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Harpsichord adds classic touch

A new instrument adds a classic voice to the music program at Hope.

The college has purchased a harpsichord built specifically for Hope by Richard Kingston of North Carolina. The new instrument is an important addition to the department, according to Dr. Huw Lewis, who is a professor of music and college organist at Hope.

"We can certainly play music from the great harpsichord era with a lot more authenticity, a lot more drama, a lot more color," he said. "I think it will inspire perhaps a greater interest in early music within the department."

Kingston has produced more than 300 instruments, and in 1991 he received the Spivey Award for Excellence in Instrument Building. Kingston harpsi-



The custom-made harpsichord in the organ studio of Dr. Huw Lewis is an important addition to the department of music, providing a new resource for the study and performance of early music.

chords are found in homes, in churches and in leading music schools throughout

the United States, from the University of Georgia, to the Manhattan School of

Music, to Yale University, to Beverly Hills, Calif. Kingston harpsichords have also been exported to Canada, England, France, Switzerland, Germany and Austria.

The new instrument makes its home in the organ studio in Nykerk Hall of Music. In addition to its role in the instructional program, it is suitable for concert use, Dr. Lewis noted.

Hope already owned a smaller harpsichord that was built in 1967, according to Dr. Lewis. The old instrument, which is in need of refurbishment, will remain available to students in one of the practice rooms in Nykerk Hall of Music.

Purchase of the Kingston harpsichord was made possible through a bequest from Minnie Te Ronde '49 of Holland, Mich., who died on Monday, Feb. 23, 2004, at age 81. She had been a social worker at the Sinai Hospital of Greater Detroit and Lutheran Family Services agency. ↵

"Quote, unquote"

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

The college's annual celebration of the birth of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. featured a variety of activities scheduled during the week of Jan. 16-21, including a unity march, commemorative service and keynote address, and Gospel Fest concert. Excerpts follow from the address "Where do we go from here?," presented by the Rev. Wayne Coleman, who is executive director of Core City, CCDA of Holland, during a luncheon on Monday, Jan. 16, at the Haworth Inn and Conference Center. During the event the City of Holland also presented its annual Social Justice Awards to community members.

"Dr. King believed in a society of justice, where none would prey upon the weakness of others, a society of plenty where greed and poverty would be done away, a society of brotherhood where every man would respect the dignity and worth of human personality.

"Where do we go from here? According to Dr. King we should be establishing beloved communities where people are not judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character. We should be establishing beloved institutions of education and employment that don't just talk the talk but walk the walk!

"Here are a few suggestions of things you can do to help move us from where we are today and into creating beloved communities.

"First, I wonder if you can give help to some of us poor black folk? You see we have been waiting on this check to cash that continues to bounce from decade to decade. There have been some investments made but we still fall short on the funds of justice. The check that I am talking about is the check Dr. King mentions in his 'I have a dream' speech. Dr. King said, 'We have received a check stamped "insufficient funds" and today we

are still standing at the bank of justice waiting to receive our pay.' And I, as Dr. King believe that the bank of justice is not bankrupt.

"Secondly, it is important for you as students to be intentional in establishing cross-culture relationships. These are relationships that judge people by their character, not by the color of their skin. Be intentional in loving people who are different from you. As you leave Hope College to pursue your careers, many of you will leave here to become police chiefs, parents, mayors, politicians, teachers, professors, and corporate leaders of tomorrow. Be intentional in creating institutions that practice what they preach when it comes to racial equality. Don't become people who have a high blood pressure of words but are anemic in your deeds. Most importantly, as you raise families, be intentional in teaching your children to love and accept all people. From the ages of three to five we are framed to be who we are by what is taught in the home.

"What we also learn from Dr. King is to never be afraid to speak against injustice. Don't ever exchange caution for courage. Dr. King was told to be cautious, wait, cool down, and Dr. King replied, 'There is danger if you cool off too much that you will end up in a deep freeze.' Or they may say to you, 'Let's work on this gradually.' Well. Gradualism is a little more than do-nothingism, which ends up in stand-stillism.

"Finally, you must leave here with a divine dissatisfaction. A divine dissatisfaction to keep on walking, to keep on marching, to keep on talking until Dr. King's vision is fulfilled in every community, every country, church, institution and in every family.

You must leave here today with divine dissatisfaction to break the crippling blows of poverty, hate, and violence. Then and only then will we be able to speak the most famous words spoken by Dr. King, 'Free At Last Free At Last Thank God Almighty we are Free At last!' ↵



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On the cover

The Flying Dutch rejoice after winning the Division III national championship in women's basketball on Saturday, March 18, at Springfield, Mass. The team played all six of its NCAA tournament games on the road.

At top center is a moment from this year's Dance Marathon.

At top right is Sufjan Stevens '98 (top center in photo), who in developing his own unique musical style has earned national acclaim as a composer and performer. (Photo by Denny Renshaw courtesy of Asthmatic Kitty Records)

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NATIONAL AWARD: The book *The Career Mystique: Cracks in the American Dream*, co-authored by Dr. Patricia Roehling of the psychology faculty, has received a national award for being "the best of the best."

The book has received the 2005 "Award for Excellence in Professional and Scholarly Publishing"

given by the Professional and Scholarly Publishing Division (PSP) of the Association of American Publishers (AAP). *The Career Mystique* was honored as the year's best book in the category of Sociology and Social Work.

AAP presented awards in 30 categories for outstanding books, journals and digital projects covering a wide range of academic disciplines. The awards were announced on Tuesday, Feb. 7, during the PSP Annual Conference in Washington, D.C. The winners were chosen by a nine-member expert panel consisting of librarians, academics and working publishers.

Dr. Roehling co-wrote *The Career Mystique*, which was published by the Rowman and Littlefield Publishing Group Inc. of Lanham, Md., with Dr. Phyllis Moen of the University of Minnesota. The two authors examine the disconnect between the demands of a career and the structure of American society.

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 solely to duties of the home. While the expectations for women have changed in the years since, Drs. Roehling and Moen say, the "career mystique" has not evolved accordingly.

The "career mystique," they say, assumes intense devotion to full-time employment as the route to success. They note, however, that such commitment comes into conflict with the very real needs that workers also face at home, particularly in single-parent households or in households where both parents are employed outside the home. Further, they say, the full-time career track also leaves little room for retirees who might like to stay working on a part-time basis.

TENNIS HONOR: Jorge Capestany, manager of the DeWitt Tennis Center, has been named winner of the "Facility Manager of the Year" award presented by the Midwest Division of the United States Professional Tennis Association (USPTA).

He received the award during the division's annual conference held on Saturday-Monday, March 4-6, in Columbus, Ohio.

The award recognizes a general manager of a country club, commercial tennis facility, public tennis center, resort or similar facility. It is based on encouraging professional development of facility staff; promotion of tennis in the facility environment; support for USPTA education and professional development opportunities; hiring and supporting USPTA-certified tennis professionals; and organizational affiliations and special achievements in the tennis facility industry.



Patricia Roehling



Jorge Capestany

Graduation is May 7

The college's 141st graduation exercises are only a month away.

Baccalaureate and Commencement will be held on Sunday, May 7. Approximately 618 graduating seniors will be participating.

The Commencement speaker will be Dr. Rhoda Janzen, assistant professor of English. The Baccalaureate sermon will be delivered by the Rev. Stephen Norden '74 of Dublin, Ohio, who is founding pastor of New Hope Reformed Church in Powell, Ohio.

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

Dr. Janzen has been a member of the Hope faculty since 2000. Her teaching interests include contemporary poetry, rhetorical grammar and American literature from 1865 to 1925. This year she has served as faculty advisor to the Delta Phi sorority and the *Opus* literary magazine.

She frequently contributes creative writing to fine arts journals, and she serves as poetry editor for the journal *Perspectives*. Her first book of poetry, *Babel's Stair*, will appear later this year from Word Press. She is currently working on two more book projects: a cultural study of gender and morality in 19th century America, and a grammar textbook called *Grammar in Action*.

Dr. Janzen came to Hope from the University of California at Los Angeles, where she completed her master's in 1997 and her doctorate in American literature in 2002. The recipient of UCLA's Distinguished Teaching Assistant Award for innovation in pedagogy, she has both studied and taught the dynamics of classroom collaboration. At UCLA she also received the Charles E. and Sue K. Young Outstanding Graduate Award, UCLA's

The USPTA is the world's oldest and largest association of tennis-teaching professionals, and has more than 14,000 members worldwide. The USPTA is comprised of 17 regional divisions. The Midwest Division includes Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio and Wisconsin.

STATE OFFICE: Carla Bender, associate director of financial aid, has been elected vice president of the Michigan Student Financial Aid Association (MSFAA).

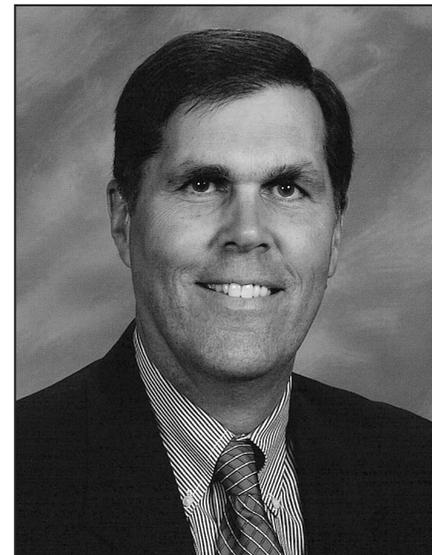
Founded in 1967, the MSFAA brings together postsecondary schools and other public and private organizations involved with providing financial aid for students. The association has more than 500 members.

As vice president, Bender is a member of the organization's Executive Board, which consists of seven members and five sector representatives. Her one-year term began at the end of January.

CHOSEN HOPE: A number of readers



Dr. Rhoda Janzen



Rev. Stephen Norden '74

highest honor for academic distinction; twice held the University of California State Poet Laureate Award; and received the Charlotte Newcombe Award, a dissertation prize from the Wilson National Fellowship Foundation.

Before her years in Los Angeles, she earned an M.A. in creative writing from the University of Florida. She graduated from Fresno Pacific University with a B.A. in 1984.

She and her husband, Craig Preston, live in Holland.

Rev. Norden is the son of long-time Reformed Church in America missionaries to Japan, where he was raised. He majored in political science while at Hope.

After graduation, he attended Western Theological Seminary and worked as the assistant director of Camp Henry in Newaygo, Mich., and as an intern at Good Samaritan Reformed Church in Gahanna, Ohio. Upon receiving his Master of Divinity degree from Western Theological Seminary in 1978, he was installed as minister of youth and education at Second Reformed Church in

Kalamazoo, Mich.

Rev. Norden has been at New Hope Reformed Church since 1984. In 1987 the church was organized as a congregation of the Reformed Church in America with 93 communicant members representing 50 families and a total baptized membership of 130. Today the congregation has 360 members representing 200 families. Approximately 600 people consider New Hope as their church home.

He served on the college's Alumni Association Board of Directors from 1985 to 1990, and was president of the board from 1986 to 1988, and has been a member of the college's Board of Trustees since 2003. He received a Distinguished Alumni Award from Hope in 1989.

Rev. Norden and his wife, Jean Boven '75 Norden, have three sons: William, who graduated in 2004; Charles; and Pieter.

In the event of rain, Commencement will be held at the Richard and Helen DeVos Fieldhouse. Admission to Baccalaureate, and to Commencement if indoors, is by ticket only. 🗑️

have been interested in learning more about Chosen Hope, the non-profit organization established by Jane Roesters '98 Graham and Lori Strehler '98, who were featured in the February issue of *news from Hope College*. Chosen Hope's main focus is on African children whose lives have been devastated by HIV/AIDS.

Chosen Hope can be found online at www.chosenhope.org and written at PO Box 82; Jamestown, MI 49427.

REGIONAL DIRECTOR: Brett Holleman '90 has joined the Hope staff as a regional advancement director.

He was most recently a development officer with the Holland Hospital Foundation. He had earlier served in development roles with Good Samaritan Ministries in Holland



Brett Holleman

and Holland Christian Schools. Prior to his work in development he had worked in youth ministry with Young Life and Beechwood Church in the Holland area.

He graduated from Hope with a communication major, and spent a semester studying in Leiden, The Netherlands. As a student he worked in conference services and also managed the college's guest house. His co-curricular activities included the Arcadian fraternity, cheerleading, the Social Activities Committee and Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Holleman is a 2003 graduate of Leadership Holland, which he currently serves as a member of the Executive Committee. His community involvement includes continued involvement with Young Life, American Cancer Society Relay for Life and serving as a deacon for Third Reformed Church. He is also involved in the local chapter of the Association for

(See "Campus Notes" on page six.)

Events

Academic Calendar

Spring Semester '06

April 27, Thursday—Honors Convocation, Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 7 p.m.

April 28, Friday—Spring Festival. Classes dismissed at 3 p.m.

May 1-5, Monday-Friday—Semester Examinations

May 5, Friday—Residence halls close for those not participating in Commencement, 5 p.m.

May 6, Saturday—Alumni Day

May 7, Sunday—Baccalaureate and Commencement

May 7, Sunday—Residence halls close for graduating seniors, 7 p.m.

May Term '06—May 8-June 2

June Term '06—June 5-30

July Term '06—July 3-28

Summer Seminars '06—July 31-Aug. 4

Admissions

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

Junior Day: Friday, April 21

Pre-Professional Day: Wednesday, May 24

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.

De Pree Gallery

Senior Show—Through Sunday, May 7

Work by graduating Hope seniors.

The gallery is open Sundays and Mondays from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.; Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m.; and Thursdays from 10 a.m. until 9 p.m. Please call the gallery at (616) 395-7500 for more information. Admission to the gallery is free.

Music

Jazz Combos Concert—Monday, April 17: Wichers Auditorium of Nykerk Hall of Music, 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.

Jazz Combos Concert Two—Tuesday, April 18: Wichers Auditorium of Nykerk Hall of Music, 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.

Jazz Ensemble and Anchor Band—Thursday, April 20: Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.

Wind Symphony Concert—Friday, April 21: Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.

Combined Choirs Concert—Tuesday, April 25: Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.

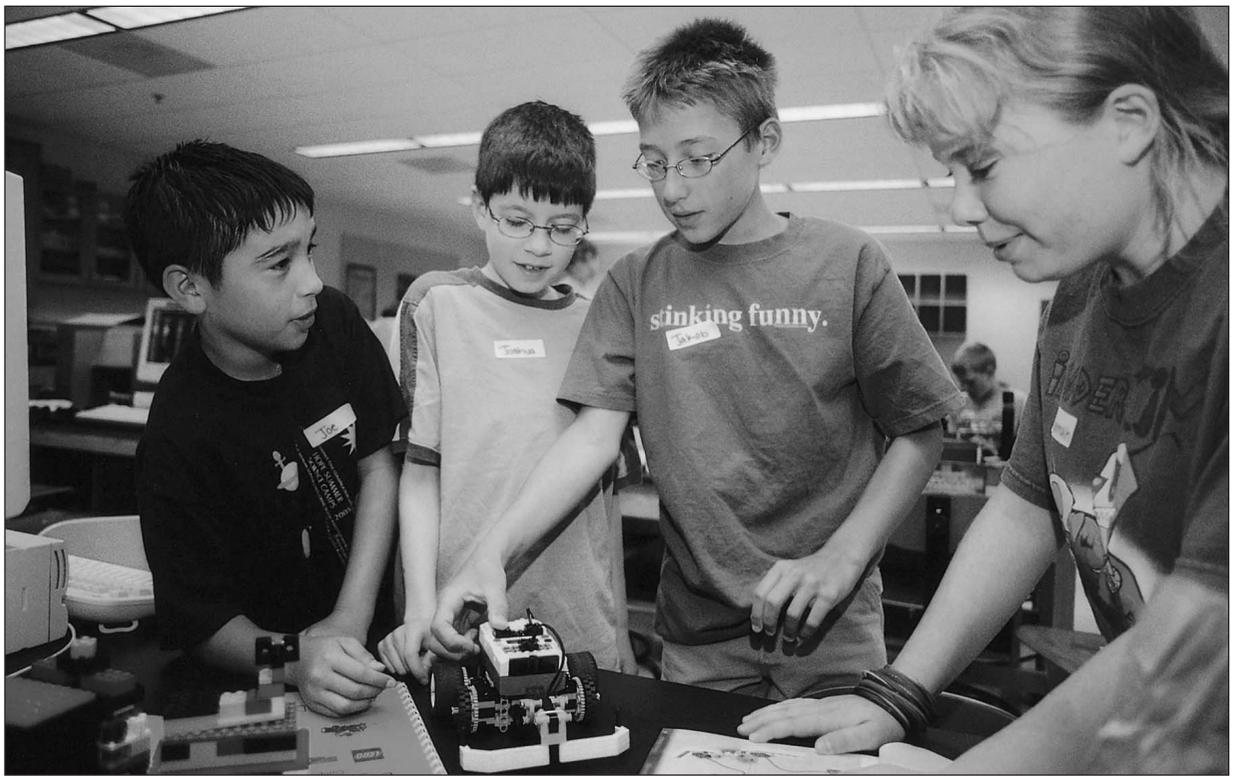
Tulip Time Organ Recitals—Wednesday-Saturday, May 10-13: Dimnent Memorial Chapel, running every half hour starting at 10 a.m. with the last recital each day beginning at 1:30 p.m.

Hope Summer Repertory Theatre

The 35th season opens on Friday, June 16. The season is still being finalized, and the rights are pending for all the shows listed.

The shows in the DeWitt Center main theatre will include the Tony-award winning musical, *Oliver!*; *Shakespeare in Hollywood*, a funny look at 1930s Hollywood making a film of a Shakespeare play; the tap-dancing musical *Dames at Sea*, and Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. The popular cabaret show will continue the Shakespeare theme with *Shakespeare in Revue* featuring music and skits from Cole Porter to Monty Python. A play in the intimate Snow Auditorium in Nykerk Hall of Music has yet to be announced, and there will also be two children's shows.

The season runs through Saturday, Aug. 12. Tickets will range in price from \$8 to \$26. For additional information, please call the theatre ticket office at (616) 395-7890 on or after its Wednesday, May 24, opening date.



With the school year in its final weeks, planning for the summer is well underway. Activities on campus will include a variety of science camps as well as several sports camps for children.

Theatre

Love's Labour's Lost—Friday-Saturday, April 21-22, and Wednesday-Saturday, April 26-29

By William Shakespeare

DeWitt Center, main theatre, 8 p.m.

Tickets for Hope College Theatre productions are \$7 for regular admission, \$5 for Hope faculty and staff, and \$4 for senior citizens and students. Tickets are sold at the ticket office in the front lobby of the DeVos Fieldhouse, which is open weekdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and can be called at (616) 395-7890. On theatre performance nights the theatre lobby ticket office in the DeWitt Center will be open shortly before the curtain rises.

Alumni, Parents and Friends

Alumni Weekend—Friday-Sunday, May 5-7

Includes reunions for every fifth class, '41 through '81.

Alumni Trip: Vienna and Former Yugoslavia—June 4-11 and 11-18

A two-part study tour featuring Vienna in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Vienna Summer School during the first week and the former Yugoslavia during the second week. Participants can opt to sign on for either or both of the programs. Dr. Neal Sobania '68 will lead the first week, and Dr. Sobania and Dr. Robert Donia '67 will lead the second week.

Bob DeYoung Hope Classic Golf Outing—Monday, June 26

At the Holland Country Club.

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/ (except as noted above).

Dance

Student Dance Concert—Monday-Tuesday, April 24-25

Knickerbocker Theatre, 8 p.m.

