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This is Your House

The opening of the arena in November offered a stunning preview. With the start of classes in January, the Richard and Helen DeVos Fieldhouse has arrived fully as an outstanding site for academics as well as athletics.

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Naming honors long-time service

Hope has recognized four couples who have played significant roles in the life of the college by naming portions of the new Richard and Helen DeVos Fieldhouse in their honor.

Russ '45 and Doris Koskamp '50 DeVette, Bob '56 and Marcia Smith '55 DeYoung, Ray and Sue Lightner '74 Smith, and Dr. Glenn '64 and Jackie Nyboer '67 Van Wieren have all been honored for their decades-long service to Hope. Bronze plaques commemorating the recognition were unveiled before the men's basketball game on Wednesday, Dec. 28, during the Russ DeVette Holiday Tournament.

"These are four very special couples who have had an extraordinary impact on the Hope and Holland communities with their career-long commitments," said President James E. Bultman '63. "We honor them as couples because each in their own special way has been a team that has had a pro-



Career-long service to Hope has been recognized by naming sites within the DeVos Fieldhouse. Pictured with first couple Martie Tucker '63 Bultman and President James Bultman '63 (second couple from right) are those who have been honored. From left to right with the Bultmans are: Ray and Sue Lightner '74 Smith; Jackie Nyboer '67 Van Wieren and Dr. Glenn Van Wieren '64; Doris Koskamp '50 DeVette and Russ DeVette '45; and Bob '56 and Marcia Smith '55 DeYoung.

found impact on generations of Hope students."

"Hope is a better college and Holland is a better community because of their contributions to our quality of life," he said.

"Their lives have been marked by a commitment to professional excellence, service to others and fulfilling with distinction the mission of Hope."

The main basketball gymnasium has

been named the "DeVette-Van Wieren Gymnasium," the volleyball gymnasium has been named the "DeYoung Volleyball Gymnasium" and the weight room has been named the "Smith Weight Training Center."

Russ DeVette and Glenn Van Wieren together total more than 50 years as head coach of the men's basketball team. Professor DeVette, who retired from the Hope faculty in 1988, was the coach from 1948 to 1951 and from 1956 to 1977, and Dr. Van Wieren, one of Professor DeVette's former players, has been coach since 1977.

Bob DeYoung was the college's chief fundraising officer for 26 years, from 1974 until retiring in 2000 as vice president for college advancement. He had been at the college since 1965, serving first as associate director of admissions and then as dean of men, dean of students and vice president for student affairs.

Ray Smith came to Hope in 1970 as head football coach and a member of the physical education (now kinesiology) faculty. He coached Hope football until 1994, and continues to teach and has been director of athletics for men since 1980. ↵

"Quote, unquote"

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

In October, Dr. Curtis Gruenler, associate professor of English, presented the campus address "A Theology of Imagination in the Liberal Arts at Hope College." Reflecting on imagination's importance, he noted that "a focus on imagination can help the different disciplines of the liberal arts work better in leading people to fuller humanity, and that this focus is especially valuable at Hope because it can help us see how the Christian and liberal arts components of our mission work together." A few excerpts follow.

"[E]ach discipline develops a way of knowing that depends on and develops primary imagination. And I think it is already a familiar idea to practitioners of the arts, humanities, and even the sciences, that each discipline is most powerful when it brings imagination consciously into play. I needn't belabor the importance of, say, historical imagination in history, or the magnitude of Einstein's feats of imagination, or even the imaginative feat required to understand his theories of relativity. I like to go back to physics because, since Einstein, physicists have been so good at keeping themselves conscious of the role of imagination in their work by talking about models and using terms for physical properties like charm and strangeness that don't let them be taken too literally. C. S. Lewis makes a strong case that academics especially need to remain conscious of the metaphoric dimensions of our technical vocabularies in order to keep them from getting stale, unimaginative, and less meaningful, and at the same time to keep us from thinking we understand better than we do.

"Such attention to imagination in keeping our disciplines lively also helps us see that an

important product of studying a discipline is, in a profound sense, living in a new world. Each discipline builds a way of seeing the world. Part of what we mean by learning to think like a chemist or a psychologist or a philosopher or a musician is acquiring a particular, disciplined imagination. Of course there are particular skills and mental equipment involved in each, but each calls on the same faculty to pull these together as an approach to reality and a way of seeing that allows certain aspects of reality to appear more clearly and become objects of further study. It also allows a discipline to become a basis for action. Imagination connects theory and practice, not just within the development of a discipline's own body of knowledge, but, more important, beyond it to the common life of the world. It enables a certain echo of the Incarnation, making the word of a discipline become flesh by applying it to real human needs.

"Across the disciplines, to see the common role of imagination helps us see some things about how they work together in a common educational project. Of course there are other things that are common across the disciplines, such as communication and critical thinking, and I don't mean to devalue them, but I think we tend to talk about them more because they suit the Rationalism of modernity. Just as imagination synthesizes the training involved in each discipline, so it can synthesize the learning that students gain in their whole curriculum. Thus, if each discipline cultivates a different way of imagining the world, a student tastes several of these worlds and gains the ability to move between them and even keep them in mind at the same time. The result is both a richer grasp of a reality with infinite facets and a greater, more conscious ability to shift between them as needed. And just as imagination guides the application of each discipline, so a student imagines how to live out his or her education, the more creatively the better." ↵



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On the cover

Our main photo shows the newly completed DeVos Fieldhouse. Although the building's arena opened in November for the basketball season, it was with the start of the semester in January that the building fully came to life. Please see pages eight-nine.

