Faasen '97 Rubel and Jason '97 Rubel, Claire Elisabeth, Oct. 14, 2004.

Derek Vander Heide '97 and Rachael Goei '98 Vander Heide, Reagan Elizabeth, Sept. 5, 2004.

Karen Bhatt '98 Cuevas and Jorge Cuevas, India Cuevas.

Chad Ruby '98 and Robin Ruby, Brody Michael, Nov. 20, 2004.
Nov. 18, 2004.

Angela Boulis '99 Dumler and Patrick Dumler, Allison Dianne, Sept. 26, 2004.

Katherine Bawinkel '99 Harmsen and Robb Harmsen '99, Ronald Joel (R.J.), Nov. 24, 2004

Alicia Tiesma '99 Van Eyck and Will Van Eyck, Connor James, Nov. 26, 2004.

Elissa Wickmann '00 Lappenga and Dan Lappenga '01, Elliot Bruce, Nov. 24, 2004.

Advanced Degrees

John R. deVelder '65, Doctor of Ministry (D.Min.), New York Seminary, 2000.

Dave Baar '83, Doctor of Music in choral conducting, Northwestern University.

Harry F. Coffill '89, Master of Education, Grand Valley State University, December, 2004.

Joe Miklosi '92, Master of Public Administration with a concentration in nonprofit executive management, University of Colorado, Dec. 18, 2004.

Joe Clemens '93, doctorate in clinical psychology, Antioch New England Graduate School, Nov. 15, 2004.

Garret J. Mulder '95, M.B.A., global business, University of Bridgeport, December, 2004.

Tammy Bouwens '97 Ashby, Master of Arts in mathematics education, Western Michigan University, December, 2004.

Trevor Starnes '97, Doctor of Medicine, Indiana University, May, 2004.

Jennifer Hendricks '98 Dykstra, Master of Science in Nursing, Grand Valley State University, August, 2004.

Mollie Schodorf '98 Hanson, doctorate in clinical psychology (Psy.D.).

Lara Plewka '98 MacGregor, Master of Public Administration (MPA) with emphasis on non-profit leadership, Grand Valley State University, December, 2004.

Julie Tracy '98, M.A. in communication, State University of New York at Albany, December, 2004.

Kate VerHeulen '01 Thornton, Master of Social Work, Grand Valley State University, August, 2004.

Julie B. Karsten '02, master's degree in school counseling, Western Michigan University, Dec. 11, 2004.

Katie Bauman '03, Master of Education in adult and higher education with alumni and parent relations focus, December, 2004.

Deaths

Gordon E. Berkel '42 of Holland, Mich., died on Wednesday, Dec. 29, 2004. He was 84.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy and served as a career musician with the U.S. Naval Academy Band. After retirement from the Navy, he returned to Holland, where he was employed by Bohn Aluminum.

He was a long-time member of the American Legion Band and a lifetime member of Third Reformed Church.

Survivors include his wife of 61 years, Trudy; children, Gordon Berkel Jr. of Holland, Barbara Carey of Shell Beach, Calif., Janet (Mark) Eggleton of Bangor, Maine, and Mary (Don) Ector of Roseland, British Columbia; one granddaughter; sisters, Jean Wexler of Cincinnati, Ohio, Mary Berkel '54 (Bob) Aciri of Wilmet, Ill.; and sister-in-law, Marianne (Lothar) Geipel of Adrian, Mich.

John S. Boersma '30 of Shorewood Hills, Mich., died on Monday, Dec. 27, 2004. He was 97.

He was a member of First Reformed Church of Roseland, the Chicago Dental Society, Sanders Research Group, and Kiwanis International.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Adeline Mugg Boersma, in 1982.

Survivors include three children, Maryellyn Woodruff of Geneva, Ill., J. Russell (Naomi) Boersma of Leawood, Kan., and Sandra Boersma of Sawyer, Mich.; three grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; three sisters, Margaret Vanderbilt, Hilda Glupker and Ida Schuster; and two brothers, Albert Boersma and Benjamin Boersma.