Admission is free.

Instant Information

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

Summer Camps

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

Science Camps

The popular program will offer a total of 28 one-week camps spread across the seven weeks beginning Monday, June 12, and running through Friday, July 28. Titles range from "Club Vet Jr.," to "Fantastic Flying Machines," to "Harry Potter," to "Crime Scene Investigation," to "Lego Robotics I and II," to "Video Game Making." Each camp runs in the morning or afternoon, and most are designed for a three-grade age range, such as K-2, 3-5, 4-6, 6-8 or 7-9.

For complete information, including all titles and session times, please check the science camp Web site through the link noted above, e-mail sciencecamp@hope.edu or call (616) 395-7628.

Soccer Camps

Day Camp—two camps: June 12-16, 19-23 (ages six-14)

Elite Camp—two camps: July 9-14, 16-21 (ages 11-18)

For more information, please call (616) 335-8103 or visit www.hopesoccercamp.com.

Youth Football Camp

Skilled Position and Lineman Camp, entering grades nine-12: July 23-25

Youth Camp, entering grades three-eight: July 27-28

For more information, please call (616) 395-7690.

Boys' Basketball Camps

Varsity Team Camp: June 16-17

Great Lakes Team Camp—two camps: June 18-21, 21-24

Junior Varsity Team Camp: TBA

Entering grades four-six: June 26-30

Entering grades seven-nine: July 3-7

For more information, please call (616) 395-7690.

Girls' Basketball Camps

Entering grades four-five: May TBA

Entering grades six-eight: July 17-21

Entering grades nine-12: July 17-21

Body training, entering grades six-12: July 17-21

For more information, please call (616) 395-7690.

Volleyball

Entering grades six-eight: June TBA

Hitter/setter, entering grades nine-12: June TBA

High school team camp: July TBA

Entering grades nine-12: July TBA

For more information, please call (616) 395-7690.

Justice for Janet

They made a difference.

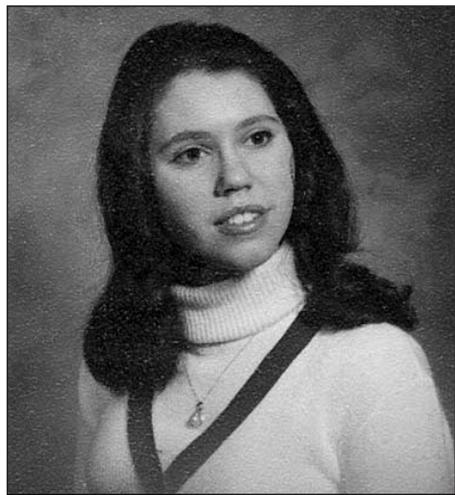
In the fall of 2003, the college's documentary class took on an incredibly challenging real-world assignment: to tell the story of Janet Chandler, a Hope senior who had been abducted and killed in 1979. Her murder was Holland's only unsolved homicide.

Two years later, the class's work continues to have an impact.

The 80-minute film, *Who Killed Janet Chandler?*, made headlines when it debuted at the Knickerbocker Theatre in January of 2004 and subsequently showed on local public television in conjunction with the 25th anniversary of Chandler's death. The documentary is credited with building awareness of the crime and playing a significant role in prompting law enforcement officials to form a "cold-case" team a few months later and begin reexamining the case. The process ultimately led the authorities to make an arrest in February of this year.

"It was a very important part of getting the process started, to start looking at a cold-case investigation," Holland Police Chief John Kruithoff said during a press conference announcing the arrest.

Ottawa County Prosecuting Attorney Ronald Frantz commended the public attention generated by the film, noting, "That does help stir the pot and cause potential witnesses to come forward with additional information."



Janet Chandler

Chandler was abducted on Wednesday, Jan. 31, 1979, after 1 a.m. while working the night desk at the former Blue Mill Inn near U.S. 31 and 16th Street in Holland. Her body was found almost 24 hours later by a snow-plow driver in a wooded turn-around on Interstate 196 seven miles south of South Haven.

Local, state and federal law enforcement agencies all became involved in the investigation. The crime was on the front page of *The Holland Sentinel* for days, the final headline in the sequence having this to say: "A week later .. few clues." Eventually, as leads led nowhere, the case became cold.

And so things stood in the spring of 2003 when Dr. David Schock of the communication faculty visited the Holland Police Department with a group of students. They were meeting with Captain Bob DeVries, focusing on how reporters can best work with the police to get the facts to the public without harming an investigation.

"He told me as we were preparing to leave that he was retiring," said Dr. Schock, an associate professor of communication. "I expressed my thanks for all his help and then asked about 'the one that got away'—the most frustrating case of his career that remained unsolved. Without as much as a second's pause, he responded, 'Janet Chandler.'"

"He might as well have carved that on my heart," Dr. Schock said. "The idea of looking at a 25-year-old unsolved homicide—and this one in particular—called to me."

Dr. Schock proposed the story—of the crime, of Chandler, of the investigation and the aftermath—to his documentary class the next fall. After first obtaining Chandler's parents' consent to pursue the project, they worked on it together throughout the semester, with Dr. Schock and lead videographer Phil Blauw '83 of the Hope staff continuing to collect material and edit the program until its premiere.

The eight students who participated in the project, all juniors at the time, were: Olim Alimov of Tajikistan; Tyler Basler of Auburn, Mich.; Sarah Hartman of Richmond, Ind.; Wes Hollendonner of Akron, Ohio; Jonathan Johnson of Fremont, Mich.; Amber Ross of Schiller Park, Ill.; Amy Schlusler of Lapeer, Mich.; and Kyle Shepherd of Oak Forest, Ill.

"It was really hard because we felt like we started to know her a little bit, and to know that terrible thing had happened to her was difficult," Ross said.

Johnson recalled his feelings for her family. Even though they had endorsed the project, "to bring back all these memories for them was the hardest thing about doing the story," he said.

Chandler was a 23-year-old from Muskegon, Mich., and as a student had experiences that would sound familiar to her present-day counterparts. She was a vocal music major who was a member of the choir, and had lived in Dykstra and Lichty halls. She was working to help pay her tuition, and planned to graduate in just a few months.

She had also come to Hope, like students today, with her eye on the future. During a memorial service held in the chapel on Sunday, Feb. 3, 1979, Chaplain Peter Semeyn '73 read words she had written before enrolling: "God has a purpose for my life and I hope to discover it at Hope College. Where God leads, I will follow." Also during the service, music professor Joyce Morrison recalled, "Janet had a most beautiful and promising voice."

The cold-case team, announced in April 2004, included two detectives with the Holland Police Department and two with the Michigan State Police. In conducting their investigation during the next 22 months, they visited 18 states, conducting more than 300 interviews.

The suspect who was arrested and charged with first-degree murder in February was allegedly a guest at the motel at the time Chandler was killed, one of several security guards staying in Holland while working for a company contracted to assist a local firm experiencing a strike. At the time of his arrest he was living in Three Oaks, Mich., about an hour south of Holland.

The investigation, however, is not over.



A 2004 documentary crafted by a Hope College communication class has been praised for its influential role in prompting formation of a "cold case" team to investigate the unsolved 1979 murder of Hope senior Janet Chandler. In February, the police team made an arrest. From left to right are Hope students, faculty and staff who made the film: **Front Row:** Kyle Shepherd, Sarah Hartman, Jonathan Johnson; **Middle Row:** Olim Alimov, Amber Ross, Amy Schlusler; **Back Row:** Wes Hollendonner, Phil Blauw '83 of the Hope staff and Dr. David Schock, associate professor of communication. Missing is Tyler Basler.

The 66-year-old suspect, Kruithoff said, "is cooperating with investigators and his cooperation is leading to further information surrounding this case. As a result there are other individuals suspected of being involved; thus, this case will remain open and active until all investigative leads are exhausted."

Testimony by witnesses during the preliminary hearing on Friday, March 24, implicated the suspect and possibly other security guards in assaulting Chandler and her death during a party at a guest house owned by the company that they were in town to help.

For the filmmakers, having answers found has been, to say the least, rewarding.

"We hoped of course that they would find someone or get more leads, but I don't know that I expected this to come out of it," Ross said. "I'm just really excited for the Chandler family and I hope with this they can begin to heal a little bit more and get a little closure."

"It's a rare chance to be in a position where you can do something that will result in justice," said Dr. Schock, who is in his final semester at Hope. "And to work with students on a project such as this—to walk with

them through the horror of the crime, to meet with the family where they have to come face-to-face with this loss—all of us had to come to some kind of understanding. And then to actually have the chance to do something, to make a product, to create a work of art that's going to have a positive effect on the outcome, I'll tell you what, it's humbling. It'll knock you to your knees."

Chandler's family attended the press conference, and through a statement express appreciation to all who had taken up their daughter's cause.

"We'd like to thank Professor David Schock and his class at Hope College for their work helping to bring this case to the attention of the cold case team two years ago. For our family, this is the beginning of the end. To us this has never been a cold case. It's something we have lived with for 27 years, and we remember it as if it were yesterday. We lost a daughter and a sister, and consequently were robbed of the precious memories that might have been had had it not been for this senseless killing. We're also sincerely grateful to the cold-case team and their relentless pursuit of justice in this case. Words cannot express our gratitude to them." 🐾

Campus Notes

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Fundraising Professionals.

He and his wife Karen have a son and daughter at home.

ROTARY RECOGNITION: Tom Renner '67 of the public relations office attended the Thursday, Jan. 19, meeting of the Holland Rotary Club thinking that he'd been invited as a guest in celebration of his birthday.

That was only partially true. He was actually there to receive a present: recognition as a Paul Harris Fellow.

Renner was selected for and presented the award by Rotary member Jerry Redeker '56, a long-time friend, "for service and humanitarian efforts in the Holland community and for Hope College."

The award is named for Rotary International's founder. Paul P. Harris, an attorney, founded the Rotary Club of Chicago in February of 1905, with the name derived from the early practice of rotating meetings among members' offices.

Renner is associate vice president for public and community relations at Hope, where he has been employed since 1967. In addition to developing and directing the college's overall program in public and community relations, he serves as sports information director for the college and as league publicist for the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association.

Faculty Kudos:

Priscilla Atkins, arts librarian with the rank of associate professor, has had poetry included recently in multiple publications.

Her poem "Wood," a poem about love and faith which reflects on her older sister, who has done woodworking for years, has been published in the Winter 2005 issue of *Shenandoah: The Washington and Lee University Review*. A total of 13 of her poems are being published in the Winter 2006 issue of *The Midwest Quarterly*. Presented under the group title "Drinking the Dark," the poems are inspired, in part, by Michigan beech trees.

She also has poems forthcoming in spring issues of *Prairie Schooner*, *Raritan*, *Poetry East* and *Poetry London*, the latter of which is an international literary magazine published in London, England.

Albert Bell of the history faculty set his previous two mystery novels as far away as modern-day Italy and the ancient Middle East. His latest, *Death Goes Dutch*, takes place closer to home, in West Michigan.

The plot centers on the return of the now-grown son given up for adoption by the unwed daughter of a wealthy Grand Rapids furniture family. With the help of a social services worker, who is the novel's narrator, he learns of his mother's identity and that she died under suspicious circumstances five years before. Given the situation, his appearance isn't greeted with unrestrained joy by all of his relatives.

Dr. Bell notes that while the family's status is derived from Grand Rapids's furniture-making heritage, the clan itself is strictly fictional and not meant as a stand-in for a real-life counterpart. While some of his specific locations are also fictional creations, he has taken care to convey his setting accurately, not only drawing upon his experiences as a 27-year West Michigan resident but by conducting additional research for the book.

Jack Mulder Jr. '00, visiting assistant



Hundreds of students filled the Dow Center gymnasium for 24 hours for the seventh annual Dance Marathon, held on Friday-Saturday, March 10-11. Organized by students to build awareness of and raise funds for the DeVos Children's Hospital through the Children's Miracle Network, the event raised \$112,670.89 this year, topping last year's high of \$103,012.08. Since beginning in 2000, Dance Marathon has raised more than \$481,000 for the hospital.

professor of philosophy, is author of a new book that examines the religious philosophy of Soren Kierkegaard.

Dr. Mulder's book, *Mystical and Buddhist Elements in Kierkegaard's Religious Thought*, has been published by Edwin Mellen Press of Lewiston, N.Y.

According to Dr. Mulder, the qualities of mysticism include the annihilation of the self and union with God. The standard reading of Kierkegaard, he said, has conversely emphasized the philosopher's insistence on the distinction between Creator and creation. Dr. Mulder, however, sees in Kierkegaard's writings a view of humanity's relationship to the divine that is in keeping with the mystical perspective.

Roger Nemeth, professor of sociology, is serving a three-year term as a member of the national board of councilors of the Social Science Division of the Council on Undergraduate Research (CUR).

Founded in 1978, CUR focuses on providing undergraduate research opportunities for faculty and students at predominantly undergraduate institutions. A national organization of individual and institutional members, CUR represents more than 900 colleges and universities.

CUR is organized into seven disciplinary divisions and one at-large division, each of which appoints up to 24 councilors. Dr. Nemeth is one of 22 scholars from around the country serving as councilors in the Social Science Division. His term continues through 2008.

William Pannacker of the English faculty was part of an Emmy-nominated production.

He was featured as an expert on Walt Whitman in the program *State of the Arts: American Originals* produced by NJN Public Television. NJN covers the Philadelphia and New York Metropolitan markets, including about 13 million viewers.

The program originally aired on May 6, 2005 and was rebroadcast on February 17

and 22, and also includes segments on photographer Edward Weston, composer Harry Patch and organist Alexander McCurdy. It received a 2006 New York Emmy Nomination for Outstanding Arts Program.

Dr. Pannacker, who is an assistant professor of English and Towsley Research Scholar at Hope, was interviewed in April 2005 in Camden, N.J., where he was giving a plenary session, "Walt Whitman's Philadelphia and Camden: Retrospect and Prospect" at the "Conference on Walt Whitman and Place" at Rutgers University, which celebrated the 150th anniversary of Whitman's *Leaves of Grass*. The producer invited him to be part of the television segment because he was born in Camden, where Whitman spent the last 20 years of his life. Dr. Pannacker's conference talk included childhood memories of the city, which has struggled to recover from the loss of industry since the 1960s.

Dr. Pannacker gave five talks on Whitman during the sesquicentennial celebration. On Saturday, Feb. 4, he presented "Leaves of Grass and Walt Whitman's America" during the college's annual Winter Happening. The other three were during the Modern Language Association Convention in Philadelphia, Pa., in December 2004; the 150th-Anniversary Conference in Lincoln, Neb., in March 2005; and an "American Treasures" lecture at the Library of Congress in November.

William F. Polik of the chemistry faculty has been appointed chairperson of the national Committee on Professional Training (CPT) of the American Chemical Society (ACS).

Dr. Polik, who is the Edward and Elizabeth Hofma Professor of Chemistry, has been a member of the committee since 2000, and served as vice-chair during the past year. His service as chair began in March and will continue through 2008.

Founded in 1876, the ACS has more than 158,000 members in industry and educa-

tion. The society's activities include promoting public understanding of chemistry through outreach programs, fostering communication between chemists and related organizations, and assisting in the professional and career development of chemists.

The 17-member CPT works to facilitate the maintenance and improvement of the quality of chemical education. Among other duties, the committee determines whether or not undergraduate chemistry programs qualify for approval by the ACS. Graduates of ACS-approved programs receive certification noting that their training meets the society's standards for overall professional competency. More than 600 programs nationwide, including the chemistry program at Hope, have achieved ACS approval.

Dr. Polik is guiding the CPT on a revision of the ACS guidelines for approving undergraduate chemistry departments. The revision is timely, he noted, because both chemistry and education have undergone dramatic changes in recent years.

"Chemistry is much more multidisciplinary than before, and now includes fields like biochemistry, material science and environmental science," he said. "It's chemistry's molecular perspective that has provided understanding and progress in each of these fields."

"Student learning involves more than course content," Dr. Polik said. "Students also need teamwork, communication and critical thinking skills to be successful in their future careers."

Jack Ridl, professor of English, has had two volumes of poetry published this semester: the chapbook *Outside the Center Ring* and the collection *Broken Symmetry*.

Outside the Center Ring, published by Pudding House Publishing of Columbus, Ohio, explores life with the circus through a series of 19 poems. They harken back to his experiences as a childhood, and are based on the times that he spent behind the scenes, or "back-lot," with an older cousin.

The volume opens with an elegy in honor of the cousin, who was like a second father to Professor Ridl while his father served in World War II. The rest focus on characters and moments from the traveling tent show—"Winter Quarters," "Daydreams of the Catcher of the Queen of the Air," "The Children of the Lion Tamer" and "Night on the Circus Lot."

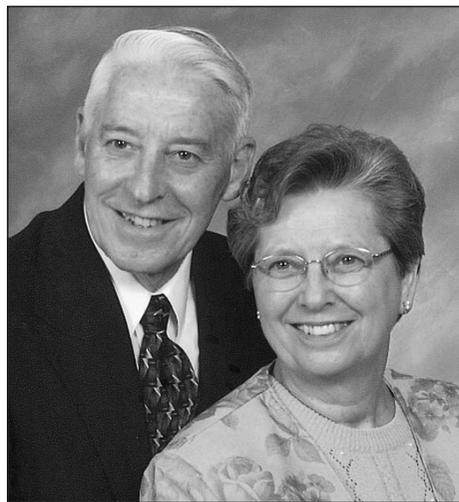
The experiences of everyday life and mathematics are related in *Broken Symmetry*, published as one of two volumes inaugurating the "Made in Michigan Writers Series" of Wayne State University Press. Professor Ridl noted that he didn't set out to write "mathematical" poems, but rather was struck as he considered the pieces how they connected with mathematical themes such as differential equations and quantum theory.

The poems explore a variety of topics—the universal human experience of loss, fresh perspective on the easily overlooked, the goodness and joy to be found in a challenging world. Some were written as long as 10 years ago; most within the past five years. The collection includes the poems originally featured in Professor Ridl's limited-edition volume *Against Elegies*, which was chosen by U.S. Poet Laureate Billy Collins as the winner of the 2001 "Letterpress Chapbook Competition" sponsored by the Center for Book Arts of New York City. ✍

Association to honor four

The Hope College Alumni Association will present four Distinguished Alumni Awards during the college's Alumni Day on Saturday, May 6.

Being honored this year are Helen C. Taylor '58 Hofman and the Rev. J. Samuel Hofman '55 of Holland, Mich.; Dr. Thelma K. (Tommye) Leenhouts '66 of Washington, D.C.; and Dr. A. Paul



Rev. J. Samuel Hoffman '55 and Helen C. Taylor '58 Hofman

Helen C. Taylor '58 Hofman and the Rev. J. Samuel Hofman '55 are retired after serving for more than 40 years as Reformed Church missionaries in Chiapas, Mexico. The Hofmans served in Mexico from 1958 to 2000, working with Mayan tribes.

For the first 28 years they helped develop a Bible School to provide leadership training for the Tzeltal tribe. At the school they taught church leaders and their wives a wide variety of biblical and practical subjects, wrote Tzeltal literature and textbooks, and prepared audio-visual materials. Sam also administered health centers in 60 tribal locations and they visited the hundreds of congregations scattered in the rugged hills and jungle.

In 1988 they moved to the town of Las Margaritas, the shopping center of the Tojolabal tribe. During the following six years they translated biblical and health materials into their language. They also arranged for a reprint of their New Testament, enlarged and republished their hymnal, and taught them to sing the hymns. Tribal persecution was severe, and they became involved in the support and encouragement of converts who were expelled from their villages.