At top center is Major Jonathan Etterbeek '86, who was decorated for his service in Iraq by U.S. Representative Pete Hoekstra '75 at the DeVos Fieldhouse. Please see page 12.

At top right are Lori Strehler '98 (standing) and Jane Roeters '98 Graham, who following their formative student experience were prompted to establish a mission organization to help children in Africa whose lives have been devastated by HIV/AIDS. Please see page 16.

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OVERSEAS ASSISTANCE: The new student chapter of Engineers Without Borders at Hope is reaching around the world for its first service project.

Engineers Without Borders – USA (EWB-USA) is a national non-profit humanitarian organization established to partner with developing communities worldwide in order to improve their quality of life. The partnership involves implementing environmentally and economically sustainable engineering projects, while involving and training internationally responsible engineering professionals.

The Hope chapter will be designing and implementing a water purification system in Nkuff, a 300-member community in Cameroon in Africa, and will also help the residents learn how to maintain the system once it is in place.

A small group of students and one of the chapter's advisors will travel to Cameroon during the college's spring break in March to perform a site assessment, with the plan being for a larger group to go for two or three weeks when the system is ready for implementation. The Hope students' work will also include raising the funds for the project.

While details are still being worked out, the project is expected to take six months to a year to complete.

Approximately 30 students are active members of the chapter, which was established early in the spring of 2005. The group is interdisciplinary and open to Hope students from all academic majors.

RACIAL STUDY: A research project by two students who examined discrimination in rental housing in West Michigan is informing discussion in the community.

The study, "Differential Treatment in the Lakeshore Rental Housing Market," was conducted in March of 2005 by then-seniors Jacob Kain and Randall Owen under the direction of Dr. Joel Toppen '91 of the political science faculty. On Wednesday, Nov. 30, their research was featured in a forum sponsored by the Lakeshore Ethnic Diversity Alliance (LEDA).

The researchers found statistically significant differences in treatment for perceived white, Hispanic and African American inquiries in Holland and Grand Haven. For each variable measured, perceived whites received better treatment.

Dr. Toppen feels that the results indicate that action must be taken to insure fair access to housing for all in the community.

"We found substantial differences in treatment, all in the direction that whites received what we would term 'preferred treatment,'" said Dr. Toppen, who is an assistant professor of political science. "This is only one study, but it should ring alarm bells, raise the red flag, to say it looks like we have a problem."

Dr. Toppen noted that as happens throughout the college, the department involves students in collaborative faculty-student research and experiential learning in a variety of ways. He is particularly pleased to see it have a direct impact in this case on the community.

"Hope students are doing research that adds to the public debate and possibly leads to changes in public policy," he said.

He added that it's a level of impact that he hasn't seen happening in his discipline at other institutions.

"To have an undergraduate research paper be informing public debate, I don't come across it in political science," he said.

Prof to head state group

Dr. Edward Hansen, professor of geology and environmental science, has been elected president of the Michigan Academy of Science, Arts and Letters.

He began his term in October, and will serve until mid September in 2006.

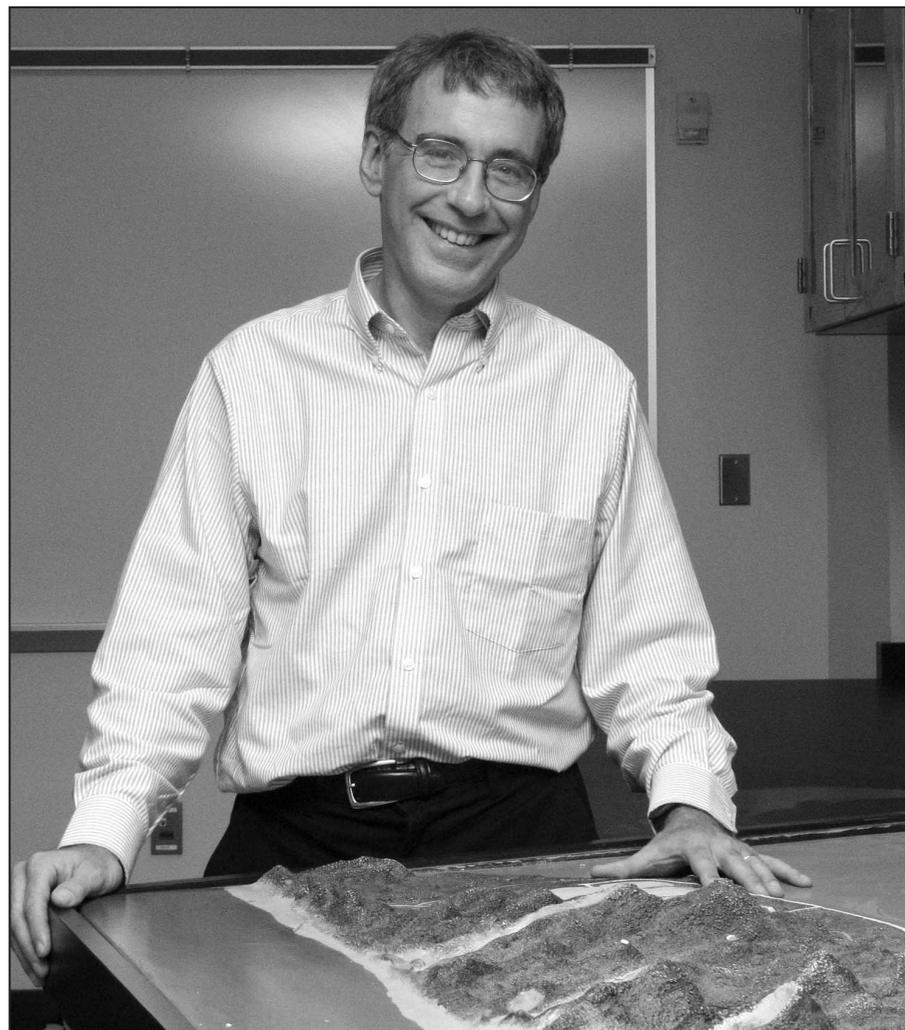
"Ed's election speaks of his recognized scientific accomplishments and scholarly leadership in the state of Michigan," said Dr. Jonathan Peterson '84, who is an associate professor of geology and environmental science and chairperson of the department at Hope.