Edith DeYoung '34 Conley of Cantonville, Md., died on Tuesday, Dec. 28, 2004. She was 91.

She had been a head nurse and later nursing instructor at Columbia Presbyterian Hospital's neurological institute from 1939 to 1941.

Her volunteer work included service as a Brownie Girl Scout leader, president of her church's women's association, president of the Johns Hopkins University Women's Club, and

president and board member of the old Presbyterian Eye, Ear and Throat Charity Hospital. She was a member of the Baltimore Symphony Associates and the Maryland Ornithological Society. For more than 30 years, she was a driver for Meals on Wheels and a reader at the Maryland School for the Blind.

She is survived by her husband, C. Lockard Conley; two daughters, Jean Alexander of Silver Spring, Md., and Anne Weaver of Montague, Mass.; a sister, Anne R. DeYoung '42 of Rochester, N.Y.; and two granddaughters.

Marian Den Herder '32 DeCook of Grand Rapids, Mich., died on Saturday, Jan. 15, 2005. She was 95.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 52 years, Lawrence DeCook '32.

Survivors include her son, Dennis (Cathy) DeCook of Pottsville, Mich.; four grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; brother-in-law, Bernard DeCook; nieces and nephews.

Walter deVelder '29 of Saratoga Springs, N.Y., died on Saturday, Jan. 22, 2005. He was 97.

He was a life-long missionary, serving in China for 10 years, the Philippines for four years, and Hong Kong for 17 years. Between 1977 and 1987, he took many post-retirement assignments to Taiwan. He re-opened the English Reformed Church in Amsterdam, the Netherlands, following World War II; worked with Church World Service aiding refugees from the China mainland; taught at Chung Chi Christ College; and served as a chaplain to U.S. Navy men on "R&R" and preached on Navy ships in the Hong Kong harbor.

He was a member of the Old Saratoga Reformed Church of Schuylerville, N.Y., and the RCA Classis of Schenectady. He had been treasurer of Golden Kiwanis for several years and volunteered at the Wesley Health Care Center.

He received an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from Hope College in 1964.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Margaret Otte '29 deVelder; his second wife, to whom he was married 59 years, Harriet Boot '34 deVelder; his son Philip, and four siblings, including Marion deVelder.

Survivors include his children, Margaret deVelder '63 (Edward) Hougen of Boston, Mass., Dirck '65 (Marielle) deVelder of Paris, France, John deVelder '65 of New Brunswick, N.J., and David '68 (Joyce) Borgman '72) deVelder of Schuylerville, N.Y.; nine grandchildren, including Rebecca deVelder '99 (Jonathon Brockmeier '98) Brockmeier; and seven great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, March 19, at the Old Saratoga Reformed Church.

Yvonne Yntema '46 Garber of Saginaw, Mich., died on Friday, Jan. 7, 2005. She was 79.

She was a member of First Congregational Church and the Assistance League, past treasurer of the Junior League of Saginaw, and a life-long member of the Crippled Children's Society board. She enjoyed cooking, entertaining, golfing, and knitting for neo-natal babies.

Survivors include her husband Guy S. (Ike) Garber Jr.; four children, Anne Grimm of Tampa, Fla., Susan (Denny) Whalen, Jenny (Ken) Wright, and Guy Stuart Garber III, all of Saginaw; seven grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and a brother, Stuart Yntema of Saginaw.

Word has been received of the death of **Paul V. Gillette '50** of Holland, Mich., who died on Saturday, Jan. 29, 2005. More information will appear in the next issue.

Cynthia Buehler '28 Huenink of Sheboygan Falls, Wis., died on Saturday, Jan. 15, 2005. She was 100.

She was a member of First Reformed Church in Sheboygan Falls, and had been an active

church volunteer all of her life. She enjoyed art, playing piano and organ, writing poetry, and traveling with her husband. She had written and published three books.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Derwin Huenink '26; infant daughter Gayle; son-in-law Joe Schwarzenberger; two sisters, Minnie Mentink and Ruth LeMahieu; and two brothers, Elmer and Jake Buehler.