In 1994 they moved to the city of San Cristobal de Las Casas to be near the Amatenango area of the Tzeltal tribe. They helped prepare a hymnal and a translation of the New Testament in that Tzeltal dialect.

The move to San Cristobal was also prompted by an invitation from the highland Tzeltal church leaders to coordinate the revisions of their Bible and hymnal and to prepare Sunday School materials. At the dedication service of this Bible in August 2002, the entire edition of 15,000 copies was distributed to the Tzeltal churches. During their four decades of service the Hofmans witnessed the growth of the Tzeltal Church from 7,000 to over 60,000 members.

Sam and Helen met on a blind date, attending an evening service at Third Reformed Church in 1955. It was Sam's first week as a student at Western Seminary and Helen's first week as a student at Hope College. Three years of courtship followed,

and Helen squeezed four years of college into three so they could both graduate and be married in the summer of 1958.

They received their call to missionary service at Maplewood Reformed Church in the Fall of 1957. They were visiting the church to hear the dynamic preaching of the Rev. James Baar; but there was a guest speaker that morning: the Rev. John Kempers '21, the pioneer Reformed Church missionary to Chiapas. Through his message they heard the Lord's call to serve in Mexico.

In addition to their writing in the Tzeltal and Tojolabal languages, their publications include a textbook on church history in Spanish and a devotional booklet, *Light from Tzeltal Lamps*, published by Words of Hope in 2001. Sam wrote articles regularly for the *Missionary Monthly* and the *Church Herald*, a collection of which was published in 1993 as the book *Mission Work in Today's World*. In 2004 he wrote an article for the Reformed Review of Western Theological Seminary titled "The History of the Chiapas Mission."

Despite their distance from Michigan, their ties to Hope remained strong through the years, partly because four of Helen's siblings are also alumni. Helen's brother Keith '68 taught history at Hope College from 1987 to 1989. Her brother-in-law, Bruce Brumels '59, is a past president of the Alumni Association. Another brother-in-law, Charles Van Engen '70, is a member of the Board of Trustees.

Their three children, David '87, Jonathan '89 and Lisa '95, are all Hope graduates, as is Jonathan's wife, Richelle Kortering '90. Six of Helen's nieces and nephews are also graduates of Hope College, including Kirk Brumels '88, who is presently a Hope faculty member.



Dr. Tommye Leenhouts '66

Dr. Thelma K. (Tommye) Leenhouts '66 is employed with the U.S. Department of Education in Washington, D.C. She currently serves as the program officer for the Transition to Teaching grant program which supports the recruitment and retention of mid-career professionals and recent college graduates into teaching in high-poverty districts. She also has major responsibility as project officer for a variety of national grants

Schaap '67 of Grosse Pointe Park, Mich.

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

focusing on teacher quality issues. Her entire career has been one of distinguished dedication to education in its many facets, including federal service at the U.S. Department of Education, university teaching, tutoring inner-city youth, and mentoring Hope College students.

After graduating from Hope, Dr. Leenhouts completed her master's degree in rhetoric and public address and her doctorate in speech communication at the University of Michigan. She has held teaching positions on the communication faculty at the University of Massachusetts, University of Kentucky, Salem (MA) State College, and the University of Wisconsin at both Eau Claire and River Falls.

While in Eau Claire and River Falls, she was active politically, leading to an opportunity to serve as a national advance person for the 1980 presidential campaign of George H.W. Bush with responsibility for organizing events in nine states. Through her experience on the Bush campaign and work on U.S. Senate and gubernatorial campaigns in Wisconsin, she was appointed as a special assistant at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, where she worked in economic development.

She began her career at the U.S. Department of Education four years later, in 1985. She has held a variety of leadership positions during her 21 years with the department, and has been in her current position since 2002.

Dr. Leenhouts has been an active member of the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church in downtown Washington, D.C., where she is a past elder, choir member, and current chair of a college scholarship committee for financially needy women. She evidenced her strong commitment to the education of young people by serving as a volunteer tutor for 17 years in the church's one-on-one program for inner-city youth in the District of Columbia, a program now in its 44th year. In 1998, she was named the program's Tutor of the Year. Currently, she sings in the Chancel Choir of the National Presbyterian Church and serves on the church's Middle East Committee. Since 1988, she has been singing with the 180-voice Washington Chorus, with which she has made five tours abroad. The Chorus performs at the Kennedy Center and won a Grammy in 1999 for Best Choral Performance.

Dr. Leenhouts has been a constant and enthusiastic presence for Hope College. She served on the college's Alumni Association Board of Directors, representing the D.C. area, from 1987 to 1993 and continues to support Hope through active involvement with the DC-area alumni. A special highlight of this involvement is her participation for over 10 years with the college's Washington DC Honors Semester, mentoring and encouraging the many Hope students who have interned with her at the Department of Education. She has also served on the class reunion committees for her 30th, 35th and current, 40th, reunions.



Dr. A. Paul Schaap '67

Dr. A. Paul Schaap '67 is president of Lumigen Inc., which he founded, and is also retired from the chemistry faculty of Wayne State University.

He spent the last semester of his senior year at Hope as a research fellow in organic chemistry at the University of Groningen in the Netherlands. He received his doctorate in organic chemistry from Harvard University in 1970, joining the Wayne State faculty that same year.

Dr. Schaap's research at Wayne State focused on the study of dioxetanes, high-energy chemical compounds which can be triggered to generate chemiluminescence, or light. He directed the study of nine master's in chemistry students and 18 Ph.D. students, and published more than 100 papers in refereed research journals.

While continuing his teaching and research efforts at Wayne State, he formed Lumigen Inc. in 1987 to commercialize the dioxetanes which had been developed in his research laboratory. The dioxetanes are now distributed worldwide by major corporations because of their sensitivity, versatility and stability as chemiluminescent detection reagents in life science research and medical diagnostics.

Dr. Schaap retired from Wayne State in 2000 to become full-time president of Lumigen. The Southfield, Mich., company now has 43 employees.

He remains involved with Wayne State as a member of the Board of Visitors of the College of Science and of the Steering Committee of the Mott Center. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Detroit Merit Academy, and is a member of St. Ambrose Church in Grosse Pointe Park, Mich.

Dr. Schaap presented the J. and J. Neckers Lecture in Chemistry at Hope, focused on his research, in 1992, and also spoke during the dedication activities for the college's new science center on Oct. 8, 2004. The atrium in the science center is named in honor of him and his wife Carol in recognition of a leadership gift that they made to designate the space in celebration of influential Hope chemistry professors Dr. Gerrit Van Zyl '18 and Dr. J. Harvey Kleinhessel '22.

A lasting legacy: retirees' impact will endure in lives touched

The faculty are the heart of Hope College.

Collectively they embody, and in some 300 different ways they express individually, what the college is and what it does.

The 2005-06 school year is seeing the retirement of six faculty. With a combined total of more than 166 years of service to the college, they have shaped the institution, its programs and, especially, its students in countless ways.

Retiring at the end of the school year are **Maxine DeBruyn**, who is the Dorothy Wiley DeLong Professor of Dance; **Dr. Tamara Bloom George**, associate professor of nursing; **Jacqueline Heisler**, director of the Academic Support Center and adjunct assistant professor of psychology; **Dr. Carol Mahsun**, associate professor of art and chairperson of the department; and **Jack Ridl**, professor of English. In addition, **Dr. G. Larry Penrose**, professor of history, retired at the conclusion of the fall semester.

(news from Hope College learned on the eve of publication that Dr. Mahsun plans to retire. We therefore couldn't celebrate her in this issue as her service deserves, but we intend to feature her in June. Dr. Penrose, who taught at Hope for more than 35 years, was featured in the December issue in conjunction with his retirement.)

Maxine DeBruyn (1965)

Maxine DeBruyn didn't start out to begin a nationally respected department and teach at Hope for four decades. It just happened that way.

She had studied dance at Michigan State University, and had taught in Newton, Mass., when she relocated to Holland because of her husband Bob's career. There weren't many opportunities to continue her work and art—dance was in its infancy in the conservative community.

“I'd like to continue to promote dance activities for all ages. We need a chance to dance and share our culture and artistic ideas, and to build new friendships in our ever-changing world. Movement expands the way we think.”

“Dancing was not done in churches, or in performance as an art form,” she recalled. “People were just beginning to social dance.”

She did, however, find others who shared her interest, and with them helped develop the Holland-Area Sacred Dance Group.

It was thus as an involved community member and not as a prospective professor that she met President Calvin VanderWerf '37 and Lawrence “Doc” Green of the physical education (now kinesiology) faculty.

“We were talking, and I said, ‘It amazes me that this is a liberal arts college and it only has three of the four arts. Why not the fourth one?’” she said.

The idea was planted, more conversations followed, and then, “Doc Green said, maybe we should try and have one modern dance class at the beginning level, and let's see if any students are interested,” she said. “From there we kept growing and growing and growing.”

From that first class taken by 17 students, the program grew into a department in 1974 and a major in 1984. The department has held accreditation from the National Association of Schools of Dance (NASD) since 1985, and is one of only two teacher-certified programs in the state. The



The faculty retiring this year have played formative roles not only in shaping students' lives but in the form of multiple programs at the college. From left to right are Maxine DeBruyn, Jack Ridl, Tamara Bloom George and Jacqueline Heisler.

department currently has four full-time faculty and a number of others who teach part-time, and more than 100 students majoring or minoring.

Along with developing the program, Professor DeBruyn dedicated herself to cultivating community support for dance, an effort that has succeeded equally well. The department's major annual concert (Dance 32 this year) consistently plays to capacity crowds in the DeWitt Center main theatre during each of its three nights, and the department and affiliate and guest companies also present several other concerts each year. Student organizations include the Strike Time Dance Company, which visits schools throughout Michigan and Northern Indiana, and the Sacred Dance group that participates in Chapel services and also serves area churches.

Professor DeBruyn chaired the department from its beginning through the 2004-05 school year. For nearly 30 years, from 1968 to 1996, she was also head cheerleading coach. She was appointed to the college's Dorothy Wiley DeLong Professorship in Dance in 2002.

Professor DeBruyn has received numerous external honors for her work in dance, which has included extensive involvement in professional associations at the state, regional, national and even international level. She is, for example, past president of the Midwest District of the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance and past director of NASD, and is a past U.S. representative to the International Board of Dance and the Child International and member of the Conseil International de la Danse, UNESCO, Paris. In October 2004, she received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Michigan Dance Council in cooperation with the National Dance Education Organization. In addition to her endowed chair, honors from Hope have included recognition by the Alumni H-Club in both 1985 and 1996 and the Ruth and John Reed Faculty Achievement Award in 2001.

In retirement, Professor DeBruyn will remain in Holland and will continue to teach courses at Hope including arts for the classroom teacher, dance for the athlete and fencing. She also plans to work with public schools in arts assessment and promoting dance for children, and will continue working with organizations in helping them develop strategic plans.

In any case, she doesn't plan to be less active.

“I'd like to continue to promote dance activities for all ages,” she said. “We need a chance to dance and share our culture and artistic ideas, and to build new friendships in our ever-changing world. Movement expands the way we think.”

Tamara Bloom George (1992)

In a way, Dr. Tamara Bloom George found her way to the Hope nursing faculty through basketball.

In the mid 1980s, her son Justin was being recruited by head men's basketball coach Dr. Glenn Van Wieren '64. Noting that she was teaching nursing at Nazareth College in Kalamazoo and that Hope also had a nursing program, Dr. Van Wieren suggested that perhaps someday there'd be a place for mother as well as son.

“In this day and age, being able to think from a global perspective is so important. If we're trying to provide nursing care, we really want to try to provide care that fits within the client's culture.”

It was kindly said, but, she recalls, “At the time I just didn't even give it any thought.”

And so, she spent the next four years watching Hope as a parent, with Justin graduating in 1990. What she saw impressed her, and when Nazareth closed its doors provided her with an obvious destination.

“Justin had such a positive four years here, it was natural to think about it at that point,” she said.

Dr. George's specialty is in psychiatric/mental health nursing. For five years she worked at the hospital at Ohio State University, where she had completed her BSN. The family moved to Florida for her husband Wayne's career, and she had her first opportunity to teach when a friend con-

vinced her to serve as a mid-year replacement at St. Petersburg Junior College. She'd found a new focus.

From Florida the Georges moved to Schoolcraft, Mich., where she and Wayne still live. She taught at Nazareth College for 16 years before coming to Hope. “I was definitely interested in the liberal arts and the four-year program,” she said.

Dr. George has served during an eventful time in nursing at Hope. From 2000 to 2003, Hope transitioned from the major it had offered jointly with Calvin College since 1982 to its own program, tailored to fit the college's emphasis on research-based learning. The department moved to new quarters, including purpose-built laboratory space, in the new science center in 2003.

“In our new program we were able to start from square one,” she said. “We were able to create a program that meshed with Hope College's philosophy.”

Dr. George has been recognized for her work as a researcher. In 2000, she received the “Excellence in Research Award” from the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan Foundation. Students have worked with her on her projects, helping collect data, for example, for her current study of how Dutch-Americans regard psychiatric health and care.

She is particularly interested in how nursing can better attend to the cultural perspective of those it serves. As she completed her doctorate at Wayne State in 1998, she received the “Madeleine M. Leininger Transcultural Nursing Award for Excellence and Creative Leadership in Transcultural Nursing and Human Care.”

“In this day and age, being able to think from a global perspective is so important,” she said. “If we're trying to provide nursing care, we really want to try to provide care that fits within the client's culture.”

In retirement, she and her husband plan to sell their home in Schoolcraft and buy places in Grand Rapids and Florida, so that they can be nearer their children and grandchildren. In a way, their plans are bringing them full-circle. Justin's grandparents, Dr. George said, made a point of attending his activities while he was growing up—including his years as a college basketball player.

“We want to do the same sort of thing with our grandchildren,” she said.

Jacqueline Heisler (1982)

Jackie Heisler was the right person in the right place at the right time.

She had moved to Holland in 1981, when her husband Jim joined the college's economics faculty. She hadn't thought that she would work at Hope, too, but then she received a phone call from registrar Jon Huisken noting that the college was seeking to expand its Academic Support Center.

“Meeting somebody when they're 18 and very young and very unsure of themselves, and then seeing them four years later when they graduate with a real sense of accomplishment and success and maturity, that's really wonderful to be able to see and be a part of.”

“He knew I had a background in educational psychology and special education and had created some programs in my past job experience,” she said. “My timing was always at the beginning of these programs, it seemed.”

Even in high school and college, she had focused on teaching and learning, holding a summer job with a psychol-

ogist in Albany, N.Y., who was developing teaching machines. “They were a combination of a tape recorder and slides,” she recalled.

When the couple moved to Nebraska, so that Jim could work on his doctorate and also teach at Nebraska Wesleyan, she worked for the local schools while pursuing a Master of Arts at the University of Nebraska. She developed programs for special-needs students at both the elementary and secondary levels. In cooperation with others she also wrote a book for parents interested in helping their children who were having difficulty in school. Later, when she and Jim were living in Pennsylvania, she taught evening continuing education classes for adults with special needs.

When she arrived at Hope in the early 1980s, she noted, schools across the nation were bolstering their programs to help students academically. Hope's center had previously emphasized helping students with writing, but grew to include assisting with disciplines such as mathematics and the sciences as well.

Today, the center works with some 400 to 500 students each year. In addition to Professor Heisler, its staff includes David James '76, who directs the writing center; Janet Mielke '84 Pinkham, tutoring coordinator; and office manager Lisa Lampen, as well as a cadre of student tutors.

Professor Heisler was brought aboard part-time initially, but soon picked up responsibilities for advising freshmen and working with the FOCUS program for students who require additional assistance to succeed academically, and now has been on staff full-time for more than 20 years.

Eventually she stopped working with FOCUS and instead has been a liaison for students with disabilities as they pursue their academics, complementing the Office of Disability Services, which helps students with special needs adjust to college in general.

“I pay attention to them in May the spring before they're a first-year student,” she said. “I call them, I talk to them and we talk about the kinds of accommodations that have been useful and in place for them, and what kinds of documentation are required by the college.”

“It's a relationship that begins before they ever get here,” she said.

She has also taught a First-Year Seminar each fall since the program began in 1997. As a result, each year she has carried 40 to 50 advisees, until the students choose a major and advisor within that discipline.

Professor Heisler, who will stay in Holland as Jim continues to teach at Hope, has enjoyed the perspective that her position has offered, giving her a chance to watch teens grow into confident young adults.

“Meeting somebody when they're 18 and very young and very unsure of themselves, and then seeing them four years later when they graduate with a real sense of accomplishment and success and maturity, that's really wonderful to be able to see and be a part of,” she said.

Jack Ridl (1971)

It can pretty much go without saying that Hope's outstanding professors are a major reason that students choose to attend the college.

As it happens, award-winning English Professor Jack Ridl almost played a different role. He originally applied to direct admissions.

Further, fresh from running a successful program at the University of Pittsburgh, he was nearly hired. The only sticking point: He wanted faculty status, a model he had seen elsewhere. Hope couldn't offer that, so he turned the position down.

But, he told the college, “If you'd ever want to grant me faculty status, give me a call.”

A few months later, Hope did. It was mid summer and there was an unexpected vacancy in the department of English.

“I lucked out in that way, that there was a bit of desperation on Hope's part,” said Professor Ridl, who held

bachelor's and master's degrees from Westminster College and had apprenticed to poet Paul Zimmer. “I'd never taught a day in my life.”

As he formed his approach to teaching, Professor Ridl drew on experience. His father, Charles “Buzz” Ridl, was a college basketball coach who was, Professor Ridl noted, a master at building on each player's strengths. His father's creativity as a coach was complemented by the wonderfully imaginative influence of his mother and a favorite cousin who was a circus man and introduced him to an imaginative world that continues to inspire him.

“This could be each student's last chance to have poetry—and a lot of them probably have been turned off by it. And so what I want to do is either restore it or give it to them... And then they can have that for the rest of their life.”

In the past 35 years, Professor Ridl has earned acclaim not only on campus but well beyond as both a poet and a teacher.

He is the author of several collections of poetry, including most recently *Broken Symmetry*, published in late March by Wayne State University Press. His collection *Against Elegies* was chosen by U.S. Poet Laureate Billy Collins as the winner of the 2001 “Letterpress Chapbook Competition” sponsored by the Center for Book Arts of New York City. He has published more than 300 poems in journals and has work included in numerous anthologies.

Professor Ridl is also co-author, with Hope colleague Dr. Peter Schakel, of two textbooks, *Approaching Poetry: Perspectives and Responses* (1996) and *Approaching Literature in the 21st Century: Fiction, Poetry, and Drama* (2004). They also co-edited two anthologies.

In 1996, he was named Michigan Professor of the Year by the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education. The honor echoed the sentiments of Hope's students, who had presented him with the Hope Outstanding Professor Educator (H.O.P.E.) Award in 1976 and had chosen him as the Commencement speaker in 1975 and 1986. The student body elected him the recipient of the “Favorite Faculty/Staff Member” Award in 2003.

The college's Visiting Writers Series, which he co-founded with wife Julie Garlinghouse '82 Ridl and directed for many years, is respected nationwide, with Hope an engaging venue authors want to visit and providing an opportunity for students to connect to the wider literary world.

As a teacher, Professor Ridl knows that not all of his students will go on to become published poets, although many have. He hopes, though, that they will have been enriched whatever their vocation.