Founded in 1894, the Michigan Academy of Science, Arts, and Letters is a regional professional organization that facilitates scholarly exchange through annual meetings and a quarterly journal featuring papers and news about research at Michigan colleges and universities. The academy encompasses a broad spectrum of scholarly disciplines, grouped in 27 sections ranging from administration; to biochemistry/molecular biology; to cinema studies; to health and human services; to medieval studies; to psychology; to Spanish language, literature and culture; to zoology.

More than half of the academy's current members are faculty and graduate students of supporting Michigan colleges and universities. Other members include independent scholars, scholars from other states, and people engaged in relevant research in business and government. A total of 27 colleges and universities are institutional members of the Michigan Academy, which is based at Alma College.

Dr. Hansen has been serving as a member-at-large on the academy's executive committee since 2003. He is also the leader for the academy's section in the geological sciences.

Hope hosted the academy's annual meeting in March of 2003. During the meeting, Dr. Hansen, who conducts research on sand dunes, led a special session on "The Geology and Geomorphology of the Lake Michigan Coast" that included a trip to the area dunes and presentations by specialists from Michigan, Indiana, Wisconsin and Canada.



As recognition of his scholarship and leadership, geologist Dr. Edward Hansen has been elected president of the Michigan Academy of Science, Arts and Letters.

Dr. Hansen has taught at Hope since 1984. He joined the faculty as an assistant professor, and was promoted to associate professor in 1990 and to full professor in 2000. He served as chair of the department from 1995 until 2001.

He has been conducting research on sand dunes in the area since 1998. His previous research interests emphasized the formation of the earth's crust and rocks billions of years ago, work that took him to both Sri Lanka and India. Hope students are actively involved in his research projects.

Dr. Hansen graduated from the University of Cincinnati in 1978 with a B.S. in geology, and completed his doctorate in the geophysical sciences at the University of Chicago in 1983. After completing his Ph.D. he continued to work with his thesis

advisor as a research associate for a year.

In addition to Hope, the institutional members of the academy are: Adrian College, Albion College, Alma College, Andrews University, Calvin College, Central Michigan University, Concordia University, Cornerstone University, Cranbrook Institute of Science, Davenport University, Eastern Michigan University, Ferris State University, Grand Valley State University, Henry Ford Community College, Kalamazoo College, Lake Superior State University, Madonna University, Marygrove College, Michigan State University, Northern Michigan University, Oakland University, Saginaw Valley State University, the University of Detroit Mercy, the University of Michigan, Wayne State University and Western Michigan University. ✍

Faculty Kudos:

Rodney Boyer, who is the Drs. Edward and Elizabeth Hofma Professor Emeritus of Chemistry, is the author of *Concepts in Biochemistry*, recently published in its third edition by the Higher Education Division of John Wiley & Sons.

The book is written for students who need a one-semester introduction to the fundamental principles of biochemistry. The intended audiences includes those prepar-

ing for a career in allied health sciences (pharmacy, nutrition, exercise physiology, nursing), the biological sciences (microbiology, physiology, agriculture), and the environmental sciences (ecology, bioengineering, geology). The Marketing Department at Wiley describes the book as "the most accessible, concise, and applied biochemistry textbook in the one-semester market."

The book contains several features that help students learn biochemistry. For

example, each of the 20 chapters contains a thematic box called "Biochemistry in the Clinic" that focuses on human biochemistry and includes clinical case studies, new pharmaceuticals, and nutrition biochemistry. A dedicated Web site provides modules for the review of concepts from general and organic chemistry and articles written on "hot topics in biochemistry." "Just in Time Reviews" present descriptions of important topics

(See "Campus Notes" on page 14.)

Events

Academic Calendar

Spring Semester '06

Feb. 10, Friday—Winter Recess begins, 6 p.m.
Feb. 15, Wednesday—Winter Recess ends, 8 a.m.
March 17, Friday—Spring Recess begins, 8 a.m.
March 27, Monday—Spring Recess ends, 8 a.m.
April 27, Thursday—Honors Convocation, Dimnent Memorial Chapel
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.

Admissions

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

Visitation Days offer specific programs for prospective students, including transfers and high school juniors and seniors. The programs show students and their parents a typical day in the life of a Hope student. The remaining days for 2005-06 are Monday, Feb. 20, and Friday, March 3.

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

Music

Guest Artist—Friday, Feb. 17: Aviram Reichert, pianist, Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.

Guest Artist—Saturday, Feb. 18: Paul Vondiziano, classical guitar, Knickerbocker Theatre, 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for regular admission, \$7 for senior citizens and Hope faculty and staff, and \$5 for children under 18 and Hope students. Tickets are available 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.

Wind Symphony Concert—Wednesday, Feb. 22: Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.