Survivors include three daughters, Phyllis Huenink '51 (Richard) Kaylor of San Diego, Calif., Cynthia Joan (Art) Lamey of Fargo, N.D., and Daria Schwarzenberger of Monroe, Wis.; 11 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

Christine Alison Keener '86 of Holland, Ohio, died on Wednesday, Dec. 8, 2004. She was 41.

She was an attorney in immigration law, civil rights law, and the Department of Education.

She had soloed as a pianist with the Toledo Youth Orchestra and the University of Toledo Orchestra. Her volunteer work included working with special needs children in a shadowing program at Beth El Temple. She was also a photographer, biker and marathon runner, and had traveled extensively.

Survivors include her parents, Rex and Janet Keener; her brother Eric (Liz) Keener; and three nephews.

Henry Kleinheksel '36 of Holland, Mich., died on Thursday, Dec. 9, 2004. He was 91.

He worked at Chemtron of Holland for 30 years as a production manager and chemist. In 1961 he became the business manager of Western Theological Seminary, retiring in 1971.

He was a member of Maplewood Reformed Church, where he served as an elder, vice president of consistory, Sunday school teacher and choir member. He volunteered at the Good Samaritan Center, served on the board of trustees of the college and, as a delegate of the Holland Classis of the RCA, served on boards and agencies of the General Synod of the RCA.

Survivors include his wife of 68 years, Gertrude Jalving '33 Kleinheksel; children, John '60 (Sharon Van't Kerkhoff '60) Kleinheksel of Holland, Paul '63 (Jacki) Kleinheksel of Holland, Russell '66 (Pamela) Kleinheksel of Azusa, Calif., Joanne (Paul) Hettinga of Chicago, Ill., and Martha (William) Vander Marel of Dundas, Ontario; 12 grandchildren, including Kris Kleinheksel '83 (James) Hegedus of Jackson, Mich., John R. '86 (Kristin Johnston '88) Kleinheksel of Spring Lake, Mich., and Juli Stoutenborough '91 (Quentin) Apple of Lansdale, Pa.; 14 great-grandchildren; sisters, Harriet (Walter) Bobeldyk and Bernice (Edwin) Kolenbrander, all of Holland; in-laws, Viola Kleinheksel of California, Hazel Jalving of Holland, Josie Diephuis of Grand Rapids, Mich., and Reka Lamar of Zeeland, Mich.; and nieces, nephews and cousins.

Floyd Klouw '50 of Vero Beach, Fla., died on Thursday, Nov. 25, 2004. He was 76.

He was a physician who had a family practice in Keego Harbor, Mich.

He moved to Vero Beach 19 years ago and was a member of the First Presbyterian Church. He was a past president of the Osteopathic Association in Michigan, a member of Lodge 810 in Pontiac, Mich., and an honorary member of the National Osteopathic Association.

He was preceded in death by his son Raymond Klouw.

Survivors include his wife of 40 years, Lorraine Klouw; sons, John Klouw of Lake Forest, Calif., and Robert Klouw '99 of Louisville, Ky.; and three grandsons.

Word has been received of the death of **Esther Bultman '39 Marcus** of Lansing, Mich., who died on Sunday, Jan. 23, 2005. More information will appear in the next issue.

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Adam C. McClay '44 of Traverse City, Mich., died on Thursday, Jan. 20, 2005. He was 82.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy who served on active duty in World War II. He also served with the U.S. Army Air Corps, the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War, and the Merchant Marines.

He practiced as an orthopaedic surgeon in Traverse City from 1955 to 1985. He was a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons, and a member of the American Medical Association, the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons, and the Michigan State Medical Society. He was also a member and former president of the Tri-County Medical Society.

He was a member of the Grace Episcopal Church, where he served three times on the vestry, and the Traverse City Rotary Club, the Cherryland Amateur Radio Club, and the Grand Traverse Bay Power Squadron. He was a founder, life member and former commodore of the Grand Traverse Yacht Club.

He was preceded in death by his brother, John McClay, and sister Margaret McClay.