“This could be each student's last chance to have poetry—and a lot of them probably have been turned off by it,” he said. “And so what I want to do is either restore it or give it to them. And they can choose to keep it or discard it, but I want to give it to them.”

“And then they can have that for the rest of their life,” he said.

In retirement, Professor Ridl and Julie will move to the Ganges area south of Holland, building on seven acres that they have purchased. Although he won't be a classroom instructor, he'll continue to give readings, lead workshops and, of course, write.

“In that sense I won't really be retiring,” he said. “Either that, or I've always been retired and didn't know it.”

Oh, the places we've gone

It is not unusual for the coach of an athletic team to sit down with the team prior to the start of a season and outline goals for the upcoming year.

History Makers

The Team

- Becky Bosserd**
junior from Sparta, Mich.
- Jordyn Boles**
sophomore from Grand Rapids, Mich.
- Briann Bryant**
freshman from Farwell, Mich.
- Bria Ebels**
senior from Holland, Mich.
- Linda Ebels**
senior from Falmouth, Mich.
- Julie Henderson**
junior from Grand Haven, Mich.
- Jennie Intveld**
senior from Carson City, Mich.
- Sarah Jurik**
junior from Mesick, Mich.
- Courtney Knox**
freshman from Mattawan, Mich.
- Kaitlyn Kopke**
freshman from Haslett, Mich.
- Lindsay Lange**
sophomore from Manistee, Mich.
- Megan Noll**
senior from Lake Orion, Mich.
- Kate Reincke**
freshman from Eaton Rapids, Mich.
- Joanne Stewart**
senior from Big Rapids, Mich.
- Stacy Warsen**
sophomore from Cuterville, Mich.
- Ellen Wood**
junior from Naperville, Ill.

The Staff

- Brian Morehouse '91**
Head Coach
- Colly Carlson '92**
Assistant Coach
- Becky Sutton '02**
Klingler
Assistant Coach
- Dean Morehouse**
Assistant Coach
- Colleen Corey '03**
Junior Varsity Coach

It could have been viewed as unusual when Hope College women's basketball coach Brian Morehouse sat his team down last November just before the start of the season and read them the book *Oh, the Places You'll Go!* by Dr. Seuss. You can now call it prophetic.

*Today is your day.
You're off to Great Places!
You're off and away!*

The 2005-06 season was quite the journey for the Flying Dutch, who today reign as the NCAA Division III national champions.

The journey of 34 games took them through an undefeated conference season, a perfect home floor record at the new DeVos Fieldhouse and to three different states, where they won six NCAA tournament games.

Ironically, the journey ended in Springfield, Mass., birthplace of author Theodor Seuss Geisel, for the national semi-final and championship games.

Springfield, Mass., is also the birthplace of basketball. Dr. James Naismith wrote the original rules of the game in Springfield in 1891.

The Flying Dutch gave Dr. Naismith's game a good name with their team approach to achieving the ultimate prize, the second women's basketball national championship in school history.

Along the trail, the Flying Dutch defeated all four top-seeded tournament teams in places like Columbus, Ohio, Greencastle, Ind., and Springfield.

Hope's fan base was nearly as incredible as the team as more than 500 of the orange-clad faithful journeyed the nearly 900 miles from Michigan to Massachusetts. Alumni and friends from several Northeast states also descended on Springfield for championship weekend.

In 1990 when the Flying Dutch were national



Senior Bria Ebels brought to her hometown of Holland, Mich., and Hope College national championship memories.

team play. It is not unusual for him to have sent 10 players into a game early in the first half.

The technique didn't go unnoticed by Hope's opponents. "There was no end to them," said a Southern Maine player. "And it seemed like they got bigger every time they came in the game with a new player."

The Hope team approach to the game has a history. In 1990, the national champion Flying Dutch had no All-Americans and like this year's team defeated several higher-ranked opponents. This year it appeared the Flying Dutch would again have no All-Americans. The national semi-final games against Scranton changed all that. The editors of the website d3hoops.com huddled well into the night and concluded that Bria Ebels would be an All-American even though she had not been named to their all-region first team.

This year's national tournament celebrated 25 years of NCAA-sponsored championships for women. In winning the championship, Hope became only the fifth of 409 Division III institutions to take home the top prize more than once.

The national championship culminated an amazing four-year run by the Flying Dutch, who posted a 110-10 record. The seniors who contributed to that feat were Bria Ebels of Holland, Mich., Linda Ebels of Falmouth, Mich., Jennie Intveld of Carson City, Mich., Megan Noll of Lake Orion, Mich., and Joanne Stewart of Big Rapids, Mich.

When the Flying Dutch returned to Holland the day after winning the national championship they were welcomed by hundreds of fans, led by Mayor Albert McGeehan '66, at the Tulip City airport and given a police and fire department escort back to campus. A campus-community celebration was being planned for mid-April.

*And will you succeed?
Yes! You will, indeed!
(98 and 3/4 percent guaranteed)*

Thanks Dr. Seuss. 🐘



Coach Brian Morehouse '91 gave Dr. James Naismith's game of basketball a good name.

champions, they accomplished the feat after playing all their tournament games at home. This year, while having a new fieldhouse where the team attracted record numbers throughout the regular season, the Flying Dutch became "road warriors."

It made no difference. Ohio opponents Denison and Capital fell in the first (71-52) and second (75-56) rounds. Perennial power Washington, Mo., provided the toughest competition of the tournament, succumbing to the Dutch 92-89. The team was able to overcome a hostile home environment in defeating DePauw, Ind., 76-60.

Hope's Final Four competition was as formidable as it gets. Scranton, Pa., and Southern Maine together combined for 41 NCAA tournament appearances and each had been to the finals the previous year.

No matter to the Dutch.

*Oh, the places you'll go!
There is fun to be done!
There are points to be scored.
There are games to be won.*

In the semis against Scranton, the Flying Dutch led at halftime 27-26, opened the lead to 54-41 with eight minutes remaining and then withstood a



Senior Linda Ebels played in every one of Hope's games during a four-year 110-10 run.

furious rally before winning 59-56.

In the championship game the Flying Dutch turned a close game into a double-digit advantage on Bria Ebels's three-pointer and a breakaway lay-up off a steal by Julie Henderson. Hope went on to win 69-56.

Throughout the tournament the key plays came from Bria Ebels, who had fans in the gym and sportswriters on press row buzzing.

*You'll be on your way up!
You'll be seeing great sights!
You'll join the high fliers
who soar to high heights.*

"The Flying Dutch were led by senior Bria Ebels, who alone would be worth the price of admission. Maybe as fast a player who has ever set foot on the Blake Arena court, Ebels amazed the crowd with her roadrunner like defense while sparking the offense..." wrote Dick Baker of the *Springfield Union News and Republican*.

Bria Ebels was voted the tournament's most outstanding player, while Henderson joined her on the all-tournament team.

Morehouse, who was named the Division III national coach of the year by the Women's Basketball Coaches Association of America, stresses



Flying Dutch celebrated a national championship in the birthplace of basketball.

Outstanding showings keep winter hot

An outstanding winter sports season has put Hope in a strong position to maintain possession of the coveted Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association (MIAA) Commissioner's Cup.

With no winter team finishing lower than second in its MIAA race, Hope tops the Commissioner's Cup standings heading into the spring season. Hope's teams have already compiled 139 Commissioner's Cup points with five conference championship teams this school year. Rival Calvin is next at 131 points followed by Albion 101, Olivet 85, Kalamazoo 69, Alma 64, Tri-State 39 and Adrian 36.

BASKETBALL

The glitter of playing in a new fieldhouse was further enhanced by the performance of Hope's basketball teams this season. The Flying Dutchmen and Flying Dutch compiled an amazing 32-0 record on the new parquet floor of the DeVos Fieldhouse!

By the end of the regular season, Hope's teams had posted a cumulative 47-3 regular. It was an achievement no other NCAA basketball program (men and women) could boast.

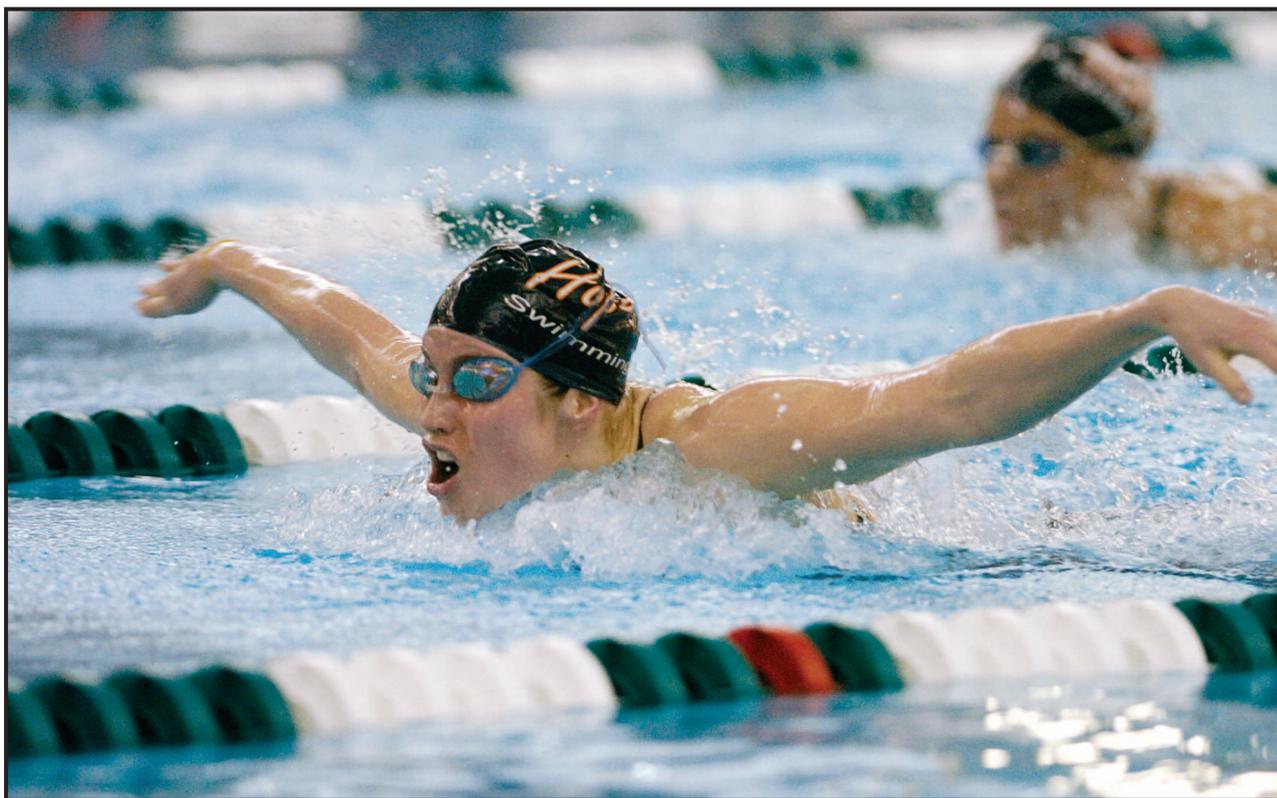
The tournament trail was equally as impressive. Both Hope teams advanced to the Sweet Sixteen of their respective tournaments. No one else in Division III did that.

Men's Basketball

The Flying Dutchmen maintained their tradition as one of the most successful Division III programs in the country. The team posted a 28-3 record to make a school-record 27th consecutive winning campaign. Hope has now won 15 or more games each of the last 25 years. Hope's 28 victories set a school record for wins in a season.

Three of the four victories were over rival Calvin, putting Hope within one win (81-80) in the all-time series. The teams split games during the regular season, with Calvin ultimately winning the MIAA championship. Finishing runner-up put the Flying Dutchmen on the road for the conference tournament, so before the traditional sellout crowd in Grand Rapids it was Hope's turn to avenge that earlier loss by defeating the Knights 68-55.

A week later, and with both Hope and Calvin receiving NCAA tournament bids, the spotlight shifted to the DeVos Fieldhouse where again it was the Dutchmen prevailing over their rival, 69-66. Clutch free throws by senior Greg Immink



Junior Lisa Smith captured NCAA All-America honors in both butterfly events.

of Hudsonville, Mich., with 13 seconds remaining sealed the verdict.

Hope was back on the road as part of the Sweet Sixteen, where in Springfield, Ohio, they bowed to eventual national runner-up Wittenberg University 56-49.

Two senior players joined an elite group of Hope players. Andy Phillips of White Pigeon, Mich., and Greg Immink became the 28th and 29th players to score 1,000 or more points finishing with 1,200 and 1,113 points respectively.

Phillips and Immink joined senior teammate Eric Voisin of Suttons Bay, Mich., on the All-MIAA first team.

Women's Basketball

The 2005-06 season was a journey that almost defies description as the Flying Dutch put women's basketball on the map by winning the NCAA Division III championship. (Please see pages 10 and 11.)

The Flying Dutch became the first team to go through the

16-game MIAA schedule undefeated. Their 33 victories tied an NCAA Division III record for wins in a season. The team defeated opponents by an average of 23.2 points per game.

The team's five seniors — Megan Noll of Lake Iron, Mich., Bria Ebels of Holland, Mich., Joanne Stewart of Big Rapids, Mich., Linda Ebels of Falmouth, Mich., and Jennie Intveld of Carson City, Mich. — were part of a program that posted a phenomenal 110-10 record the past four seasons.

Coach Brian Morehouse '91 was honored as the national coach of the year by the Women's Basketball Coaches Association of America. In a decade at the helm of Flying Dutch basketball, Morehouse has compiled a 234-51 record.

Bria Ebels and sophomore Jordyn Boles of Grand Rapids, Mich., were voted to the All-MIAA team. Ebels was also named the MIAA's defensive player of the year and co-most valuable player. She was named a Division III All-American by d3hoops.com.

Swimming & Diving

Both Hope swimming and diving teams finished runner-up in the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association. At nationals the Flying Dutch finished 13th while the Flying Dutchmen were 16th.

The Flying Dutch had four NCAA All-America performances. Junior Lisa Smith of Dearborn, Mich., was an All-American twice, finishing third in the 100-yard butterfly and seventh in the 200-yard butterfly. Freshman Brittaney Reest of Holland, Mich., was fifth in the 100-yard backstroke. The 400-yard freestyle relay team was fifth with a team of freshman Laura Ansilio of Western Springs, Ill., senior Lisa Ekdom of Holland, Mich., sophomore Trisha Meier of Cedar Park, Texas, and Lisa Smith.

Senior Kurtis Blohm of Wilmington, Ohio, was an NCAA All-American in the 100-yard freestyle with an eighth-place finish. Blohm was also chosen the MIAA's most valuable swimmer for a second consecutive year.

Named to the All-MIAA team were Kurtis Blohm, junior Sarah Diekevers of Jenison, Mich., Lisa Ekdom, sophomore Wade Engers of Ann Arbor, Mich., sophomore Daniel Gardner of Alma, Mich., freshman Jacob Hoekstra of Grandville, Mich., freshman Andrea Keller of Kokomo, Ind., senior Meagan O'Neil of Troy, Mich., Brittaney Reest, Lisa Smith, sophomore Charles VanderBroek of Holland, Mich., senior Jeff Vroegindewey of Kalamazoo, Mich., and junior Kyle Waterstone of Holland, Mich. 🐬



The play of seniors Greg Immink (left), Andy Phillips (center) and Eric Voisin (right) brought Hope success and for them all-league recognition.

Alumni News

Class Notes

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1920s

Lillian Hoffman (Prep '16) Tazelaar of Holland, Mich., celebrated her 106th birthday on Thursday, Feb. 23.

Alice Brower '23 Hoffs of Kalamazoo, Mich., celebrated her 104th birthday on Saturday, Feb. 25. She is a charter member of the SIB sorority.

1930s

Harold F. Leestma '39 and **Lois Voorhorst '39 Leestma** have moved to Anaheim Hills, Calif. (Please call the office of alumni relations for their address and phone number.)

1940s

John E. DeVries '41 of Palo Alto, Calif., and his wife are celebrating their 60th anniversary this month. They have two daughters, Donna DeVries '70 Atman and Jeanne, and five grandchildren. Since 1987, John has been involved with a group of members of Menlo Park Presbyterian Church in the production of 9V solar panels. They have produced a total of 20,000 and donated them to missions around the world to charge batteries and to power tape players containing scriptural messages (through Audio Scriptures International).

1950s

Bill Grunden '53 of Wimauma, Fla., is one of 23 pastors at the Sun City United Methodist Church in Sun City, Fla. The church has more than 1,000 in attendance each week and sponsors two new United Methodist churches in nearby towns. Bill

notes that he has celebrated 50 years as an ordained Methodist minister and that he has become a great-grandpa. He also reports that his wife, Betty, died on Tuesday, Oct. 4, after a 15-year battle with cancer.

Huston K. Myers '58 has retired, and he and his wife are living in Rotunda West, Fla.

1960s

Douglas Neckers '60 of Perrysburg, Ohio, presented a department of chemistry seminar at Hope on Friday, Jan. 20, titled "Photopolymerization - A Multi-Billion \$ Business or Why There's More to the Shortage of Fossil Fuels than Just the Price of Gasoline." He is McMaster Distinguished Research Professor and executive director of the Center for Photochemical Science at Bowling Green State University.

Katherine Reynolds Bitner '61 recently went on a three-week tour of Australia, New Zealand and Fiji. She attended the Christmas Gala at the Sydney Opera House and snorkeled at the Great Barrier Reef. On Friday and Sunday, April 7 and 9, she again participated in the Hawaii International Choral Festival, singing the Mozart *Requiem* at Blaisdell Hall in Honolulu. In November she sang Brahms's "Song of Destiny" and Bernstein's "Chichester Psalms" with the Durango Choral Society.

Lois Bonnema '61 Schwartz of Ithaca, N.Y., is the author of *When Roses Bloom*, a hardcover romance recently published by Avalon Books, a division of Thomas Bouregy & Company Inc. of New York. She had previously published numerous ebooks under the pen name Lois Carroll.

William R. Vanderbilt '61 of Holland, Mich., retired as executive director of the Community Foundation of Holland and Zeeland on Wednesday, Jan. 25. During the 12 years under his direction, the foundation grew in assets and grants awarded, received numerous awards and honors, and received two \$1 million Kellogg Foundation challenge grants. He also oversaw the merger of the Holland and Zeeland community foundations in 1996. In retirement, he plans to assist his wife at her shop in Holland.

Bruce Laverman '62 of Phoenix, Ariz., was featured in The Guide/Health and Wellness section of the Tuesday, Nov. 29, 2005 edition of *The Arizona Republic*. The article, "Pastor dives in to regain fitness," recounted his recent quest to regain physical fitness, which started when he envisioned what he wanted retirement to look like. Two years ago he began swimming laps (he has worked up to 40 minutes non-stop) and making dietary changes, resulting in increased energy and weight loss.

Wesley Granberg-Michaelson '67 of Kentwood, Mich., RCA general secretary, was one of two official RCA delegates to the World Council of

Churches (WCC) Ninth Assembly in Porto Alegre, Brazil, held from Tuesday, Feb. 14, through Thursday, Feb. 23.

Albert Vander Meer '67 of South Holland, Ill., is now serving as specialized interim minister at First Reformed Church in South Holland. He previously served as regional synod executive for the Regional Synod of Mid-America. He reports that due to a changing community, the church has experienced a significant decline in membership, and that the congregation hopes to reverse the decline by becoming a dynamic multicultural congregation engaged in mission to its community.