Opera Workshop Concert—Thursday, Feb. 23: Wichers Auditorium of Nykerk Hall of Music, 6 p.m. Admission is free.

Jazz Ensemble Concert—Friday, Feb. 24: Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.

Musical Showcase—Monday, Feb. 27: DeVos Performance Hall, 8 p.m. Please see the advertisement on this page for ticket information.

Symphonette Concert—Saturday, March 4: Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.

Faculty Recital—Sunday, March 5: chamber music, Wichers Auditorium of Nykerk Hall of Music, 3 p.m. Admission is free.

Chapel Choir Home Concert—Monday, March 27: St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church, corner of 13th Street and Maple Avenue in Holland, Mich., 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.

Faculty Recital—Sunday, April 2: Rebecca VanDeWalker, flute, and Sheryl Iott Richardson, piano, Wichers Auditorium of Nykerk Hall of Music, 3 p.m. Admission is free.

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

Women's Chamber Choir Concert—Monday, April 10: St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church, 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.

Visiting Writers Series

Tuesday, Feb. 21—Robert Boswell, fiction

Wednesday, March 15—Dana Roeser, GLCA poetry

Thursday, April 6—Barbara Hamby and David Kirby, poetry, Maas Center auditorium

All of the readings will be at the Knickerbocker Theatre except as noted above. The readings will begin at 7 p.m., with live music by the Hope College Jazz Chamber Ensemble preceding them beginning at 6:30 p.m. Admission is free. For more information about the entire season or to be placed on the series's mailing list, please call the department of English at (616) 395-7620.

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18th Annual

Musical Showcase

Feb. 27, 2006

8 p.m. DeVos Hall (Grand Rapids)

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

Tickets \$10.00 • Ticket plus pre-concert reception \$12.00

Tickets available at 616-395-7860

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Dance

Claire Porter, dance—Wednesday, Feb. 15

Dow Center dance studio, 7:30 p.m.

Admission is free.

Dance 32—Thursday-Saturday, March 9-11

DeWitt Center, main theatre, 8 p.m.

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

Contemporary Motions—Friday-Saturday, April 7-8

Knickerbocker Theatre, 8 p.m.

Tickets are \$7 for regular adult admission and \$5 for senior citizens and students, and will be available at the door.

De Pree Gallery

Needle Art: A Postmodern Sewing Circle—Friday, Feb. 17-Sunday, March 12

A traveling exhibition organized by ExhibitsUSA that presents 50 objects by artists who use needlework forms or traditional needlework materials, tools and techniques. There will be an opening reception on Friday, Feb. 17, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Senior Show—Friday, March 31-Sunday, May 7

Work by graduating Hope seniors. There will be an opening reception on Friday, March 31.

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. Admission to the gallery is free.

Great Performance Series

Imani Winds—Thursday, Feb. 23: Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 7:30 p.m.

Ladysmith Black Mambazo—Wednesday, March 15: Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 7:30 p.m.

Tickets for Great Performance Series events are \$15 for regular adult admission, \$12 for senior citizens and members of the Hope faculty and staff, and \$5 for children under 18 and Hope students, and are available at the ticket office in the front lobby of the DeVos Fieldhouse. The ticket office is open weekdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and can be called at (616) 395-7890.

Traditional Events

Dance Marathon—Friday-Saturday, March 10-11

Dow Center

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

Dimnent Memorial Chapel

Baccalaureate and Commencement—Sunday, May 7

Theatre

Perfect Pie—Friday-Saturday, Feb. 17-18, and Wednesday-Saturday, Feb. 22-25

By Judith Thompson

DeWitt Center, main theatre, 8 p.m.

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 adult admission, \$5 for Hope faculty and staff, and \$4 for senior citizens and students. They are available now for **Perfect Pie**, and will be available for **Love's Labour's Lost** approximately two weeks before the production opens. 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

Regional Events

Grand Rapids, Mich.—Monday, Feb. 27

A reception from 6:30 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. in conjunction with Musical Showcase

Grand Rapids, Mich.—Saturday, March 11

A 12:30 p.m. reception and 2 p.m. matinee of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*.

Other Locales

A variety of events are being planned in conjunction with the spring tours of the Chapel Choir and the Symphonette (performance information is on page five). Plus, events are in the works for Ann Arbor, Atlanta, Cincinnati, Flint, Lansing, Midland and Phoenix.

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.

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

Instant Information

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

Events

CHAPEL CHOIR TOUR

Director: Jeff Buettner

Friday, March 17—Forest Chapel United Methodist Church, Cincinnati, Ohio, 7:30 p.m.
 Saturday, March 18—University Reformed Church, Ann Arbor, Mich., 7 p.m.
 Sunday, March 19—First Presbyterian Church, Flint, Mich., 4 p.m.
 Monday, March 20—University United Methodist Church, East Lansing, Mich., 7:30 p.m.
 Monday, March 27—Home Concert, St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church, corner of 13th Street and Maple Avenue in Holland, Mich., 7:30 p.m.

SYMPHONETTE TOUR

Director: Richard Piippo

Saturday, March 4—Pre-Tour Concert, Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 7:30 p.m.
 Thursday, March 16—Midland Reformed Church, Midland, Mich., 7 p.m.
 Friday, March 17—New Hope Reformed Church, Powell, Ohio, 7 p.m.
 Saturday, March 18—Cherokee United Methodist Church, Johnson City, Tenn., 7 p.m.
 Sunday, March 19—North Atlanta Community Church, Roswell, Ga., 6 p.m.
 Tuesday, March 21—Astronaut High School, Titusville, Fla., 7 p.m.
 Wednesday, March 22—Orlando Lutheran Academy, Orlando, Fla., 10:30 a.m.
 Thursday, April 13—Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 7:30 p.m.