Survivors include his wife, Gloria; children, Elizabeth (Mike) Ackerman of Montrose, Colo., Thomas (Corie) McClay of Gales Ferry, Conn., John McClay '77 of New London, N.H., James (Dianne) McClay of Omaha, Neb., and Paul McClay of Des Plaines, Ill.; 11 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; sister Alice McClay '39 of Traverse City; and sister-in-law, Evelyn McClay of Marshall, Mich.

Margaret Lemke '38 Paplawsky of Sun City, Ariz., died on Saturday, Oct. 23, 2004. She was 87.

She was for a long time a high school German and French teacher in the San Diego Public School System.

Survivors include her husband of 59 years, Felix Paplawsky; sons, Peter '69 (Cara Hendrickson '69) Paplawsky of Grand Rapids, Mich., Thomas Paplawsky '72 of Bisbee, Ariz., and William Paplawsky '75 of San Diego, Calif.; four grandchildren, including Greg '97 (Allyson Pickens '98) Paplawsky and Steven Paplawsky '99; one great-grandson; one sister, Phyllis; and one brother, Fred.

Corinne Pool '43 of Holland, Mich., died on Friday, Nov. 26, 2004. She was 83.

She worked for the forerunners of National City Bank in downtown Holland and became a senior vice president of First of America Bank.

She was a member of Hope Church.

She was preceded in death by her brother, Lester Pool.

Survivors include a nephew, Jack Pool, of Howard City, Mich.

Ruth Ann Poppen '45 of Holland, Mich., died on Saturday, Nov. 27, 2004. She was 81.

She and her husband, Rev. George Poppen, who preceded her in death in 1987, served several RCA churches, including Ottawa in West Olive, Mich.; Grace in Fond du Lac, Wis.; Wellsburg in Iowa; Wichert in St. Anne, Ill.; Immanuel in Morrison, Ill.; and Silver Creek in German Valley, Ill. She was a gifted musician who taught music in public schools and directed church choirs.

She was an active member of First Reformed Church, where she served on the consistory and several committees.

Survivors include her children, David (Bonnie) Poppen of Orange City, Iowa, Mark (Jean Gouwens '78) Poppen of Holland, and Jan Poppen '79 of Zeeland, Mich.; six grandchildren; in-laws, Henry and Cornelia Poppen of Orange City, Iowa, and Jay and Jerri Bosch of Holland; and nieces and nephews.

Wayne Purchase '45 of Albuquerque, N.M., died on Friday, Nov. 12, 2004. He was 82.

He was a veteran of World War II who served in the U.S. Army Air Corps.

He owned his own business, W.L. Purchase Co., in Kalamazoo, Mich.

Survivors include his children, Kathy Putnam of Albuquerque and Gary Purchase of Boulder, Colo.; and one grandson.

Eugene (Gene) Rothi '46 of Grand Haven, Mich., died on Tuesday, Nov. 23, 2004. He was 83.

He was a veteran of World War II who served as a pilot for the U.S. Army/U.S. Air Force from 1942 to 1945.

He was an English and history teacher and guidance counselor in Grand Haven from 1950 to 1984. Prior to that, he taught in Grandville, Mich., from 1946 to 1949. He coached football, basketball and tennis at Grand Haven Senior High School, and was also a Michigan High School basketball official for many years.

He was a member and former elder, deacon and Sunday School teacher at Second Christian Reformed Church. He was also a member of the Kiwanis Club, MEA, NEA, and Charles A. Conklin Post No. 28.

His extensive volunteer service included YMCA, Christian Haven Home, Wigginton Foundation, the Grand Haven Area Foundation, and the Luke Society.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Ruth Casemier Rothi, on Friday, July 28, 2000, son-in-law Walter Yonker in 1987, and brothers, Oscar, Arthur and Martin Rothi.

Survivors include two daughters, Sharon Yonker of Grand Haven and Nancy (Jack) Misner of Lowell, Mich.; two sons, Mike (Kerry) Rothi of Ferrysburg, Mich., and Pat (Ellen) Rothi of Lawton, Mich.; eight grandchildren, including Lyndsey Yonker '07; six great-grandchildren; and many sisters- and brothers-in-law.