Carol Lamberts '67 Ver Meulen, of Grand Rapids, Mich., worked with her son, Christian Ver Meulen '96, on the interior design and décor of the offices in his new dental practice in Ada Township, Mich. She is an art professor at Calvin College.

Eric Blahut '68 retired from ministry at Ghent Reformed Church in Ghent, N.Y., on Saturday, Dec. 24. He had served at the church since 1977.

Donald E. Kroodsma '68 of Amherst, Mass., presented "The Singing Life of Birds" at Hope on Friday, March 3. On Saturday, March 4, he was the keynote speaker during the 2006 Annual Conference of the Michigan Audubon Society, held in East Lansing. He combined more than 30 years of observations of 33 species of birds in his book *The Singing Life of Birds*, which was released in April 2005 and recently received the prestigious John Burroughs Medal Award presented to the author of a distinguished book of natural history. He is professor emeritus of biology at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst.

1970s

Mary Elden '70 Grant took a new job in November as financial manager-decision support with AtlantiCare Regional Medical Center of Pomona and Atlantic City, N.J. Until she decides where to settle, she is living in a winter-rental condo that is one block from the ocean and boardwalk in Ocean City. She notes that she had hoped to move closer to children and grandchildren, who are in New Orleans, La., and Tampa, Fla., but could not pass up the opportunity. She reports that it is quite a change, having lived in Michigan since graduation, and that she is enjoying the milder winter. She also notes that things have changed a lot in Atlantic City since she was last there more than 35 years ago. She would like to hear from anyone who is in New Jersey.

Bradley Green '71 of Washington, D.C., had a one-person show of his recent photographic work, "Shadows and Light," at Mr. Henry's in the Capitol Hill neighborhood of Washington, D.C., during January. A show reception was held on Wednesday, Jan. 11.

William J. Tigelaar '71 of Hudsonville, Mich., has joined the Grand Rapids office of Bank of Holland as a mortgage officer.

Donald Steele '72 of New York City is having a collection of three of his one-act plays published this spring by Samuel French called LIFE SUPPORT. The plays are *Life Support*, *Going to the Chapel* and *Mother's Day*, and the collection is available through Samuel French. His one-act play *A Personal Appearance* was recently chosen one of two winners in the Chameleon Theatre Circle's 7th Annual New Play Contest in the One Act division in Lakeville, Minn. His one-act play *Last Rites* was produced by M&M Productions and toured various venues in Westchester County, N.Y., during February and March, and his one-act play *The Way to Miami* continues to be produced around the country. In February the Montgomery Playhouse production won the Maryland One Act Play Festival and was selected by the Maryland Community Theatre Festival Association to re-present to the Eastern States Theatre Association Festival in Geneva, N.Y., on Friday-Sunday, April 21-23, representing Maryland. Both performers in the play received awards for their work in the production.

Charles G. Tharp '73 of New Canaan, Conn., has been named executive vice president of human resources for Saks Inc. He is based in New York City and oversees human resources functions for

the entire company. He was most recently professor of human resources in the School of Management and Labor Relations at Rutgers University, where he was co-director of the Executive Master in Human Resources Leadership program.

Cynthia Bates '73 Twining of Muskegon, Mich., a soprano, was featured at the Tuesday Musicale on Tuesday, Jan. 10, at the Grand Haven (Mich.) Community Center.

John Foster '74 of Holland, Mich., has been elected the 2006 treasurer of the Michigan Rehabilitation Association, the state chapter of the National Rehabilitation Association, of which he has been a member since 1982. He is also a board member of the Michigan chapter of the Job Placement and Development Association. He reports that both associations offer him the opportunity to meet and network with other professionals in the rehabilitation field in and outside of Michigan. He continues to work in the employment services group at Kandu Inc. in Holland. He and his wife, **Nancy Johnson '78 Foster**, have two daughters, Anne (a sophomore at Hope) and Laura (a senior in high school).

Joan Donaldson '75 of Fennville, Mich., recently had her second picture book, *The Secret of the Red Shoes*, released by the new *Guideposts* imprint, *Guideposts for Kids*.

Rich Williams '75 of Albuquerque, N.M., has been promoted to manager of community economic development in the Economic Development Department of the State of New Mexico. His work includes supervision and coordination of the Regional Representative Program, the State MainStreet Program, Certified Communities Initiative, the Sirolli Enterprise Facilitation, the New Mexico Community Development Loan Fund, and the Community Cooperative Advertising Program; and coordination and implementation of the Local Economic Development Act and the Rural Economic Action Partnership. For the past three years he has been director of the state's New Mexico MainStreet Program and has served in the City of Albuquerque as special assistant to Mayor Jim Baca in Community Development. He continues to consult community-based development groups in organization development.

Douglas Irons '77 of Kennesaw, Ga., is controller at Utilities Analyses Inc. in Duluth, Ga.

Sharon Adcock '78 of Manhattan Beach, Calif., recently attended the VES (Visual Effects Society) Awards & BAFTA (British Oscars) Awards. She reports that she was a good-luck charm for the VES nominees at her table, who won in their category, and that she celebrated in London, since it was also her birthday on the same weekend.

Andres Fierro '79 of Holland, Mich., is pastor of Crossroads Church in Holland. He recently received a social justice award from the city's Human Relations Commission in recognition of his community advocacy promoting justice and equality.

1980s

Sheryl Busman '80 VanderWagen of Coopersville, Mich., was elected recording secretary of the Antiochian Women, Diocese of Toledo and the Midwest, Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America. She also serves as church school superintendent at St. George Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church in Grand Rapids, Mich.

Kirk Hoopingarner '81 of Evanston, Ill., has joined the firm of Wildman Harrold as a partner in its corporate department, concentrating in wealth planning, estate management and philanthropy. He is also chair of the Evanston Community Foundation Board and a member of the Corporate Responsibility Group of Greater Chicago, Council on Foundations, and the Donors Forum.

Ron Bechtel '82 of Bellingham, Wash., was installed as pastor at Fourth Corner Community Church in Bellingham on Sunday, Jan. 8. Previously he served as a pastor at the Reformed Church of Newtown in Elmhurst, part of Queens in New York City. He and his wife have two chil-

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dren, Kara (age 15) and Brant (age 12). **Todd Wolffs '82** of East Grand Rapids, Mich., is president of City Federal Mortgage Bank in Grand Rapids.

Kathy Lambert '83 Bolhous has been appointed vice president and general manager of the performance packaging business of Appleton, a Wisconsin-headquartered company. She previously served as vice president of Cascade Engineering's industrial solutions group in Grand Rapids, Mich.

Shannon MacBride '83 Vogelaar and **Peter Vogelaar '88** are living in Utica, N.Y. Shannon teaches English as a second language at a refugee center, and Peter is executive director of the Mohawk Valley Resource Center for Refugees. The city has a high percentage of refugees—nearly one in six of the total population of 65,000, coming from about 30 countries. They have been in Utica for about four years after three years in Cairo, Egypt, where Peter directed a refugee program for Africans.

Jeff Wynsma '83 of Wheaton, Ill., has accepted a position with A.G. Edwards & Sons as a financial consultant in their Roselle, Ill., office. He reports that after 20 years, he has hung up his colorful trading smock and left the exchange trading floors of Chicago, where he traded everything from equity options to Japanese yen and corn. He and his wife have two boys, Luke and Mark, who, he notes, may be Hope bound in the not-too-distant future.

Karen Kayes '84 of Whitehall, Mich., has joined the law firm Warner Norcross & Judd LLP. She works in the Muskegon office as senior trust and estates counsel.

Jill Wenzlaff '86 Ostergaard continues to live in Tribeca in New York City with her husband and two children, Madeleine (age seven) and Hunter (almost age four). She was recently promoted to managing director and director of compliance for institutional securities in the Americas for Morgan Stanley.

Annette Kingsland '86 Ziegler of West Bend, Wis., was featured in an article in the Thursday, Jan. 19, edition of *The Daily News*. She has been presiding judge in the Washington County Circuit Court since 2000. The article focused on her career and family life.

Phil Tanis '87 of Holland, Mich., electronic media coordinator for the RCA, attended the World Council of Churches (WCC) Ninth Assembly in Porto Alegre, Brazil, held from Tuesday, Feb. 14, through Thursday, Feb. 23. He coordinated a series of online resources for the RCA's Web site. He was accompanied by his wife, Gretchen Schoon '99 Tanis, who was a delegate, and their infant son Jon.

Scott Buhrmaster '88 of Chicago, Ill., served as managing editor of an editorial team at PoliceOne, a leading law enforcement training and information organization that was recently awarded a "Quill & Badge Award for Excellence in Law Enforcement Journalism" by the International Union of Police Associations. Past winners include Dan Rather from CBS News, Jim Williams from "ABC News Tonight," John Walsh from "America's Most Wanted," and top journalists from the nation's leading newspapers and broadcast outlets.

David H. Kuiper '88 of Zeeland, Mich., has passed the qualifying exams to earn the Certified Mortgage Planning Specialist (CMPS) Designation granted by the CMPS Institute in Ann Arbor, Mich., a training and certifying organization created to help mortgage professionals integrate financial planning concepts into the mortgage process. He is a mortgage banking vice president with First Place Bank.

Onalee Zartman '88 Sherry lives in Holland, Mich., with her husband, **Daniel Sherry '06**, and three children. She founded Buttons and Blooms LLC, a home-based business that includes creating Dutch costumes and liturgical flags, designing perennial gardens and annual beds, and pouring handmade candles. She extends her thanks to the Hope staff and alumni who have encouraged her family as Dan completes the

nursing program at Hope.

Kirt Van Overen '88 of Grand Rapids, Mich., was chosen 2006 Michigan Middle Level Science Teacher of the Year by the Michigan Science Teachers Association. He continues to teach at Pinewood Middle School for Kentwood Public Schools.

Sandy Hansen '89 of Holland, Mich., recently returned from three months in India, during which time she painted, taught classes, performed her show, "Kate's Pants," participated in a theatre group, and led college students in an internship on Indian life and culture. She shared her experiences with the community at a one-woman art exhibit at Butch's Dry Dock restaurant in Holland on Saturday, March 4, where she showed eight paintings created in India and six others created from photos after her return.

1990s

Brett Holleman '90 of Holland, Mich., has joined the Hope staff as regional advancement director. He was previously a fund development officer with the Holland Hospital Foundation.

Andrea Schmitz '90 Mascio of Phoenix, Arizona, has been hired as the programs coordinator for the Gila River Indian Community Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. She is responsible for coordinating and providing therapeutic services to the inmates. She also has a part-time position continuing counseling juveniles on probation with Maricopa County for sexual offenses.

Scott Reus '91 of Grand Haven, Mich., has been promoted to chief operating officer of izzydesign, an office furniture and seating design and manufacturing company, where he was previously vice president of sales and marketing.

Scott VanDeHoef '91 of Niceville, Fla., has returned home safely after a five-month tour in Balad, Iraq, as the CASF commander. He will begin an emergency medicine residency this summer at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio.

Tracy Bolo '92 of Falls Church, Va., has a new job as program manager at the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.

Lori A. Johnson '92 of Cincinnati, Ohio, has a new position as senior knowledge manager at Deloitte & Touche, concentrating on internal marketing, and owning nine intranet sites.

Brad Kruithof '92 of Burbank, Calif., performed for the televised coverage of Disneyland's 50th Anniversary with guest speakers including California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger. He also appeared recently on the History Channel and in the CBS primetime drama "Close to Home." For the Discovery Military Channel, he portrayed U.S. General George Marshall in a show titled "First Command," which has aired several times since the fall of 2005.

Kelley Householder '92 VanDeHoef of Niceville, Fla., continues to home school her two sons in Florida. She reports that she is looking forward to moving back to the Midwest this summer.

Julie Norman '93 Grimes of Plainwell, Mich., has joined Jansen Valk Thompson & Reahm PC as a manager in client services.

Matt Maire '93 of Kalamazoo, Mich., has been chosen as a "Business Leader Under 40" by the *Michigan Business Review* magazine.

Adam Warber '93 of Central, S.C., had his first book, *Executive Orders and the Modern Presidency: Legislating from the Oval Office*, published in January. It is an analysis of the executive orders of Franklin Roosevelt through the first term of George W. Bush. Adam is an assistant professor of political science at Clemson University.

Jeff Baxter '94 of Huntertown, Ind., is next generation pastor at Pathway Community Church in Fort Wayne, Ind.

Nathan Brownell '94 and his wife have been appointed as RCA mission personnel to serve with the United Church of Christ in Japan.

Anna-Lisa Cox '94 of Chicago, Ill., a scholar in residence at the Newberry Library in Chicago,

has been on a tour for her recently published book, *A Stronger Kinship*. It tells the history of Covert, Mich., a fully-integrated community begun in the 1860s, through the stories of six leading families. Described as a story of hope and faith, the publication follows a decade of research begun when Anna-Lisa wrote a paper on the subject during her senior year at Hope. The tour schedule, which includes Hope on Tuesday, April 18, at 4 p.m., is available on the book's Web site.

Brett A. Geier '94 of Bloomingdale, Mich., was recently elected by the board of education to become the superintendent of the Bloomingdale Public Schools starting in July.

Walter Ruf '94 of Kentwood, Mich., is CEO/president of Karl Industries Inc.

Brett VanderKamp '94 of Holland, Mich., was featured in an article in the Tuesday, Feb. 28, edition of *The Holland Sentinel*. He is president of the New Holland Brewing Company and looking for an additional location in the area to increase the growing company's production.

Shane Goldwood '95 Kline of Broomfield, Colo., moved from Southern California to the Denver area last summer due to her husband's job. She is taking a break from her job as a registered nurse to stay home with their new son (please see "New Arrivals").

Susan Adkins '96 of Ann Arbor, Mich., is a realtor with Keller Williams Realty of Brighton, Mich.

Curtis Beekman '96 of Mediapolis, Iowa, is a resident engineer – current product support with CNH America LLC of Burlington, Iowa.

Duane Bosma '96 of Holland, Mich., is playing

basketball for the Holland Blast during the International Basketball League team's inaugural season, which began Friday, March 31.

Marc Hes '96 of Golden, Colo., is a geological field technician for Secor International Incorporated in Denver, Colo.

Nathan Kronewetter '96 is returning to Alma College in Alma, Mich., as head men's soccer coach. He was assistant coach from 2000 to 2002.

Holly LeBlanc '96 of Zeeland, Mich., was featured in a Monday, Feb. 26, article in *The Holland Sentinel* about service dogs, the volunteers who train them, and clients who benefit from having them. Holly credits her dog, Delsie, with her ability to get around. She works for Central Wesleyan Church in Holland, Mich. Her friend **Tamala Habers '02** has become involved and is training a service dog for the second time.

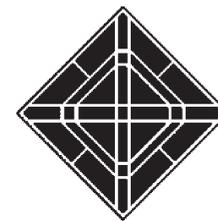
Jeremy Monty '96 and **Sara Meengs '98 Monty** moved to Wauwatosa, Wis., in December and bought a new house. Sara was offered a promotion with Build-A-Bear Workshop to manage the Milwaukee, Wis., store (one of the top stores in the company), and Jeremy accepted a position as account executive in advertising sales for Time Warner Cable.

James Rairick '96 of Louisville, Ky., is a graduate student at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Tim Schoonveld '96 of Zeeland, Mich., will become assistant principal/athletic director of Holland Christian High School at the end of the 2005-06 academic year.

Christian Ver Meulen '96 of Grand Rapids, Mich., has opened a new dental practice in Ada Township, Mich. He worked with his mother, Carol Lamberts '67 Ver Meulen, on the interior

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design and décor of the offices to create a relaxing, spa-like atmosphere for the patients.

Nathanael Buckley '97 was recently cast in the New York Metropolitan Opera Ballet to perform in *Mazeppa*, a new production that opened in March. He lives in New York with his wife and their dog.

Zach Johnson '97 and **Shannon Land '98** Johnson have been living in Santa Barbara, Calif., for three and one-half years. Shannon recently retired from an eight-year teaching career to be a stay-at-home mom with their first child (please see "New Arrivals"). Zach graduated *cum laude* in October 2005 from Brooks Institute of Photography with a degree in commercial photography. He is now launching an architectural photography studio, for which he has a Web site, and they will be relocating to Los Angeles.

Matt Lappenga '97 has returned to Holland, Mich., with his wife and daughter, Grace, following completion of his three-year residency in foot and ankle surgery at Gundersen Lutheran Medical Center in La Crosse, Wis. He has joined the staff at Holland Foot & Ankle Centers.

Derek Vander Heide '97 has moved from London, England, to Chicago, Ill., for a one-year assignment.

Tara Ackerman '97 Webb of Rockford, Mich., is a nurse practitioner at Grand Valley Internal Medicine Specialists.

Peter Houlihan '98 of Grand Rapids, Mich., is now the president of The Printery in Holland, Mich.

Jessica Owens '98 transferred with her job to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Immigration and Customs Enforcement's San Francisco office of the chief counsel. She continues to work as a trial attorney for the agency, where she represents DHS in Immigration Court proceedings. She reports that she is happy to be on the West Coast, where she spends her free time hiking, camping, biking and taking in the area's cultural scene.

Laura McCraie '98 Sadler of Baltimore, Md., will participate for the second time in the Avon Walk for Breast Cancer in Washington, D.C., on Saturday and Sunday, April 29 and 30. She reports that she will be walking 39.9 miles and her goal is to raise \$1,800 for breast cancer education, treatment and research. There is a Web site for the Avon Walk.

Phi Tran '98 of Holland, Mich., participated in the Asian American panel that was part of the series "Becoming a Culturally-Responsive Educational Community," sponsored by Crossroads, West Ottawa Schools, and the National Educational Diversity Program on Thursday, Feb. 16.

Kathy Hoffmaster '99 Athearn of Hopkins, Mich., is a correspondence writer for the Family Research Council in Holland, Mich.

Martin Gravelyn II '99 of Fishers, Ind., is a sales manager for Universal Forest Products.

Roxanne Pascente '99 Pipitone and her husband live in Arlington Heights, Ill. She recently accepted an account supervisor position with the New York-based public relations firm Gibbs & Soell. She will serve as a significant contributor in the agency's business development efforts for the Midwest region, and her media concentration will predominately cover the consumer/lifestyle industry.

Josh Schicker '99 of Holland, Mich., is director of contemporary worship at Faith Reformed Church in Zeeland, Mich. He recorded his latest album, "Moonlighting," in Nashville, Tenn., in mid-2005. He released the album at a Hurricane Katrina benefit concert in Dimment Memorial Chapel in September. He reports that he is busy promoting the new album through concerts throughout the Midwest and his Web site.

Megan Masta '99 Stiverson of Jonesville, Mich., is the Guardian ad Litem for the Hillsdale County Juvenile Drug Court. In addition, she continues to operate Health and Home Service Unlimited Inc.

Gretchen Schoon '99 Tanis of Holland, Mich., was one of two official RCA delegates to the World Council of Churches (WCC) Ninth Assembly in Porto Alegre, Brazil, held from Tuesday, Feb. 14, through Thursday, Feb. 23. She was elected to the central committee, which serves as the main decision-making body of the Council between assemblies. She was accompanied by her husband, Phil Tanis '87, who coordinated a series of online resources for the RCA's Web site, and by their infant son Jon.

Heather Wesp '99 of Stanton, Mich., was recently awarded tenure as a biology instructor at Montcalm Community College and was also

elected to the position of president elect of the Michigan Community College Biologists Association. She is looking forward to buying a house and traveling to the Galapagos Islands this summer.