MEN'S TRACK

Indoor

Fri., Feb. 10.....at Grand Valley Invitational, 5 p.m.
 Fri., Feb. 17.....Grand Rapids Championship at Grand Valley, 4 p.m.
 Fri., Feb. 24.....at Chicago, Ill., Invitational, 6 p.m. CT

Spring Trip

Sat., March 18at Coastal Carolina Invitational, 11 a.m.
 Thurs.-Sat., March 23-25.....at Emory, Ga., Invitational, 8 a.m.

Outdoor

Sat., April 1...Grand Rapids Open at Houseman Field, 9 a.m.
 Wed., April 12.....*ALBION & TRI-STATE, 2 p.m.
 Sat., April 15*Hope & Alma at Calvin, noon
 Wed., April 19*Hope & Olivet at Adrian, 2 p.m.
 Fri., April 21at Eastern Michigan Invitational, 11 a.m.
 Fri.-Sat., April 28-29.....at Hillsdale Relays, 11 a.m.
 Thurs.-Fri., May 4-5.....*MIAA Field Day at Albion
 Wed., May 10at Aquinas Invitational, 3 p.m.
 Thurs.-Fri., May 11-12.....at North Central, Ill., Invitational
 Thurs.-Fri., May 18-19.....at North Central, Ill., Invitational

WOMEN'S TRACK

Indoor

Fri., Feb. 10.....at Grand Valley Invitational, 5 p.m.
 Fri., Feb. 17.....Grand Rapids Championship at Grand Valley, 4 p.m.
 Fri., Feb. 24.....at Chicago, Ill., Invitational, 6 p.m. CT

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 *MIAA Meet
 Home meets held at Ekdal J. Buys Athletic Fields located at 13th Street and Fairbanks Avenue.



Though it is still the midst of winter, the spring sports season is fast approaching.

BASEBALL

Spring Trip

Sat., March 18.....#+Ohio Wesleyan, 12:30 p.m.
 Mon., March 20.....#Saint Joseph, N.Y., 3 p.m.
 Tues., March 21#Worcester State, Mass., 11:30 a.m.
 #Washington & Jefferson, Pa., 3 p.m.
 Wed., March 22#UW Stevens Point, Wis., 3 p.m.
 Thurs., March 23.....#+Millikin, Ill., 9 a.m.
 Fri., March 24#+Crown, Minn., 10 a.m.
 #Games played in Port Charlotte, Fla. +Doubleheader

Regular Season

Sat., March 25*ALMA, 1 p.m.
 Mon., March 27.....*at Alma, 1 p.m.
 Thurs., March 30.....*ADRIAN, 1 p.m.
 Sat., April 1*at Adrian, 1 p.m.
 Tues., April 4.....AQUINAS, 4 p.m.
 Wed., April 5.....*ALBION, 2 p.m.
 Sat., April 8*at Albion, 1 p.m.
 Thurs., April 13*at Kalamazoo, 2 p.m.
 Sat., April 15.....*Kalamazoo, 1 p.m.
 Tues., April 18.....at Aquinas, 4 p.m.
 Wed., April 19*at Tri-State, 2 p.m.
 Sat., April 22*TRI-STATE, 1 p.m.
 Thurs., April 27.....*at Calvin, 2 p.m.
 Sat., April 29*CALVIN, 1 p.m.
 Fri., May 5*OLIVET, 2 p.m.
 Sat., May 6*at Olivet, 1 p.m.
 *MIAA Doubleheader

Home games played at Ekdal J. Buys Athletic Fields located at 13th Street and Fairbanks Avenue.

MEN'S TENNIS

Indoor Season

Fri., Feb. 24*ALMA, 7 p.m.
 Sat., Feb. 25WABASH, IND., 2 p.m.
 Tues., March 14GRAND VALLEY, 4 p.m.
 Indoor matches played at the DeWitt Tennis Center.

Spring Trip

Sat., March 18.....#Wooster, Ohio, 3 p.m.
 Mon., March 20#Wis.-Eau Claire, 8 a.m.
 Tues., March 21#Allegheny, Pa., 8 a.m.
 #Trinity, Conn., 2 p.m.
 Thurs., March 23#Bethany, Kan., 8 a.m.
 Fri., March 24.....#Carleton, Minn., 8 a.m.
 #Hilton Head Island, S.C.

Regular Season

Wed., March 29GRAND RAPIDS COMMUNITY, 4 p.m.
 Thurs., March 30.....at Aquinas, 3 p.m.
 Sat., April 1*at Adrian, 1 p.m.
 Wed., April 5*at Tri-State, 4 p.m.
 Fri.-Sat., April 7-8GLCA Tournament at Kenyon, Ohio
 Tues., April 11*KALAMAZOO, 4 p.m.
 Wed., April 19*CALVIN, 4 p.m.
 Sat., April 22*at Albion, 1 p.m.
 Tues., April 25.....at Ferris, 4 p.m.
 Fri.-Sat., April 29-30MIAA Tournament at Kalamazoo
 *MIAA Match
 Home matches played at 13th Street and Columbia Avenue.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Indoor Season

Sat., Feb. 25WHEATON, ILL., 11 a.m.
 Wed., March 1at DePauw, Ind., 4 p.m.
 Sat., March 11*ADRIAN, 1 p.m.
 Wed., March 15GRAND VALLEY, 3 p.m.
 Indoor matches played at DeWitt Tennis Center on Hope College campus

Spring Trip

Mon., March 20#Chicago, Ill., 8 a.m.
 Wed., March 22#West Virginia, 11 a.m.
 Thurs., March 23.....#Carleton, Minn., 8 a.m.
 Fri., March 24#Arkansas Tech, 8 a.m.
 #Matches played in Hilton Head, S.C.