Richard L. Scholtz Jr. '82 of Downers Grove, Ill., died on Wednesday, Jan. 12, 2005. He was 45.

He was a member of the Cosmopolitan Fraternity.

Survivors include his wife, Jennifer; children, Jessica and Samantha; father, Richard (Suzanne) Schlott Sr.; and siblings, Jeff, Jim, Deb., Bob, Mike, Nancy and Rikki.

Greta Weeks '60 Shearer of Grand Rapids, Mich., died on Monday, May 8, 2000. She was 61.

She taught at Forest Hills High School and Northview High School, and was a fashion copywriter for Wurzburgs.

She was a long-time active member of First United Methodist Church, where she served on the board of trustees and building committee, and was a member of the Naomi Circle and United Methodist Women. She was also a member of the Mary Free Bed Guild and the music committee of Bay View Association in Petoskey, Mich.

Survivors include her husband, Thomas C. Shearer; two daughters, Melanie (Timothy) Hoeksema of Grand Rapids and Kirsten (Todd) Lowell of Wayne, Mich.; her parents, John and Theresa Weeks of Grand Rapids; brother, Lyle (Judy) Weeks of Belding, Mich.; and sister, Lois (Richard '57) Defreese of Grand Rapids.

William M. Sivyver Jr. '50 of Redford, Mich., died on Tuesday, March 18, 2004. He was 76.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Ruth, in 2002.

Survivors include his children, Jeffrey (Cindy) Sivyver, Kim (Judi) Sivyver, Patrick (Sandra) Sivyver, and Colleen (Randy) Horning; nine grandchildren; two sisters, Dorothy Jones and Betty Jean

(Ed) Lane; and a brother, Robert Sivyver.

Word has been received of the death of **Charles J. Stoppels '42** of Kalkaska, Mich., who died on Saturday, Jan. 29, 2005. More information will appear in the next issue.

Mary deVelder '63 Sullivan of Holland, Mich., died on Saturday, Dec. 11, 2004. She was 63.

She worked in university administration at Columbia University in New York City and later at the University of Michigan. She served as a faculty member at the University of Michigan, Grand Valley State University and Davenport College in Holland. She was also the manager of the national and local truck fleet of Herman Miller for several years.

She was preceded in death by her father, Marion deVelder, on Sept. 2, 2004, and her mother, Edith deVelder on Dec. 4, 2004.

Survivors include a brother, Mark (Catherine) deVelder of Holland; a sister, Anne C. deVelder '67 (John Dayger) of Champaign-Urbana, Ill.; nieces and nephews; and an uncle.

Earle VandePoel '35 of Grand Rapids, Mich., died on Thursday, Nov. 18, 2004. He was 90.

He was a U.S. Army veteran who served in World War II.

He worked at American Seating Co. in Grand Rapids for many years.

He was a long-time member of Grace Episcopal Church in Grand Rapids and a member of the Golden K Senior Kiwanis Club.

Survivors include several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Word has been received of the death of **Dorothy Bonga '42 Vandervelde** of Holland, Mich., who died on Sunday, Jan. 23, 2005. More information will appear in the next issue.

Word has been received of the death of **Lester Wolterink '36** of Traverse City, Mich., who died on Wednesday, Feb. 2, 2005. More information will appear in the next issue.

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The family of **Sylvia De Hoop** of Holland, Mich., who died on Sunday, Nov. 28, 2004. She was 90.

She was employed at the college prior to retirement.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Sybrandt, and children Wanda and Roger De Hoop.

Survivors include her children Vern (Candace Jo) De Hoop of Apple Valley, Minn., and Paula (Mark) Masselink of Holland; one granddaughter; a brother and sisters; in-laws; and nieces and nephews.

The family of **Edith deVelder** and **Marion 'Mert' deVelder** of Holland, Mich., who both died in the latter part of 2004. He died on Thursday, Sept. 2, at age 92. She died on Saturday, Dec. 4, at age 90.

In addition, their daughter Mary deVelder '63 Sullivan died on Saturday, Dec. 11, 2004, and his brother Walter deVelder '29 died on Saturday, Jan. 22, 2005. More information about each is in the listings in the previous section.