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Jessica Loomis '00 DeBoer and **Todd DeBoer '00** moved to Kenosha, Wis. where Todd is teaching orchestra at McKinley Middle School. Jessica is substitute teaching by day and teaching private viola and violin students in the evening. Both are still playing in the Beloit-Janesville (Wis.) Symphony Orchestra, and Jessica is a sub for the Kenosha and Racine (Wis.) Symphony Orchestras.

Travis Graham '00 of Hudsonville, Mich., earned a master's degree (please see "Advanced Degrees") and is employed with Anesthesia Medical Consultants of Grand Rapids, Mich.

Susan E. Hinman '00, a lieutenant in the U.S. Navy, has successfully completed and received an advanced degree in general dentistry at the Marine Recruit Station, Parris Island, S.C. She will serve the next two years as part of a five-person dental team along with 2,000 aviators and 3,000 sailors on board the aircraft carrier *Abraham Lincoln*, home ported in Everett, Wash.

Sara Bishop '00 Hopkins of Ferndale, Mich., is an attorney with Clark Hill PLC in Detroit, Mich.

Greg M. Kilby '00 of Grand Haven, Mich., has published an article in the *University of Miami Law Review*. He practices law, concentrating in litigation, in the Grand Rapids, Mich., office of Warner Norcross & Judd LLP.

Lisa Webster '01 Byrnes married Daniel Byrnes and they are living in Chicago, Ill.

Matthew Goupell '01 is a research scientist with the Austrian Academy of Sciences in Vienna, Austria.

Emily Prins '01 of Holland, Mich., has been named marketing director of Macatawa Legends Golf & Country Club, a new country club and home development in Holland. The position includes all of the marketing and advertising for the club as well as the surrounding home development.

Laura Splinter '01 of Libertyville, Ill., has been hired as an at-risk coordinator for P.A.W.S. (Program Assisting with Success) at Libertyville High School.

Christina Stavros '01 of San Francisco, Calif., is youth director at St. Nicholas Antiochian Orthodox Church.

Rachel Bigelow '01 Steen of Omaha, Neb., is working as a social worker at the Florence Home in Omaha.

Amy Avery '02 of Westerville, Ohio, is associate pastor of pastoral care at Worthington Presbyterian Church in Worthington, Ohio.

Tami Habers '02 of Holland, Mich., was featured in a Monday, Feb. 26, article in *The Holland Sentinel* about her involvement in volunteer foster care of dogs. She is currently training Andre, the second dog she has fostered, who will get additional training at Paws With a Cause in Wayland, Mich., before being assigned to a client as a service, hearing, or seizure response dog. Her involvement began with her friend, **Holly LeBlanc '96**, who has a service dog. Tami is a secretary with the Ottawa Area Intermediate School District.

Whitney Hadanek '02 of St. Joseph, Mich., was sworn in as a member of the Michigan Bar on Tuesday, Dec. 6, at the Berrien County Courthouse in St. Joseph. She is a staff attorney for Legal Aid of Western Michigan.

Brian Leicht '02 of Charlestown, Mass., is an accountant with Raphael and Raphael LLP in Boston, Mass.

Faith Ferrara '02 Leicht of Charlestown, Mass., is HR manager at General Electric Aviation in Lynn, Mass.

Prakash R. Ojha '02 of Toronto, Ontario, is a software developer for Consult Pro Inc.

Adam Reddick '02 of Auburn, Mich., made the dean's list and the honor roll, and earned a certificate of merit in property in a recent term of study at The Thomas M. Cooley Law School.

Bethany Buege '02 Thompson of The Dalles, Ore., is an administrative assistant at Rebecca Street Physical Therapy.

Christopher Winkler '02 of Orlando, Fla., is special assistant to the president for stewardship ministries at Wycliffe Bible Translators. He reports that his transition to this job has been fast-paced and he is grateful to all who have been

praying for him. He is looking forward to visiting fellow alumni across the country and around the world in coming years, as the position will have him traveling extensively.

Bryant Loomis '03 of Westminster, Colo., earned a master's degree (please see "Advanced Degrees") and is now pursuing a Ph.D. at the University of Colorado at Boulder.

Susan Nichols '03 of Dearborn Heights, Mich., recently earned a master's degree (please see "Advanced Degrees") and is a practicing physician assistant.

Alyson Payne '03 of Three Oaks, Mich., is a teaching assistant in musicology at Bowling Green State University. She presented a paper at the Forum for Music and Christian Scholarship at Calvin College, held Friday and Saturday, Feb. 24 and 25. On Saturday, March 25, she presented a paper on Alberto Ginastera at the University of Texas at Austin.

Emily Selden '03 of Royal Oak, Mich., is employed with Michigan Spine Care in Auburn Hills, Mich., and Crittenton Hospital in Rochester, Mich.

Kristin Sheehan '03 of Royal Oak, Mich., is employed with William Beaumont Hospital.

Rebecca J. Wieferich '03 of Middletown, Conn., has accepted the position of transfer/sophomore mentor at Sacred Heart University in Fairfield, Conn.

Emily Cronkite '04 of Ann Arbor, Mich., is a medical social worker at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn, Mich.

Erin M. DeHaan '04 of Sarasota, Fla., is a third grade teacher in the Sarasota County Schools.

Mike Douma '04 of Tallahassee, Fla., is pursuing master's and doctorate degrees in history at Florida State University. He won the 32nd Tallahassee Marathon on Sunday, Feb. 19, with a time of 2:52 for the 26-mile run.

Jennifer G. Price '04 of Kennesaw, Ga., is an RN at Kennestone Hospital in Marietta, Ga.

Hannah Reddick '04 is a program assistant/third-year Peace Corps volunteer with Helen Keller International in Conakry, Guinea.

Joe Sedon '04 of Athens, Ga., is playing club hockey at the University of Georgia, where he is a law student. Two years ago as a Hope club hockey player, he played against the Georgia team in a national tournament.

Jeffrey M. Seymour '04 of Mishawaka, Ind., is pursuing a Ph.D. in sociology at the University of Notre Dame.

Annie Brown '04 Von Kres of Bangor, Maine, is a staff nurse at Eastern Maine Medical Center.

Katrina Baker '05 of Brooklyn, N.Y., is assistant to the deans of pre-professional programs at Barnard College/Columbia University.

Elizabeth Ash '05 Finn of Ann Arbor, Mich., is a self-employed photographer and owner of Betsy's Photography.

Lindsey McGrath '05 of Philadelphia, Pa., is a bartender at Barrister's Bar and Grille in Philadelphia.

Kate Orbaker '05 of Williamson, N.Y., began attending Nazareth College in Rochester, N.Y., in January. She is pursuing a Master of Science degree in literacy grades 5-12.

Alison Rickey '05 Westerlind of Glendale, Ariz., is assistant director of admissions at The Art Institute of Phoenix.

Ashley Ten Haken '06 of Kenosha, Wis., is a quality engineer for Hospira Inc. of Lake Forest, Ill.

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—that's what this "marriages" section is for! Please write us after your wedding takes place.

William H. Pollock '83 and Natalia Vasilyevna Kolesnik, Oct. 12, 2004, Wahoo, Neb.

Terri L. Herman '87 and Pete Brady, Nov. 26, 2005, Oakland Township, Mich.

Tracy Bolo '92 and Timothy McMichael, Dec. 31, 2005, Washington, D.C.

Curtis Beekman '96 and Rebekah Beekman, June 8, 2002, New London, Iowa.

Tara Ackerman '97 and Craig Webb, Sept. 4, 2004, Whitehall, Mich.

Jennifer Strauss '97 and Ryan Looman, Oct. 1, 2005, Holland, Mich.

Marcia Bujack-Audette '98 and Christopher Daly, Sept. 10, 2005, Chicago, Ill.

Trystin Kleiman '99 and Jesse Slenk, Aug. 13, 2005, East Lansing, Mich.

Heather Knowles '99 and Brian Barr, Dec. 17, 2005, Grand Rapids, Mich.

Tony LaSorsa '99 and Megan Brax '01, Aug. 6, 2005, Grand Rapids, Mich.

Sara Bishop '00 and Jared Hopkins, Nov. 5, 2005, Detroit, Mich.

Christopher Alef '01 and Julie, Feb. 25, 2006, Detroit, Mich.

Bethany Buege '02 and Gabriel Thompson, Sept. 24, 2005, The Dalles, Ore.

Marta Bultman '02 and Raj Malviya, Sept. 16, 2005, Grand Rapids, Mich.

Kara Pranger '02 and Kevin Payne, Nov. 5, 2005, Grand Haven, Mich.

Robert J. Bartlett '03 and Anne Howard, July 9, 2005, Bloomington, Ind.

Holly Morris '03 and Vince Scheffler '03, Dec. 31, 2005, Dallas, Texas.

Annie Brown '04 and Wesley Von Kres, Dec. 31, 2005, Stetson, Maine.

Christopher Goltz '04 and Natalie Hosking '04, June 11, 2005, Midland, Mich.

Cindy Reichert '04 and Jordan Brooks, Aug. 20, 2005, Corunna, Mich.

Marissa Zvonar '04 and Brad McCrory, Oct. 14, 2005, Grand Rapids, Mich.

Elizabeth Ash '05 and Steven Finn, Jan. 14, 2006, Ann Arbor, Mich.

Alison Rickey '05 and Kyle Westerlind, Dec. 30, 2005.

New Arrivals

George Anthony George '77 and Nancy S. George, William Graham, Dec. 31, 2005.

Stephanie Bosman '87 Krause and Andrew Krause, Jacob Calvin and Samuel Jack, Feb. 8, 2006.

Scott Schaaf '88 and Kristin Kollmeyer '89 Schaaf, Kelsey Jenna, Dec. 9, 2005.

Kirt Van Overen '88 and Kathryn Caine '92 Van Overen, McKenna Hope, July 17, 2005.

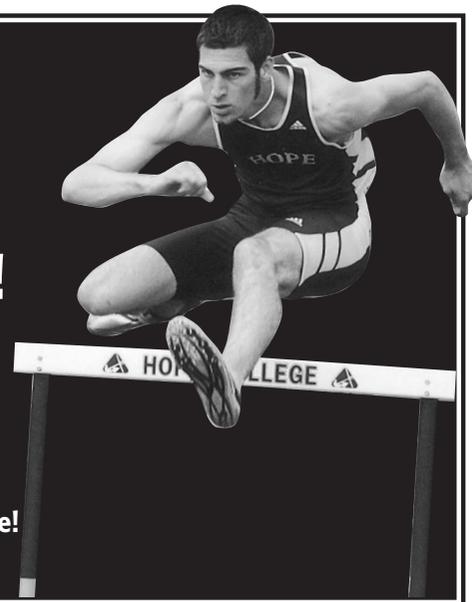
Sue Broersma '89 Reilly and James Reilly, Margaret Amy, May 6, 2005.

Eric Shugars '89 and Nicole Miller '91

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Shugars, Maxwell (Max) Glen, Nov. 11, 2005.
Joel B. Smith '89 and Jennifer Smith, Jamin Gray, May 5, 2005.

Mark Van Genderen '90 and Laura Van Genderen, Aaron, Feb. 6, 2006.

Lori A. Johnson '92 and Doug Johnson, Carter Douglas, Dec. 15, 2005.

Christy Guth '92 Ross and Daniel Ross, Alexandria Danielle, Feb. 2, 2006.

Philip Cratty '93 and Amanda Hyde Cratty, Jazmine Renee, Dec. 4, 2005.

Laura Thompson '93 Van Huis and Michael Van Huis '93, Andrew Michael, Oct. 27, 2006.

Shane Goldwood '95 Kline and David Kline, Evan Jon, Nov. 21, 2005.

Stacy Kronmeyer '95 McNeely and Matt McNeely, Ella Grace, Dec. 12, 2005.

Kevin Nienhuis '95 and Janay Wormmeester '96 Nienhuis, Macy Sheryl, Jan. 21, 2006.

Clint Sallee '95 and Samantha Sallee, Danica Clair, Feb. 7, 2006.

Theresa Hamilton '95 Wilson and Nick Wilson, Alayna Grace, July 25, 2005.

Heather Myers '95 Worthington and Bob Worthington, Grace Ella, Sept. 15, 2005.

Curtis Beekman '96 and Rebekah Beekman, Michael David, Jan. 22, 2005.

Sara Minnaar '96 Postma and Scott Postma, Erica, Feb. 22, 2005.

Heather Collins '96 Quackenbush and Javan Quackenbush, Sadie Marie, June 16, 2005.

James Rairick '96 and Marlaina Parsons '96 Rairick, Noah James, June 1, 2005.

Zach Johnson '97 and Shannon Land '98 Johnson, Max Noel, Nov. 30, 2005.

Tyler Smith '97 and Rosalinda Smith, Daisy Grace, Dec. 21, 2005.

Tara Ackerman '97 Webb and Craig Webb, Kyle Christopher Vincent Webb, Dec. 11, 2005.

Ron Haveman '98 and Beth Haveman, Rebecca Grace, Dec. 14, 2005.

Kathryn Whitfield '98 Butler and Rhett Butler, William Rhett, Nov. 15, 2005.

Jennifer Geerdink '98 Kamper and Mark Kamper, Leah Ruth, Jan. 7, 2006.

Caroline LaBarge '98 Kuipers and James Kuipers, James Robert, Jan. 28, 2005, (deceased — lived one and one-half hours); Sydney Noella, Dec. 11, 2005.

Kathy Hoffmaster '99 Athearn and Mike Athearn, Joy Elizabeth, Dec. 11, 2004.

Tasha Guild '99 Mulder and T. Ryan Mulder '99, Jacob Samuel, Feb. 2, 2006.

Megan Masta '99 Stiverson and Jason Stiverson, Braden David, May 25, 2005.

Aimee Burdo '00 Paul and Brian Paul '01, Jillian Hope, Feb. 18, 2006.

Joe Fitzsimmons '00 and Rhonda Rop '00 Fitzsimmons, Margo Hope, Nov. 23, 2005.

Travis Graham '00 and Kristin Lamers Graham '02, Micah William, Jan. 13, 2006.

Kendra Maloni '00 Linde and Chris Linde, Nicholas John, Jan. 25, 2006.

Sarah Hokenson '02 Therkildsen and Eric Therkildsen, Jeriah Mark, Jan. 30, 2006.

Laura Chucta '04 van Hofwegen and Nathan van Hofwegen '04, Adrian Douglas, Dec. 7, 2005.

Kristin Sheehan '03, Master of Science in Occupational Therapy degree, Western Michigan University, December 2005.

Rebecca J. Wiefelich '03, M.Ed. in higher education and student affairs administration, University of Vermont, Spring 2005.

Emily Cronkite '04, M.S.W., University of Michigan School of Social Work, December 2005.

Deaths

William E. Bareman '46 of Hudsonville, Mich., died on Tuesday, Jan. 17, 2006. He was 82.

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

He was the founder of Bareman and Associates.

He was a charter member of Hillcrest Christian Reformed Church, where he had served as an elder and deacon.

Survivors include his wife of 50 years, Shirley; children, Gregg (Jane) Bareman of Jenison, Mich., Curt (Becky) Bareman of Jenison, Mark (Marilyn) Bareman of Grand Rapids, Mich., David (Judith) Bareman of Holland, Mich., and Deb (Ron) Vanderwell of Sacramento, Calif.; 17 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; in-laws, Alan and Edna Fuder, Beatrice and Carl Gregory, Joan and Harold Stephenson, Bernice and Lloyd Ver Hage, and Yvonne and Hoyt Schut; and nieces and nephews.

Word has been received of the death of **Susan K. Bauer '61** of Los Angeles, Calif., who died on Thursday, Feb. 17, 2005. She was 65.

Betty DeRyke '49 Besaw of Muskegon, Mich., died on Monday, Jan. 16, 2006, in Bowling Green, Fla., where she had been a winter visitor for 14 years. She was 79.

She had been a teacher at Jolman Elementary School in Muskegon for 27 years.

She was a member of Westwood Reformed Church in Muskegon and First Baptist Church of Wauchula, Fla.

Survivors include her husband, Kenneth; her daughter, Amy Huston of Muskegon; her son, Donald Besaw of Hamilton, Ohio; five grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Alvin Bonzelaar '45 of Holland, Mich., died on Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2006. He was 82.

Following graduation from the University of Michigan Medical School, he served his internship and residency in general surgery at Union Memorial Hospital in Baltimore, Md.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy and the U.S. Army Medical Corps, serving in Korea from 1951 to 1953.

He practiced general surgery in Holland from 1954 to 1988. He also served as chief of staff at Holland Community Hospital.

He was a member and past president of the Ottawa County Medical Society and a member of and, for several years, a delegate to the Michigan Medical Society. He also belonged to the American Medical Association and the Michigan State Surgical Association. He was a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons and Diplomat of the American Board of General Surgery.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Barbara; his children, Alan (Linda) Bonzelaar, William (Carol) Bonzelaar, and Douglas (Connie) Bonzelaar, all of Holland; seven grandchildren; a brother and sister, Marvin '45 (Annette Cousins '50) Bonzelaar of Hudsonville, Mich., and Jean (Harold) De Vries of Grand Rapids, Mich., and a brother-in-law, Lee Helmsink of Holland.

Harold G. Bos '50 of Frankfort, Ill., died on Thursday, Dec. 22, 2005. He was 78.

He was the owner and president of Bos Sand Company, from which he retired in 2000.

Survivors include his wife, Donna Treadway Bos; a daughter, Laura T. Bos, of Milwaukee, Wis.; two brothers, John Bos of Monroe, Wis., and James (Gwen) Bos of Sarasota, Fla.; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Milford E. Bowen Jr. '51 of Charlottesville, Va., died on Monday, Jan. 9, 2006. He was 78.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, and was part of The Bible Fellowship in Charlottesville.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Joyce Burton and Gaynelle Jenkins.

Survivors include his wife, Betty; three daughters, Nancy (Earl) Burton and Lynn (Cliff) Adelman of Charlottesville and Ruth Guarini of Burlington, N.J.; three brothers, Lewellyn (Donna) Bowen of Lawrence, Mich., Lauren

(Barbara) Bowen of Louisville, Ky., and David (Susie) Bowen of Oklahoma City, Okla.; one sister, Marcille (Charles) Garrod of Grand Rapids, Mich.; 10 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Clarence Buurma '65 of Towanda, Pa., died on Monday, Feb. 6, 2006. He was 82.

He was a World War II veteran who received the Silver Star Medal and the Bronze Star.

From 1966 until his retirement in 1988, he was

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Emily Marie Arbut; Traverse City, Mich.
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Audra Anne Jobin; Grand Haven, Mich.
Sarah Elizabeth Mason; Grand Haven, Mich.
Joseph David Turbessi; Nunica, Mich.
Mary Jacqueline VerHeulen; Walker, Mich.