Regular Season

Wed., March 29*SAINT MARY'S, 3 p.m.
 Fri.-Sat., March 31-April 1.....GLCA Tournament at Denison, Ohio
 Tues., April 4*at Olivet, 3 p.m.
 Fri.-Sat., April 7-8.....Midwest Invitational at Madison, Wisc.
 Fri., April 14.....*at Kalamazoo, 4 p.m.
 Tues., April 18*at Tri-State, 3 p.m.
 Thurs., April 20.....*at Calvin, 3 p.m.
 Fri., April 21*ALBION, 3 p.m.
 Wed., April 26*ALMA, 4 p.m.
 Fri.-Sat., April 28-29MIAA Tournament at Kalamazoo

*MIAA Match

Home matches played at 13th Street and Columbia Avenue.

SOFTBALL

Early Season

Wed., March 15.....at Aquinas, 3 p.m.

Spring Trip

Fri., March 17+at Warner Southern, Fla., 7 p.m.
 Sat., March 18Spring Arbor at Warner Southern, Fla., 11 a.m.
 Mon., March 20#Otterbein, Ohio, 10:40 a.m.
 #Mt. Vernon Nazarene, Ohio, 2:20 p.m.
 Tues., March 21#Colorado, 10:40 a.m.
 #Endicott, Mass., 2:20 p.m.
 Wed., March 22.....#Eastern Connecticut, 2:20 p.m.
 #Baptist Bible, Pa., 4:10 p.m.
 Thurs., March 23.....#Allegheny, Pa., 2:20 p.m.
 #Western Connecticut, 6 p.m.
 #Games played in Kissimmee, Fla.

Regular Season

Wed., March 29NORTHWOOD, 3 p.m.
 Sat., April 1*at Kalamazoo, 1 p.m.
 Mon., April 3.....at Chicago, Ill., 4 p.m. ET
 Wed., April 5.....*SAINT MARY'S, 3:30 p.m.
 Fri.-Sat., April 7-8at Illinois Wesleyan Tournament
 Tues., April 11.....*at Adrian, 3:30 p.m.
 Thurs., April 13*ALMA, 3:30 p.m.
 Sat., April 15*OLIVET, 1 p.m.
 Mon., April 17at Wheaton, Ill., 4 p.m. ET
 Tues., April 25.....*ALBION, 3:30 p.m.
 Thurs., April 27.....*at Calvin, 3:30 p.m.
 Sat., April 29*at Tri-State, 1 p.m.
 Thurs.-Sat., May 4-6.....MIAA Tournament

*MIAA Doubleheader +Single Game

Home games played at Ekdal J. Buys Athletic Fields located at 13th Street and Fairbanks Avenue.

MEN'S GOLF

Sat., April 8at Siena Heights Tournament, 9 a.m.
 Fri.-Sat., April 14-15.....at Wooster, Ohio, Tournament
 Thurs., April 20.....at Spring Arbor Tournament, 9 a.m.
 Tues., April 25.....at Furniture City Classic, 9:30 a.m.

WOMEN'S GOLF

Thursday, April 13 ..at University of Saint Francis, 12:30 p.m.
 Wednesday, April 19at Saint Mary's/Bethel Invitational, 12:30 p.m.
 Saturday, April 22.....at Kalamazoo College Spring Tournament, 1 p.m.
 Monday, April 24HOPE INVITATIONAL, 1 p.m.
 Home match played at Wuskowhan PC.

Hope family “Races” on TV

Alumni ties and family bonds were both strong during this fall’s *Amazing Race: Family Edition*.

The program, which aired on CBS from Tuesday, Sept. 27, through Tuesday, Dec. 13, pitted family groups of four members against each other and included two current or former Hope students and their father. Lauren Bransen '05 and junior Lindsay Bransen, along with their older sister Beth and their father Walter, all of Park Ridge, Ill., comprised one of the 10 teams that set out traveling in pursuit of \$1 million.

The four Bransens didn’t take home the grand prize, but they did finish second in a race that after 25 days and 50 cities came down to a sprint to the finish line. They also didn’t do badly along the way, taking first place at interim stages and winning prizes such as “free gas for life” (actually \$1,200 worth of gas per year for each of them for 50 years), a trip to Disneyland, a Buick Lucerne and GMC Yukon, and \$25,000 for finishing second.

Through the competition, the 10 families each sought to finish first during a series of race segments. Whichever family finished last during a segment was eliminated from the race. The final, two-hour episode on December 13 featured the last three teams.

The race, filmed during the summer, began with each family recreating Washington’s crossing of the Delaware River, and then carried them around the country as well as to Central America and Canada. Challenges ranged from carrying “wounded” soldiers during a battlefield reenactment at Gettysburg, to finding a red bean in a sack to, at the end, assembling a large-scale puzzle depicting North and

Central America.

The contest finished at Lewiston, N.Y., with the Bransens and the four siblings of the Linz family neck-and-neck during the puzzle challenge. The Linzes, three brothers and a sister, finished the puzzle just minutes ahead of the Bransens, and ran ahead to the finish line and the \$1 million.