Edith was active at Central Reformed Church in Grand Rapids, Mich., and Hope Church in Holland, where she was involved in women's activities and sang in the choir. She was a member of P.E.O. International, Questers, and the Women's Literary Club.

Marion and Edith served the North and South Hampton Reformed Church of

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Churchville, Pa., Hope Church of Holland, First Church of Albany, N.Y., and Central Reformed Church of Grand Rapids, Mich. He also served the RCA in many capacities, including general secretary emeritus and general secretary. He was vice president and president of the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America, and was director of the United Advance Fund of the RCA. He also held several positions for the National Council of Churches.

Following retirement in 1977, he served Hope Church as visiting pastor. He also served on the Salvation Army board, Region 14 Council on the Aging, and the West Ottawa Schools Educational Foundation. He was a founding member of the Hope Academy of Senior Professionals (HASP). In 2002, he received the Holland Rotary Club's Lifetime Achievement Award.

For 20 years he wrote the "Person to Person" column for the *Holland Sentinel*.

He received an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from Hope in 1976.

Survivors include their children, Mark

(Catherine) deVelder of Holland and Anne deVelder '67 (John Dayger) of Champaign, Ill.; four grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

The family of **Joan Geneva Durband** of Mesa, Ariz., who died on Thursday, Nov. 18, 2004. She was 76.

In 1977 she moved to Holland, Mich., where she worked as a science librarian at the college.

Survivors include her children, Stephanie Doeschot of Lake Saint Louis, Mo., Nancy Durband '80 Van Huis of Chandler, Ariz., Dennis Durband of Gilbert, Ariz., Randy Durband '81 of Fountain Hills, Ariz., and Donovan Durband of Tucson, Ariz.; brother, Herbert Vande Kop of Rock Rapids, Mich.; and five grandchildren.

The family of **Harold J. Haverkamp** of Hanover, Ind., who died on Saturday, Jan. 22, 2005. He was 92.

He was a veteran who served as a lieutenant in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

He was a nephew of Hope College president Irwin Lubbers '17, and was an associate professor of psychology at Hope from 1945 to 1952. He was later dean of Central College and then the vice president of academic affairs at Hanover College from 1962 until his retirement.

He had been a long-time volunteer reader for the Kentucky Unit of Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Ruth Boot Haverkamp, in 1973, and a stepson, Reeve "Skip" Hansen.

Survivors include his wife, Mary (Hudson) Hansen; six children, Larry '66 (Wenche Nielsen '66), Judson (Ann), James (MC Taylor), Beth, Kirk '78, and Jennifer (Jeffrey Kehne); four stepdaughters, Denise (Tim) Brewer, Belinda (Ward) Irvin, Lisa (Steve) Porter and Natalie (Fred) Lape; and 18 grandchildren and step-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, Feb. 26, at Hanover Presbyterian Church.

The family of **William H. Kooistra** of Grand Rapids, Mich., who died on Tuesday, Nov. 30, 2004. He was 68.

He was a clinical psychologist in the Grand Rapids area for 40 years, and he served as a part-time instructor at many institutions, including Hope. His extensive volunteer service included the Democratic Party, the boards of directors of professional societies and charities, and Fountain Street Church. He was honored with the Distinguished Psychologist Award of the Michigan Psychological Association in 1990.

Survivors include his wife, Carol; four children, Kimberly Kooistra '83 (Mark) Duncan, William P. (Shelley) Kooistra, Kristen (Craig) De Young, and Allison Kooistra '94 (Sean) Breen; six grandchildren; four step-children; seven step-grandchildren; and a sister.

To the family of **Sharon Phillips** of Holland, Mich., who died on Wednesday, Jan. 26, 2005. She was 43.

For many years she had worked for Creative Dining Service in the Kletz at the college, most recently as manager. At the time of her death, she was employed by Ottawa County FIA and Parkview Home in Zeeland, Mich.

She was a member of Christ Memorial Church.

She was preceded in death by a stepdaughter, Kerri Phillips, in 1993.