MAGNA CUM LAUDE

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Katrina Sue Baker; Indian River, Mich.
Autumn E. Bills; Flushing, Mich.
Christine Elizabeth Blews; DeWitt, Mich.
Gregory Michael Borst; Jenison, Mich.
Mitchell Allen Cumings; Holton, Mich.
Erin Leigh Darlington; Northville, Mich.
Elizabeth Diane Ash; Ann Arbor, Mich.
William Cortland Guy; Adrian, Mich.
Steven Robert Haack; Arlington Heights, Ill.
Kelly Ann Hargrove; McHenry, Ill.
Elizabeth Anne Horstman; Grand Rapids, Mich.
Elizabeth Kay Irvine; Rochester, N.Y.
Andrea Ellen Kaffka; Naperville, Ill.
Brooke Ann Fosburg; Elmhurst, Ill.
Glenn Alan Lester; St. Joseph, Mich.
Sarah Beth McGiness; Lake City, Mich.
Nathan Oostendorp; Plymouth, Mich.
David Ray Pate; Shady Spring, W.Va.
Cynthia Perez; Saginaw, Mich.
Carrie Ann Reif; St. Joseph, Mich.
Justin Alan Rose; Dowagiac, Mich.
Lynnae Etta Ruberg; Brighton, Mich.
Susan Kim Scholten; Allendale, Mich.
Jenny Lynn Smith; O'Fallon, Mo.
Virginia Elizabeth Smith; East Grand Rapids, Mich.
Marguerite Erin Tagg; Renfrew, Pa.
Ashley Nicole Ten Haken; Melbourne, Fla.
Teresa Joy Marie VanDenend; Ripley, Ohio
Corie Lyne VanderVeen; Grand Rapids, Mich.
Timothy Burton VanderLaan; Orland Park, Ill.
Nicholas Attilio Vidoni; Chicago, Ill.
Alison Rebecca Rickey; Richmond, Ind.
Hillary Christine Wiard; Tecumseh, Mich.
Stephanie Anne Witmer; Muskegon, Mich.
Rachael Susanne Zwar; St. Joseph, Mich.

CUM LAUDE

Erin Elizabeth Block; Kalamazoo, Mich.
Stephanie Joy Buck; Fort Wayne, Ind.
Lisa Marie Burgess; Dorr, Mich.
Amanda Jo Dekker; Holland, Mich.
Taylor William deRoo; Holland, Mich.
Nicholas Randolph Erdman; St. Joseph, Mich.
Jennifer Amy Gabhart; Spencer, Iowa
Amanda Gale Gardynik; Howell, Mich.
Samantha June Halladay; Reed City, Mich.
Nicole Lee Herbst; Menomonee Falls, Wis.
Holly Jonae Hill; Pella, Iowa
Heidi Jo Hogeboom; Glen Arbor, Mich.
Emily K. Irvine; Rochester, N.Y.
Kristopher Lee James; Breckenridge, Mich.
Donald Eugene Krumrie; Three Oaks, Mich.
Kyle Robert Lawton; Holland, Mich.
Aric Allen Miller; Ludington, Mich.
Brian James Mulder; Midland, Mich.
Bradley John Norden; Grandville, Mich.
Jacqueline Rae Pacheco; Holland, Mich.
Larissa Marie Peterson; Hudsonville, Mich.
Stephanie Marie Ross; Schiller Park, Ill.
Krista Nicole Rottschafer; Grand Rapids, Mich.
Kendra Joy Schussman; Seymour, Wis.
Angela Anne Sfredo; Milford, Mich.
Leif Kenneth Sporck; Suttons Bay, Mich.
Tara S. Van Hoven; Hudsonville, Mich.
Danielle Kristin Vogelheim; Charlevoix, Mich.
Ashley D. Williams; Plymouth, Mich.
Lucas Timothy Wolfe; Cedar Springs, Mich.

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Advanced Degrees

Andrea Schmitz '90 Mascio, Master of Counseling degree in marriage, child and family therapy, University of Phoenix in Phoenix, Ariz.

Jeff Baxter '94, doctorate degree in adolescent and family ministry, Fuller Theological Seminary, June 2005.

Annette Brashler '94 Bourland, MBA in marketing and management, University of Colorado, December 2005.

Theresa Hamilton '95 Wilson, Master of Arts degree in curriculum and teaching, Michigan State University, August 2004.

Travis Graham '00, M.S.N. in nursing anesthesiology, Oakland University, December 2005.

Kelly Kiewiet '01 Cochrane, master's degree in educational leadership and ESOL (English as a second language), Lynn University.

Lori Ann Brown '02 Kemp, Master in the Art of Teaching (MAT) degree, Marygrove College, December 2005.

Bryant Loomis '03, M.S. in aerospace engineering, University of Colorado at Boulder.

Susan Nichols '03, master's degree (physician assistant), Medical College of Ohio.

Emily Selden '03, Master of Science in Occupational Therapy degree, Western Michigan University, December 2005.

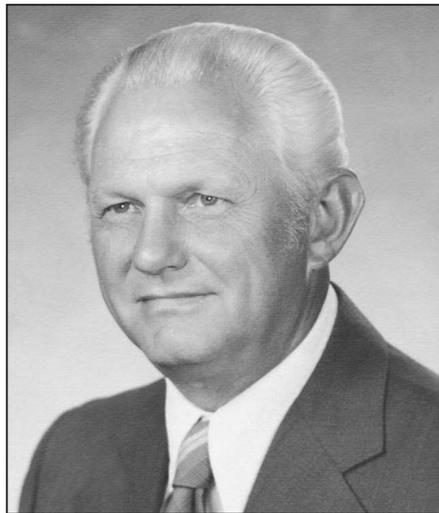
Cy Voogd shaped religion department

Dr. Henry "Cy" Voogd '41, who taught at Hope for more than three decades and played a major role in the college's department of religion, has died.

He was a member of the Hope religion faculty from 1947 until retiring in 1983. He died on Tuesday, Feb. 21, 2006, at age 87.

Dr. Voogd was born and raised in Muskegon, Mich., and graduated from Muskegon High School. He graduated from Western Theological Seminary after Hope, and received his doctoral degree in theology from Princeton Theological Seminary in 1947.

He served as a minister at Prattsville Reformed Church in New York and at Clover Hill Reformed Church in New Jersey before joining the Hope faculty.



Dr. Henry "Cy" Voogd '41

For 25 of his 36 years of service to Hope, he provided leadership to the department of religion, as acting head from 1952 to 1960 and as formal chairper-

son from 1960 to 1976. Under his long-term guidance, the department grew from a "service department" existing to provide the college's required courses in Bible to its current model featuring courses in all major areas of religious studies. Hope has offered a major in religion since 1962.

Dr. Voogd was instrumental in inaugurating the Danforth program of guest lectureships in the early 1950s, and established the department of religion's Van Ess Scholarship Fund in 1970. He also administered the college's chapel program before there was a college chaplain.

In 1994, he and his wife of 61 years, Helen Thompson '45 Voogd, who survives him, received Meritorious Service Awards from Hope in recognition of their long-time involvement with the college. Helen worked in Hope's admissions office from 1966 until retiring in 1983; was vice president of the faculty wives organization; and participated in several of Hope's Village Square planning committees, including as

chairperson in 1968. The Helen '45 and Henry '41 Voogd Scholarship was established at Hope in their honor in 1999 to assist deserving students who are majoring in religion.

He was a charter member of the Hope Academy of Senior Professionals (HASP), and as a former Hope basketball player was also a member of the Alumni H-Club. He was a member of Holland Exchange Club for 48 years and a member of Third Reformed Church, where he was in the choir.

In addition to Helen, survivors include their children, Jan Voogd '69 (Glenn '68) Kooiker of Jenison, Mich., and Jane Voogd '75 (Glenn '71) Lowe and James Voogd, all of Holland; 10 grandchildren, including Kevin '96 (Nicole) Kooiker, Wendy Kooiker '98, Kristin Kooiker '00 (Jon) Vanden Heuvel, Carrie Lowe '01, Catherine Lowe '01 and Jennifer Lowe '05; two great-grandchildren; a brother-in-law, Neil (Betty) Thompson of Florida; and nieces, nephews and cousins. ✍

an educator/counselor for the Mescalero Apache Indian Tribe in New Mexico, and he was an active member of Mescalero Reformed Church. He recently moved to Towanda and joined the First United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife of 60 years, Dolores; three sons, Douglas Buurma of Boise, Idaho, David (Marcia) Buurma of Las Cruces, N.M., and Carl Buurma of Mescalero, N.M.; five daughters, Patricia (John) Warneke of Towanda, Kathleen Buurma '70 of Augusta, Ga., Jane (Bob) Murray of Kingwood, Texas, Maryanne (Mike) Daves of Las Cruces, and Kathy (Robert) Guzman of Mescalero; 22 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; two brothers, Allen '61 (Linda) Buurma of Flemington, N.J., and Roger (Cathy) Buurma of Sand Lake, Mich.; one sister, Gladys Buurma '56 (Paul '50) Lupkes of Rapid City, S.D.; and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

Marcia Vande Vrede '64 Dunning of Freeport, Maine, died on Thursday, July 29, 2004. She was 64.

She taught first grade for the Department of Defense in Germany, where she met her husband, Thurlow Dunning Jr. She then raised a family and supported her husband's military career as he rose to the rank of colonel.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Freeport, where she was the pianist for many years. She was also the pianist for The Lamplighters, a Christian Trio, and was active with the Bible Study Fellowship.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1996 and by a sister-in-law, Mary Jane Krause, and a brother-in-law, Jesse Dunning.

Survivors include her son, Thurlow R. Dunning III of Bath, Maine; her daughter, Susan (Joel) Richard of Freeport, Maine; two sisters-in-law, Carol Storey and Alice Lewis; a brother-in-law, Robert Dunning; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Kenneth W. Dykhuis '70 of Caledonia, Mich., died on Monday, Feb. 6, 2006, after a three-year battle with cancer. He was 57.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ralph and Minnie Dykhuis.

Survivors include his wife of 33 years, Kathy Nykyforchyn '72 Dykhuis; his children, Brian '98 (Rebecca Hollenbeck '98) Dykhuis and Stephanie Dykhuis '00; two granddaughters; a sister, Evelyn (Ed) Dik; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Word has been received of the death of **Jeannette Van Beek '42 Frissel** of Holland, Mich., who died on Sunday, March 19, 2006. More information will appear in the next issue.

Charles E. Hale '60 of Decatur, Ill., died on Sunday, Jan. 29, 2006. He was 67.

He was a veteran who had served six years as a captain in the U.S. Air Force.

He earned a Ph.D. from Indiana University. He had been a teacher at Lowell (Mich.) High School; served as director of learning resources at Lee Junior College in Jackson, Ky.; and retired from Millikin University in Decatur after serving as director of the university's Staley Library for almost 24 years.

He held many national and statewide offices during his career and earned many honors and awards, including being named "Academic Librarian of the Year" by the Illinois Library Association, which also presented him with its prestigious Hugh Atkinson Memorial Award. In May 2003 he was named a member of Millikin University's "Medallion Society" and recognized as one of 100 living people who had an extraordinary impact upon the university since its founding in 1901.

He was a member of Mt. Zion Presbyterian Church, where he had served as deacon and elder and on several committees as well as singing in the choir.

He was preceded in death by his first wife,

Marlene Wolfe, two sisters and two brothers.

Survivors include his second wife, Sheila Jesek-Hale; sons, Kevin R. Hale, Chad R. (Heather) Hale and Curt Elliott Hale, all of Decatur; a daughter, Kristin (Tracy) Black of Macon, Ill.; seven grandchildren; and a niece.

Clarice Peterson '46 Hansbrough of Hansville, Wash., died on Saturday, Dec. 31, 2005. She was 82.

She worked in a factory to support the country's effort in World War II, and the money she saved enabled her to enroll at Hope.

She had been a teacher in Michigan, and started a library at the Issaquah Public School.

She was an avid reader and was active in the Reformed Church in America.

She was preceded in death by her brother, Bob.

Survivors include her husband of almost 56 years, Robert; her son, Don Hansbrough of Seattle, Wash.; her daughters, Elizabeth (Dave) Kryger of Carnation, Wash., and Anne Deer of Vashon Island, Wash.; six grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; her brother, Burt Peterson; and her sisters, Ardyce Wolfe, Amy Hodson and Teresa Vanderley.

Since 1946, Clarice and eight Hope classmates kept up their friendship through "Round Robin" letters, which circulated though the group on three- to six-month cycles. Another of those friends of more than 60 years, Lucille Teninga '46 Toren, died within a day of Clarice. (Please see her obituary following.)

Jack H. Hascup '53 of Hackettstown, N.J., died on Thursday, Jan. 12, 2006. He was 77.

He earned an M.Div. from New Brunswick Theological Seminary. He served Reformed Church in America (RCA) churches from 1956 to 1983, including Glen of Glen, N.Y., Staten Island of Port Richmond, N.J., Williston Park of Williston Park, N.Y., and Brookville of Brookville, Long Island. From 1983 to 1994, he served the RCA as

secretary for stewardship and missionary education. He also served as president of the General Synod of the RCA from 1980 to 1981.

He had served on the Hope College alumni board of directors for 12 years, including two years as president from 1975 to 1977. In 1984 the college presented him a Distinguished Alumni Award.

In recent years, he volunteered at the Friendship Center in Hackettstown, where he read to young children, and at the security desk of the Long Valley (N.J.) Middle School.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Ruth Bloodgood '54 Hascup in 1995.

Survivors include his daughter, Ruth Anne Hascup '80 Burgener of Flanders, N.J.; two grandchildren; and his sister-in-law, Ann (Leonard) Rowell of Middlebury, Vt.

Evelyn Heffron '31 of Holland, Mich., died on Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2006. She was 97.

She taught kindergarten for 40 years until retirement.

She was a member of Trinity Reformed Church and a former member of the Bethel and Third Reformed churches. She also belonged to the Friendship Club and Tulip Town Tuners.

Survivors include a nephew, Albert Heffron of Grand Rapids, Mich.

Arthur J. Kronemeyer '41 of Melbourne Beach, Fla., died on Wednesday, Feb. 15, 2006. He was 86.

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

He had retired as an industrial mechanical engineer with Rapistan Inc. in Grand Rapids, Mich.

Survivors include his wife, Estella "Dolly" Kamps '42 Kronemeyer; sons, Edward Kronemeyer, James (Judi) Kronemeyer, and Jack (Pat) Kronemeyer; a daughter, Betty A. Kronemeyer; and two granddaughters.

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Alice E. McClay '39 of Traverse City, Mich., died on Thursday, Feb. 9, 2006. She was 87.

She was a teacher for many years, retiring in 1983 after 35 years with the Kalamazoo Public Schools.

She had resided in the Traverse City area since 1992, where she was a member of Grace Episcopal Church and active with the Daughters of the King. She also enjoyed playing bridge and was a member of the Sewing Club.

She was preceded in death by her sister, Margaret McClay, and her brothers, John McClay and Adam McClay.

Survivors include her sisters-in-law, Evelyn McClay and Gloria McClay; seven nieces and nephews, including John J. McClay '77; 13 great-nieces and great-nephews; and one great-great niece and one great-great nephew.

Roger G. Menges '41 of Waterford, N.Y., died on Monday, Dec. 26, 2005. He was 85.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army Air Force who served as a pilot during World War II.

He had been employed at the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance for five years, retiring in 1986. Prior to that he had been employed at the Glens Falls Hospital, and had owned and operated a mail order business. He also did freelance editing for Macmillan Publishers LTD and the Medical Digest.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Betty Jean Hylander Menges, in 1986.

Survivors include his wife, Etta Smith Menges; his sons, Eric Menges of Sebring, Fla., Craig Menges of Canyon Country, Calif., Kent Menges of Nassau, N.Y., and Todd Menges of Garfield, Ky.; and seven grandchildren.

Word has been received of the death of **Kayleen E. Slater '83 Merry** of Rochester, Minn., who died on Friday, March 10, 2006. More information will appear in the next issue.

Lorelei Parker '50 Saxon of Jenison, Mich., died on Monday, Jan. 16, 2006. She was 79.

After graduating from Hope, she worked for the United Auto Workers and was a member of the Ottawa County Canvassing Board for 17 years.

She was preceded in death by her parents, one sister and two brothers.

Survivors include her husband, Richard W. Saxon '51; her daughters, Laura (Steve) Shoemaker of Caledonia, Mich., and Cheryl Kaufman of Cave Creek, Ariz.; seven grandchildren; her brother, James (Meta) Parker of Alaska; and two sisters, Maxine Franklin of Texas and Moonyeen DeSmidt of Arizona.

Stuart P. Schaftenaar '40 of Holland, Mich., died on Sunday, Feb. 26, 2006. He was 88.

He owned and operated Holland Awning Company for more than 50 years until his retirement in 1980.

He was a lifelong member of First Reformed Church.

A grandson, Toby Schaftenaar, preceded him in death.

Survivors include his wife of 65 years, Harriet; children, Laurie (John) Raymond of Adrian, Mich., Larry (Judy) Schaftenaar of Remus, Mich., Vicki Venhuizen of Ada, Mich., and Steve '77 (Liz Dinger '79) Schaftenaar of Holland.; 12 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; in-laws, Barbara Schaftenaar, Angie Westerhof, John DeKraker, and Evelyn Westerhof, all of Holland; and nephews, nieces and cousins.

Ronald M. Schipper '52 of Holland, Mich., died on Monday, March 27, 2006. He was 77.

Following high school, he served in the U.S. Army in Japan until 1948.

He had a distinguished career as a teacher, coach and administrator.

After coaching football at Northville (Mich.) High School for eight years and at Jackson (Mich.) High School for one year, he was head football coach at Central College in Pella, Iowa, for 36 years. He retired in 1996 as one of the top-winningest NCAA Division III coaches, fourth at the time in career winning percentage, with a career record of 287-67-3. He guided Central football to 36 consecutive winning seasons and 18 Iowa Conference Championships. Central won the 1974 Division III title, and finished runner-up in 1984 and 1988.

While at Central, Schipper was also a member of the physical education faculty, as well as dean of students from 1962 to 1965 and athletic director from 1965 to 1993. Central's fitness center is

named in his honor, as is a leadership award presented annually to a Central senior. He was a member of Central's Board of Trustees from 2000 to 2003.

Recognition from Hope included a Distinguished Alumni Award in 1994, a Distinguished Achievement Award from the Board of Trustees in 1997 and a Resolution of Commendation from the Alumni H-Club in 2000.

Among additional honors, he was the 2004 recipient of the Amos Alonzo Stagg Award, presented by the American Football Coaches Association (AFCA); he was a five-time AFCA District/Regional Coach of the Year recipient; he was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 2000; and he was named one of the five most influential people in the NCAA Division III by *College Sports Magazine* in 1994. He was a past president of the AFCA, and served on the association's Board of Trustees from 1985 to 1994. He had been head U.S. coach for the Aztec Bowl in Mexico for nine years, most recently on Saturday, Dec. 17.

After retiring he returned to Holland in 1997. He remained actively involved in football, serving as assistant football coach to his son Tim at Fennville (Mich.) High School.

He was a member of Christ Memorial Church and an elder of the Reformed Church in America.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Sylvia Aukee, and a grandson, Benjamin Russell.

Survivors include his wife, Joyce Post '51 Schipper; one daughter, Sara (Martin) Russell of Holland; two sons, Tim (Karen) Schipper of Holland and Tom Schipper of Auburn, Maine; five grandchildren, including Rachel Schipper '05; three sisters, Mary (Charles) Follett of Naples, Fla., Eunice Schipper '52 (Don '55) Northuis of Grand Haven, Mich., and Jean (Lyle '59) Hop of Bradenton, Fla.; a brother, George (Ann) Schipper of Zephyr Hills, Fla.; and a brother-in-law, Waino Aukee of Holland.

H. Clay Tellman '38 of Muskegon, Mich., died on Sunday, Feb. 12, 2006. He was 89.

He was a veteran who served in the U.S. Air Force Command during World War II.

He graduated from the University of Michigan Medical School. Following his residency, he practiced urology in Muskegon from 1949 to 1982. He had served as chief of staff at Hackley Hospital, president of the Muskegon County Medical Society, and a member of the State Board of Registration in Medicine.