The program ended with good sportsmanship. The Bransens and Linzes were both complimentary of one another’s efforts when invited to make some final comments. All of the competing families were on-site for the finish, and the closing moments showed them wishing each other well.

Lindsay, a social work major, noted that she enjoyed the experience, especially because of the chance to participate with her family.

“What stands out is just being able to do it with my sisters and my dad,” she said. “It was just such a great experience because I was able to do it with them, especially my dad because I’ve always looked up to him as my father figure but I’ve never done anything with him outside of being at home or family vacations. It was nice to actually do something that I’ll never forget and be able to hold with me for the rest of my life.”

She also appreciated that the program was an honest chronicle of the competition, with participants free to be themselves.

“You see on television what happened. I think that’s why I liked it so much,” Bransen said. “Nothing was staged.”

She admits that one post-show requirement was a challenge: the contestants were not allowed to discuss how things turned out until after the finale aired, so that the outcome could be kept a surprise.

“It was difficult because people asked me so many questions, and I really couldn’t answer any questions until that episode aired,” Bransen said. “I loved talking about



This past fall’s edition of *The Amazing Race* featured a Hope family. Lauren Bransen '05 and Lindsay Bransen '07 (pictured acquiring one of the race’s clues in New York), along with their sister Beth and father Walter, comprised one of the 10 teams that set out to win the \$1 million prize. (Photo by David M. Russell, courtesy of CBS.)

it and everything—that was a lot of fun. It just killed me not to be able to talk about what I really wanted to talk about.”

The Bransens’ involvement began when daughter Beth saw a promotion for the *Family Edition* of *Amazing Race* and suggested that the family try it. Although the seven-member family includes two sons, their sense was that a three-daughters-and-dad combination might make for the most unique team. They cut a three-minute video audition that led to multiple interim interviews before a five-day Memorial Day weekend session in Las Vegas during which the final participants were chosen.

The Bransen family didn’t possess the

only Hope connections on reality television this fall. The 16 castaways of *Survivor: Guatemala*, also competing for a \$1 million prize, included Gary Hogeboom of Grand Haven, Mich., whose daughter Heidi is a Hope senior and son Jake is a former student. Hogeboom is a real estate investor and a former NFL quarterback who played for Dallas, Indianapolis and Phoenix.

Survivor: Guatemala, also shown on CBS, debuted on Thursday, Sept. 15, and Hogeboom, too, made it far into the season, voted off during the episode that aired on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 24. *Survivor* finished its season with a two-hour special on Sunday, Dec. 11. ↵

Students help in Mississippi

Enduring need is being addressed by continued commitment.

In the wake of the hurricanes that hit the Gulf Coast in the early fall, the campus community responded in a variety of ways—including by traveling south and pitching in. During the four-day fall break, more than 50 students went to Gulfport, Miss., to assist residents of the devastated region. During Christmas break, another 19 spent a week doing the same. A follow-up is planned for Winter Break this month, and in March another group will journey to the area through the annual spring break mission trip program coordinated by the campus ministries office.

“When I first heard about the hurricane and seeing the images on TV, it showed me the urgent need that was down there and I felt I had to do something,” said junior Christine Corbin of Holland, Mich., who participated in both the October and

December trips.

Junior Brad Matson of Traverse City, Mich., was another of the students that went in both October and December. He became engaged by the need early in the semester as vice president of Student Congress, which played a central role in the campus response to the hurricanes, and further “really felt called to do something about it and help.”

The reality, Corbin noted, was even worse than it seemed while watching footage back home. “It’s overwhelming,” she said. “We see the images on TV and it doesn’t compare to being there and seeing the destruction.”

“It was heartbreaking, really heartbreaking,” said Barb Arneson '80 Osburn, who is director of outreach with the campus ministries program at Hope and led both trips. “It was like a war zone.”

The Hope volunteers were based at Little Rock Missionary Baptist Church, located about a mile from the Gulf of Mexico. Their service was coordinated by World Hope International, a Washington,

D.C.-based mission organization affiliated with the Wesleyan Church. And they certainly weren’t alone, serving alongside others from West Michigan as well as other volunteers from around the country.

In October, the Hope team’s efforts centered on unloading, organizing and helping to distribute the basic supplies that were arriving in the region from around the country—and even to let people know that help was there to be had.

“Many people didn’t know what was available to them and were hesitant to ask for help,” Osburn said. “As a team we organized a fun community event at the church which gave us the opportunity to provide games and dancing for some children and then let their parents know about the services available to them through World Hope. People weren’t necessarily going to come and say, ‘I need help.’”

In December, the members of the Hope contingent spent most of their time helping rebuild roofs and scrubbing black mold from the interiors of homes.

Highlights of both trips for the students, beyond helping those in need, included connecting with the people they were assisting.

“We went to their services both times—just a really great group of people,” Matson said.

Of the fall community event, Corbin noted. “I think that was a highlight of our trip.”

Matson will be spending his spring break as student leader of the mission trip going to Queens, N.Y. Corbin hasn’t finalized her spring plans yet, but whether or not she returns to Gulfport in March she hopes to stay involved—and that others recognize the need, too.

“Those were my first times down to Mississippi, and I feel like there’s a lot more work to be done and I hope I can be a part of it,” she said. “I also hope people remember that even though the victims of Hurricane Katrina aren’t the focus of the media right now, it’s still something that we should all think about and pray about.” ↵

Seminars open the door to learning

It's always a good sign when people will try something twice.

Cathy Martyn enjoyed her First-Year Seminar so much as a freshman that she jumped at the chance to become involved with the program again this past fall, this time as a senior-year teaching assistant. She valued the lessons that she had learned, and was pleased to have an opportunity to help bring the experience to others at the start of their college careers.