Survivors included her children, Jennifer Phillips and Christina Phillips of Holland; stepdaughter, Stephanie Miscinsin of Pennsylvania; parents, Marvin and Dorothy Dykstra of Holland; in-laws, Laurie and Vern Eskes, Mary and Dennis Smith, all of Hamilton, Mich., and Jan and Tom DeVries of Holland; and nephews, nieces, aunts, uncles and cousins.

The family of **Teri Sivertson** of Holland, Mich., who died on Wednesday, Jan. 5, 2005. She was 44.

She served the college in the department of advancement from 1999 until the time of her death, first as phonathon calling supervisor and most recently as phonathon information services supervisor.

Survivors include her husband of 15 years, Kevin; four children, Sam, Kelsey, Summer and Keegan, all at home; mother, Joyce Werley of Holland; sisters and brothers, Laurie (Robert) Brock of Holland, Cheryl Ter Haar Werley of Holland, Mark (Lisa) Werley of Zeeland, Michael (Barbara) Werley, Scott Werley, Todd (Jennifer) Werley, and Stephanie (Jonathan) Compton, all of Holland; mother-in-law, Nancy Sivertson of Holland; father-in-law, Ole (Debby) Sivertson of Lansing, Ill.; in-laws, Michele De Haan of Fla., Eric (Nancy) Sivertson of Texas, and Tina Wesley of Wis.; nieces, nephews and cousins.

The family of **Jay Van Anandel** of Ada, Mich., who died on Thursday, Nov. 18, 2004. He was 80.

He was a veteran who served as a U.S. Army Air Force officer in World War II, and he was a founding partner of the Amway Corporation in Ada, Mich.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Betty, on Sunday, Jan. 18, 2004. They made possible the college's Van Anandel Plaza, the landscaped area that stands between the new science center and Van Zoeren Hall, which was dedicated in their honor on Friday, Aug. 17, 1990. His son David is a Hope alumnus and a member of the college's Board of Trustees.

Survivors include sons, Steve (Cindy) Van Anandel, and Dave '83 (Carol Girod '81) Van Anandel; daughters, Nan Van Anandel and Barb (Rick) Van Anandel-Gaby '83; and 10 grandchildren.

The family of **Nancy K. Van Oosterhout** of Holland, Mich., who died on Tuesday, Dec. 7, 2004. She was 74.

She had been employed by the college's DeWitt Tennis Center.

She was a member of Grace Episcopal Church and did extensive volunteer work in the community.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Jeannie Van Oosterhout, in 1973.

Survivors include her husband, Melvin; children, Keith (Marji) Van Oosterhout of Stevensville, Mich., Sally (David) Serrano of Holland, and Richard (Julie) Van Oosterhout of Lunenburg, Nova Scotia.; five grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; brother, Robert Veltman of Hart, Mich.; and nieces, nephews and cousins.

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Endless summer a teaching tool

A walk through campus on a cold winter day has led to new emphasis on bringing summer warmth and color to the college year-round.

Eugene Westra, a retired teacher of grades five-12 and four years in colleges, has been the consultant and volunteer caretaker for the department of biology's greenhouse since the beginning of last May. In the months since he began his work, the place has taken on new life both literally and figuratively.

It started, appropriately enough, during the season of giving, 2003. He and his wife had attended Christmas Vespers, as they had often done in the past. This time, though, while they were leaving he noticed a campus feature he'd not seen before, tucked behind the former Peale Science Center.

"We were walking down 12th Street to our car and I saw this greenhouse," he said. "Whenever I see a greenhouse, I want to stop."

Westra had retired in 1996 after teaching in the Holland Christian schools for 23 years, his emphases included Michigan history and environmental education. The latter matched well his longtime interest—fostered in childhood—in horticulture. More recently, he had spent some years managing another set of better-known greenhouses just a few blocks to the northeast of campus.

"I was at the Windmill Island greenhouses and served there for about six years," he said. "Enjoyed it very much—good people there."

When he paid his post-Vespers visit to the college's department of biology, he discovered a space in need. Things were particularly rough because the college was in the midst of renovating Peale, through which the greenhouse is reached. Access was limited, with the plants having declined as a result.