His community service included serving with United Way, as a member of the board of directors of the YMCA, and as president of the Community Foundation. He was a member of First Congregational Church.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Kay Tellman.

Survivors include his wife of 63 years, Joan; one son, Dave Tellman of Muskegon; one daughter, Kathi (Dirk) Nelson of Hinsdale, Ill.; three grandchildren; and eight nieces and nephews.

Kent Belmont Thompson '35 of Holland, Mich., died on Sunday, Jan. 22, 2006. He was 93.

He was a longtime member of Central Park Reformed Church, and had been a member of the American Legion Band for 50 years.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Genevieve, in 1996.

Survivors include his brother- and sister-in-law, Benjamin and Cynthia Kollen of Saugatuck, Mich.; and nieces and nephews.

Lucille Teninga '46 Toren of Munster, Ind., died on Friday, Dec. 30, 2005. She was 85.

Before moving to Munster, she had been a longtime resident of Lansing, Ill.

She had been a teacher, first at Illiana Christian High School from 1946 to 1948 and later at Roseland Christian High School from 1948 to 1949, both in Illinois. After raising children, she returned to teaching in 1967, working at Sandridge School, District 172 (Ill.).

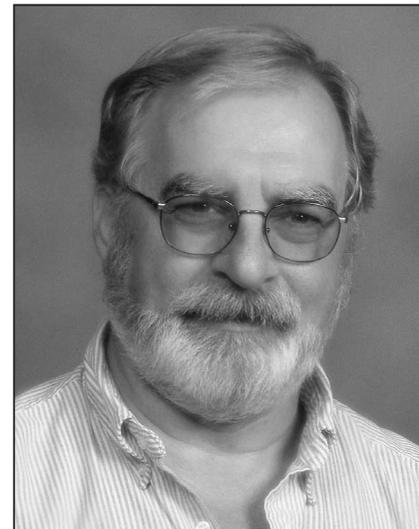
She had been active in the Old First Reformed Church of Roseland, and later First Reformed Church of Lansing, Ill., and Riverside Community Church in Hammond, Ind. She taught Sunday school and catechism classes, led adult Bible study groups, and held leadership positions at local and regional synod levels in the Reformed Church Women's Ministries.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Hilda Jongsma and Annabelle Kooy Olsen, and a granddaughter.

Survivors include her husband, Chester Toren

Bruce Rietman of staff dies

The campus community is mourning the death of Bruce Rietman, a 10-year member of the physical plant staff.



Bruce Rietman

Rietman died at age 57 of a heart attack at his office in the college's science center on Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2006, at about 6:15 a.m. A resident of Zeeland, Mich., he was a building services manager for the west side of the campus, and had been employed at Hope since May 1996.

The Hope community is family literally as well as figuratively for the Rietman family. Bruce's wife of 37 years, Bonnie, is a member of the college's physical plant staff, and a son, Darin of Hudsonville, Mich., works for the campus safety department.

The funeral service was held on Sunday, Feb. 12, in Dimnent Memorial Chapel.

Prior to coming to Hope, he had been employed at Land of Food and BASF. He was a member of Gateway Community Church, where he served as an elder.

He was preceded in death by a grandson, C. Alexander Rietman; his father, Dennis Rietman; and his stepfather, Ben Steenwyk.

In addition to Bonnie and Darin, survivors include Darin's wife Laura;

Bruce's and Bonnie's other children, Timothy and Kristin Rietman of Holland, Mich., Tammy and Andrew Middleton of Zeeland, and Dennis '96 and Stacey Wendt '96 Rietman of Holland; 11 grandchildren; his mother, Genevieve Steenwyk of Zeeland; his sister, Phyllis and Norm Garvelink of Zeeland; his mother-in-law, Geneva Nienhuis of Zeeland; in-laws, Larry and Arlene Nienhuis of Holland, Sharon and Phillip Lemmen of Holland, Merry and Russ Bartels of Zeeland and Debra Riemersma of Zeeland; stepsisters, Yvonne Cook of Hudsonville, and Bernice and Jerry De Koster of Zeeland; and nieces, nephews, aunts and uncles. ✎

'41; her sons, John '72 (Susan Maassen '77) Toren of Shawnee, Kansas; Glenn '77 (Nancy) Toren of Carmel, Ind.; Carl '79 (Margaret) Toren of Lynwood, Ill.; Paul '80 (Heidi Perez '81) Toren of Shawnee, and Kevin '83 (Shelley Vonk '86) Toren of Cascade, Mich.; 18 grandchildren, including Rebecca Drane '98 Mueller; two sisters, Grace Vermilya of Lynwood, Ill., and Lillian Schoon Piske of Lowell, Ind.; and brother- and sister-in-law, George '48 (Marian Ter Borg '48) Toren of Saint Paul, Minn.

Since 1946, Lucille and eight Hope classmates kept up their friendship through "Round Robin" letters, which circulated through the group on three- to six-month cycles. Another of those friends of more than 60 years, Clarice Peterson '46 Hansbrough, died within a day of Lucille. (Please see her obituary previously.)

John M. Vander Meulen '36 of Tyler, Texas, died on Tuesday, Jan. 31, 2006. He was 91.

He completed his Master of Divinity degree at McCormick Seminary, and served congregations as a Presbyterian minister for more than 50 years in Michigan, California, Missouri, Illinois and Texas.

He was conferred an honorary doctorate by Alma College in 1954.

He was preceded in death by his wife of almost 60 years, Corinne in 2004.

Survivors include his daughters, Mary Martin, Jane Vander Meulen '70 Hoover and Claire Vander Meulen '75 Gibbs, and their husbands; two grandsons and their wives; two granddaughters; and a cousin, Lois van der Meulen '36 Ellert.

Hermina "Mickie" VanEgmond '50 Van Eyl of Holland, Mich., died on Thursday, Feb. 23, 2006. She was 77.

A graduate of Western Theological Seminary, she had been director of children's ministry at Central Reformed Church in Grand Rapids, Mich., and director of Christian education at First

Reformed Church and Grace Episcopal Church, both in Holland.

She was co-founder of Holland's Widowed Persons Service. She was a member of Hope Reformed Church, the League of Women Voters and Century Club. She was also a member and past president of the Woman's Literary Club. At a General Synod meeting in Iowa, she was among the first RCA women to be seated as a delegate.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, James O. Lamb '50, in 1983.

Survivors include her husband of 21 years, F. Phillip Van Eyl '55, who was a member of the Hope psychology faculty from 1959 until retiring in 1993; children, Don and Janice Sokol of Flushing, Mich., James and Julia Lamb of Saugatuck, Mich., Gary and Evelyn Van Eyl '80 Newton of Indian Harbour Beach, Fla., William '81 and Christina '82 Van Eyl-Godin of Ada, Mich., Philip '80 and Sonia Van Eyl '84 Taylor of Zeeland, Mich., and Paul Van Eyl '87 of Bangkok, Thailand; brothers-in-law, Lawrence (Bill) '46 and Elsie Parsons '46 Lamb, and John (Jack) '54 and Lois Lamb; and 19 grandchildren.

Harriet Bazuin '42 Van Lente of Lakeland, Fla., died on Sunday, March 5, 2006. She was 85.

She had been a resident of Holland, Mich., until moving to Lakeland in 2004.

She taught at Lakeview Elementary School for 34 years and was a member of First Reformed Church.

Survivors include her husband of 64 years, Roger P. Van Lente '39; her daughter, Carol Van Lente '65 Allen; her sister, Jane Frens; two brothers, Willard Bazuin and Robert Bazuin; two grandsons; and nieces and nephews.

Mary Hadden '45 Van Ommen of Hilton Head Island, S.C., died on Thursday, Sept. 15, 2005. She was 81.

Prior to moving to Hilton Head in 1979, she had been a resident of Cleveland, Ohio.

She was a member of DAR and PEO and was an avid bridge player and golfer.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Raymond Van Ommen '42, in 1982.

Survivors include four daughters, Lynn (Bill) Simmons of Evansville, Ind., Laurey (Tom) Gillen of Chagrin Falls, Ohio, Leslie (Fred) Wall of Essex Junction, Vt., and Libby (Rich) Gierach of Columbus, Ohio; eight grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Elizabeth Huber '88 Ward of Grand Rapids, Mich., died unexpectedly on Saturday, Feb. 4, 2006. She was 39.

She had been a special education teacher with the Grand Rapids Public Schools.

She was preceded in death by her father.

Survivors include her husband, Patrick; her mother, Patricia Huber; her father-in-law, Gene Ward; her mother-in-law, Lois Ward; her sisters and brothers, Kathleen and Larry Winkleman, Mike and Sherry Huber, Jennifer Huber '02, Jack and Maureen Dakesian, Jose and Colleen Lopez,

Terry Ward, Bill and Erin Huddleston, and Jon and Kathleen Hull; and 12 nieces and nephews.

Allan J. Weenink '43 of Holland, Mich., died on Saturday, Feb. 4, 2006. He was 84.

He earned an M.Div. and was ordained in 1946. He pursued additional study, and was also awarded a D.D. from Alma College and an L.H.D. from Los Angeles University (Philippines). Through 60 years of ministry he served as pastor for Christ Reformed Church in Newark, N.J., associate minister of Westminster Church in Detroit, Mich., director of Camp Westminster, senior pastor for 24 years of First Presbyterian Church of Battle Creek, Mich., associate executive for stewardship/mission for the Lake Michigan Presbytery, interim pastor in several Michigan cities, and on staff of Westminster Presbyterian Church of Grand Rapids, Mich., until his death. He was the initiating pastor for Parkwood Presbyterian Church in Jenison, Mich., and the visionary behind many new church developments. He served the Presbyterian Church at the

Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly levels. He was also the author of five books.

His community service also included Rotary Club and the boards of trustees of Kellogg Community College and Alma College.

He was preceded in death by his son, James B. Weenink.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Virginia; his children, John A. Weenink and Mary Ann Stygstra of Holland, Judith and Scott Schoonover of Virginia, and Jeffrey D. and Jeanne Weenink of Bay City, Mich.; five grandchildren; a brother- and sister-in-law, Phillip J. and Margaret Weenink of Florida; sisters-in-law, Phyllis Heidanus '53 Huff and Delores Heidanus; and nieces and nephews.

Sympathy To

The family of **Henrietta Brouwer** of Holland, Mich., who died on Sunday, Jan. 29, 2006. She was 102.

She had worked in the custodial department at the college.

She was a charter member of Beechwood Reformed Church, a former member of Bethel Reformed Church, and a member of Evergreen Commons.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Clarence, in 1968.

Survivors include her son, Gerald (Shirley) Brouwer of Grandville, Mich.; two grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; a brother-in-law, James Brouwer of California; and nephews, nieces and cousins.

The family of **Frank Quiring** of North Newton, Kan., who died on Thursday, Feb. 23, 2006, of injuries sustained when he was struck by an automobile while on vacation in Orlando, Fla. He was 78.

A high school chemistry teacher, he spent 24 summers at Hope College, directing the long-running Laboratory Program for the NSF Summer Programs for high school teachers of Advanced Placement and second-year chemistry from 1964 through 1975, 1978 through 1981 and 1984 through 1991.

He was retired from teaching at Clayton High School in Missouri. He had received a variety of professional honors, including the Presidential Award for Excellence in Science Teaching in 1984; the national Chemical Manufacturers Association Catalyst Award for Excellence in Teaching in 1973, the first high school teacher to receive the award; and the 1971 Outstanding High School Teacher Award of the St. Louis area, sponsored by the Chemical Industrial Council and the Chemical Manufacturers Association.

He graduated from Bethel College in North Newton in 1950, and completed a master's degree at the University of Kansas at Lawrence in 1957.

Survivors include his wife of 55 years, Evelyn; four children and their spouses, Sam '74 and Martha Quiring of Beaverton, Ore., Sherwood '76 and Mary Quiring of Bloomington, Minn., Natalie Quiring '78 and Ged Weare of Sherborn, Mass., and Powell '82 and Lori VandenOever '82 Quiring of Portland, Ore.; and 12 grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother.

The family of **Tena Seles** of Holland, Mich., who died on Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2006. She was 102.

She had worked in housekeeping at the college, was a member of Maplewood Reformed Church, and was involved in Evergreen Commons.

She was preceded in death by her husbands, John Housenga and William Seles.

Survivors include her children, Millie Gettemy of Rock Falls, Ill., Ann and Frank Aukeman of Zeeland, Mich., Toots and Warren Drooger of Holland, Donald and Pauly Housenga of Holland, and Richard and Sherry Housenga of Grand Haven, Mich.; 14 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; and one great-great granddaughter; step-children, Maxine and William Haak of Kalamazoo, Mich., Helene Kooi of Grand Rapids, Mich., and Bill and Helen Selles of Grand Rapids; several step-grandchildren and step-great-grandchildren; in-laws, Wanietta Sissing, Lucy Sissing and Pearl Sissing, all of Fulton, Ill.; and nieces and nephews.

The family of **Andrew Vander Zee** of Holland, Mich., who died on Monday, March 27, 2006. He was 95.

He taught grammar, literature and speech at Sully (Iowa) Christian School, Chicago (Ill.) Christian High School, Kalamazoo (Mich.) Christian High School, Northwestern Junior College and Holland Christian High School. He later worked at Herrick Public Library.

He was a catalogue librarian at Hope from 1963 to 1970. He was also the college archivist, full-time from 1971 until his retirement in 1972, and part-time until 1988.

He had been a member of Prospect Park Christian Reformed Church for more than 40 years. When it disbanded he joined Graafschap Christian Reformed Church.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 67 years, Nellie, in 2003.

Survivors include his daughter, Laura (Harv) Vanden Bosch; two grandchildren, Kay Vanden Bosch '87 (Kevin '86) Kossen and Jeffrey '92 (Lori) Vanden Bosch; three great-grandchildren; and a sister-in-law, Mrs. George (Jeanette) Postema of Holland.

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A distinctive musical voice

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The distinctive musical voice of singer-songwriter Sufjan Stevens '98 has been receiving widespread acclaim from critics and music lovers alike. The 30-year-old native of Michigan recently wrapped up a tour that took him across the United States, to cities in Canada and Western Europe, and back home again to New York.

Stevens recorded his first album, "A Sun Came," while he was a student at Hope. Since moving to Brooklyn, N.Y. after graduation, he has released several more records, including 2004's "Seven Swans," a set of songs with themes of spirituality and love. But perhaps he is best known for his two geographically inspired releases: "Michigan" (2003) and "Illinois" (2005). Both albums showcase Stevens' talent as a multi-instrumentalist – he plays acoustic guitar, piano, oboe, flute, accordion, and more.

Stevens has been featured in national publications such as *Rolling Stone*, *The New York Times*, and *The New Yorker*. One writer described his voice as "a confident whisper," while others have used terms like "breathy" and "unassuming." Most would agree that describing Stevens' voice is a bit easier than defining his music – even the artist himself said his work cannot be pigeonholed.

"I think you can listen to it and describe its influences," Stevens explained. "For instance, you might hear a bit of '60s French music, maybe some jazz, or a flourish here that sounds very baroque, but those are all attempts at trying to understand something that may just be indescribable."

One thing that is apparent about Stevens's songs is that they often tell a story. His songwriting frequently has a narrative intention, employing "characters, settings, and elements of fiction in its style and form," Stevens said. This penchant for stories and writing took root while he was growing up in a family of six children near Petoskey, Mich.

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"Storytelling and anecdote was our way of communicating in our family," Stevens said. "It was our way of staking a claim to a particular experience in order to maintain purpose and identity in our family. Storytelling, fiction, and literature became important to me even before music did." Although Stevens studied and played oboe from middle school on up to college, he spent just as much time buried in books, which he says became "a great source of fueling my imagination and inspiring me."

When it came time for college, Stevens chose Hope for its English program and top-notch Visiting Writers Series. While majoring in English, he also participated in orchestra, Symphonette, the *Opus* student literary magazine, and the *Anchor* student newspaper. But it was the relationships he developed with both friends and professors that he says he remembers most.

"At Hope, it became less about excelling in a particular field and more about how to serve and facilitate other people through excellence, whether it was in the classroom, the student newspaper office, or on stage at the local coffeehouse," he said. "It was always about relationships."

Stevens credits all of his professors in the department of English for inspiring him in his own writing, but one teacher who stood out was Dr. Kathleen Verduin '65, whom Stevens



In his songwriting, Sufjan Stevens '98 blends his long-time interests in both music and storytelling. He is pictured in a promotional image for his 2005 album *Illinois*, which has earned acclaim nationwide in publications ranging from *Rolling Stone* to *Entertainment Weekly*. (Photo by Denny Renshaw courtesy of Asthmatic Kitty Records)

appreciated for her wit and intelligence. For her part, Dr. Verduin described Stevens as one of the most "delightful" students she's ever had at Hope.

"Sufjan was wonderful to have in class, not domineering, but definitely uninhibited," she recalled. "He always had a completely original take on everything and always had something interesting to say. He also seemed to enjoy his professors, which was very gratifying."

Jack Ridl, Professor of English – whom Stevens fondly described as a "terrific, poetic bear" – remembered Stevens for his originality and modesty. "The thing that always struck me about Sufjan was that he did everything with real integrity," Professor Ridl said. "He was wonderfully receptive to anything you tried to help him with, and he was always very humble."

It was during his time at Hope that Stevens began songwriting. For years, his experience with music had been primarily academic and technical, but he desired something more that would engage his creative voice.

"I'd always felt within me a desire to write songs and to arrange and compose, but I didn't really have the skills and outlet for that," Stevens said. "When I started playing guitar, that really changed the way I encountered music. I discovered that I had a unique voice which I could render through songwriting on the guitar."

After meeting other students who shared his passion for music, Stevens became a member of several bands. The longest-running group at Hope was Marzuki, which played in local cafes and coffeehouses. Before Stevens' senior year at Hope, the band members decided to move to New York City to record an album. Although the experience didn't go as hoped (the band separated a year later), Stevens called it "an incredible time of learning."

Stevens returned to Hope for one more year, graduating with a B.A. in English. After moving back to New York City and completing a two-year master's program in fiction writing, he was leaning toward a career as a writer or English teacher. Although "music wasn't really part of those goals," he soon found himself on a track toward songwriting

once he met other musicians who learned of his musical background.

"I was invited to perform, play, and collaborate with other people," he said. "I was exhausted after two years of writing and felt like somewhat of a failed writer, so I found a bit of solace in songwriting again."

Today, after several years of writing and recording albums, Stevens feels as though he is doing what's he's meant to do ("It's sort of like finding a pair of pants that fit perfectly," he said). Although his music is not billed as "Christian," Stevens said he seeks to explore issues of faith and God in every song he writes – to which his lyrics attest. He's excited that people in the music and art world with spiritual convictions are starting to feel less intimidated by public opinion concerning their views and beliefs.

"There are all kinds of people coming out of the woodwork who are no longer afraid to say that they believe in God," he said. "It's no longer seen as a detrimental characteristic or a delusion of character."

Stevens said his years at Hope offered him an opportunity to speak openly about issues of faith and spirituality, and to discuss what it means to be in the world but not of it.

"I think Hope creates an environment in which you can discover what that means," he said. "Those issues still reside in me, and they're part of how I live and work in New York City."

This year, Stevens has decided to take a "self-imposed" break after a hectic work and tour schedule during the past two years. So far in 2006, he's played two concerts — at New York City's Lincoln Center and Carnegie Hall. In early February, he received three awards at the 2006 PLUG Independent Music Awards: Album of the Year (Illinois), Male Artist of the Year, and Album Art/Packaging of the Year (Illinois).

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