Westra met first with Dr. Debbie Swarthout, and then with department chair Dr. Thomas Bultman '78. The department was thrilled to have him, and the transformation, Dr. Bultman noted, has been dramatic.

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"We're very appreciative of his efforts," Dr. Bultman said. "It would not look the way it looks right now without his care and all the work that he has put into it. He has really put a facelift on the greenhouse. Without him, it wouldn't have happened."

Working with a team of Hope students, Westra coaxed the ailing plants back to health. "There was a good collection of tropicals here, and desert plants and desert cacti, but they all needed tender loving care to bring them back," he said.

He has eliminated duplicates—some have gone to students interested in providing them with good homes—and is working at enhancing the collection.

"We have a nice start," Westra said. "We probably have something like 300 species and are probably on the way to having perhaps 1,000 species."

"That's the goal, and that leads to the greatest health of the greenhouse," he said, noting that the plants, with their different characteristics, often prove complementary to one another.

Other touches blend practicality and aesthetics—running water plays over a stone waterfall set amidst several of the plants. He has added a donated sound system for both the



Noticing the college's greenhouse while walking past it to attend Vespers in 2003, Eugene Westra, a retired teacher strongly interested in horticulture, was intrigued. He has since become involved as the greenhouse's consultant and volunteer caretaker for the facility, leading the effort to revitalize the facility.

enjoyment of visitors and student workers.

The greenhouse is divided into five rooms, reachable in succession and different in environment. A towering banana tree greets visitors as they enter the palm room. Other sections feature varieties such as orchids, ferns and cacti. Five species of carnivorous plant are presently set in a new exhibit.

In one corner, Westra even tends a set of herbs for the college's dining service—parsley, sage, rosemary and basil.

In addition, the college has upgraded the ventilation to include additional fans and an automated system for opening and closing the windows to help adjust temperature.

"When you have plants, you try to set them in a place where you know they'll be happy, where they'll thrive," he said. He is pleased by the difference the past several months have made. "They're green again, they're fertilized again and they're happy again. I think someone would come in and say the plants are happy, and that's the greatest compliment that anyone can pay a grower."

Sophomores Anna Davis of Holland and Kerri Driesenga of Newaygo, Mich., are among the students who have been working with Westra. They, too, appreciate the change.

"It was completely transformed," Driesenga said. "It's much more organized and clean."

"It's so much nicer," Davis agreed.

For his part, Westra credits his undergraduate co-workers.

"The students washed walls, they washed windows, they painted tables," he said. "And all with such a good attitude—it seemed as though they were really glad to get in here. They really took an interest in it, and it has been fun to get to know them."

Westra also has plans for the future. The Science Center construction and renovation has yielded a patio adjacent to the greenhouse, a space that come spring will host not only faculty and students taking a break from research and studies in the building, but tables of plants and even container-grown roses.

The department of biology invited the campus community to an orchid show in October, presenting about 40 varieties. Westra is hoping to bring in more of the challenging plants—and perhaps, even, to develop a new one.

"It would be fun to propagate some orchids here in this house and to develop a Hope orchid," he said. "It can be done."

Westra jokes that the department might consider him a mixed blessing. "They're worried about a mad, addicted, orchid collector," he said. "They have worries, of course, that I'll fill this place up and they won't have room."

But the truth is that Westra's interest is well-timed. With the science center complete, the department is in a position to place new emphasis on the greenhouse, which Dr. Bultman noted, has a three-part mission.

The greenhouse is a resource for courses, a repository that can serve well by giving students access to a diverse range of species from around the world. It also supports the research mission of the college and department, housing plants being used in collaborative faculty-student investigations. And, increasingly, it is to play a role in community outreach, as a complement to the college's science museum, which even before being expanded in the new building hosted visits by hundreds of area children each year.

For Eugene Westra, educator and naturalist, those priorities are easy to identify with.

"I think the principal idea is that Hope is a very highly ranked college and it needs a very highly ranked greenhouse to match," Westra said. "I'm just pleased that I can be supportive of that." 🐦



A bloom in the greenhouse.