"I really think that First-Year Seminar and Senior Seminar are a great idea," said Martyn, who is from Wheaton, Ill. "They really help in many ways the coming into college and the leaving of college."

During her freshman year, Martyn enrolled in "The Stories We Bring with Us" taught by Dr. Kristen Gray, who is assistant dean of health and counseling and director of the Counseling Center.

"It was amazing—just to really help me relate my experiences with learning, and to connect with a community that was doing the same thing," she said. "And through those stories we realized our commonalities even though we were all different."

She appreciated her FYS so much that she has continued to stay in touch with Dr. Gray as a mentor. She has also made stories—and the idea of communicating—a theme of her Hope experience, even establishing the online journal *Awakening* as a way for students to share their life experiences.

This past fall she assisted English Professor Jack Ridl, working with his FYS students as they prepared to interview a variety of members of the Hope community and even to lead class sessions themselves.

"The main message is that I don't think it's just another class to take. I think it's really helpful and life-changing."

— Cathy Martyn '06

The long-running Senior Seminar program, which has existed at the college for more than 35 years, provides a capstone to each student's experience—a chance, as they anticipate life beyond graduation, to consider their own values and commitments in light of the Christian faith. Conversely, the First-Year Seminar program, which began in the fall of 1997, is designed to help Hope's newest students make the most of their college experience—in the classroom especially, but beyond it as well.

The aim is to provide an intellectual framework for pursuing college, with an emphasis on class discussion that is geared toward making the students active partici-

pants in their learning.

Within that general framework is a great deal of variety. This past fall featured some three dozen courses, taught by faculty from across the curriculum and featuring topics ranging from "A House Divided: The Culture Wars in Contemporary America," to "Tell Me What You Eat, and I Will Tell You Who You Are!" and "Vital Questions."

Hope considered a variety of approaches when developing the FYS program, according to Dr. Chuck Green, who is FYS director as well as a professor of psychology and director of the Philip Phelps Scholars Program. Some schools offered a basic-skills course; others emphasized writing—something that already happens at Hope in English 113; others, not nearly as often, emphasized ideas, the direction that Hope ultimately took as well.

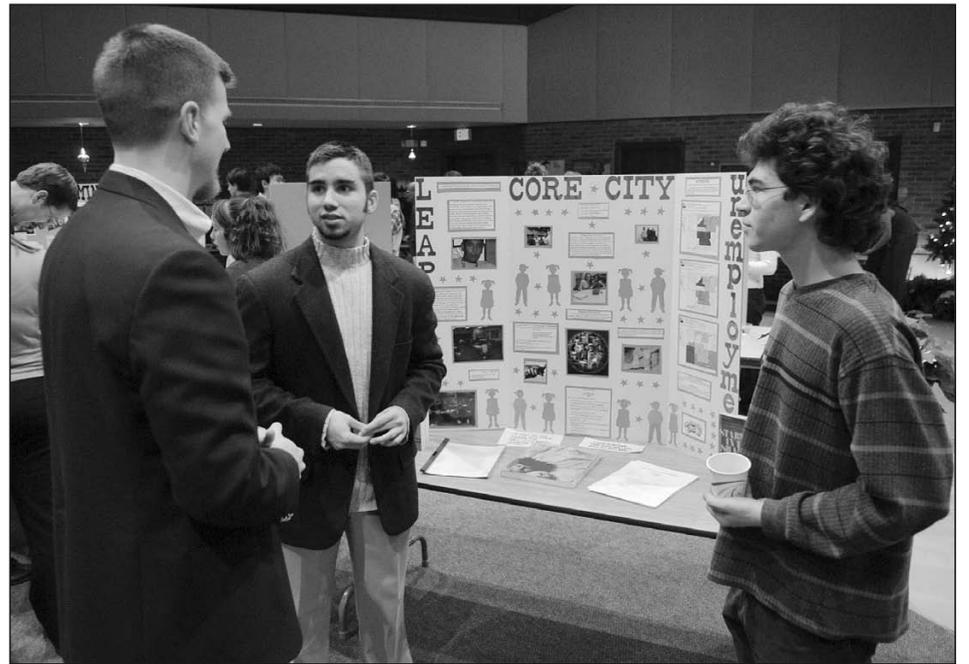
"We went with a model that is probably the least common across the country but is the most likely to be found, in my experience, among selective liberal arts colleges," Dr. Green said. "And that is, just turn faculty and students loose on an interesting idea that matters and give them the tools they need to do that well and get the heck out of the way."

An important added component is that the FYS professor also serves as the students' initial faculty advisor. In the past, students were assigned an advisor based on their anticipated major interest. Often, the students had very limited or even no contact with the advisor outside of registration for the next semester. The FYS formula gives the students a chance to get to know their advisors and, importantly, the advisors a chance to get to know their advisees.

This fall's FYS faculty included Dr. F. Sheldon Wettack, who recently retired as vice president and dean of faculty at

Harvey Mudd College. Dr. Wettack had been at Hope from 1967 to 1982, first teaching chemistry and then as dean for the natural sciences, before he went on to a deanship at the University of Richmond and the presidency of Wabash College. He taught one of two sections of "The Paleness and Maleness of Science and Engineering," which he developed with Dr. Herb Dershem of the computer science faculty.

"I look upon the program as a useful way to facilitate the normal faculty advising we want to have happen for first-year students and to have it happen around a more academic intellectual inquiry," he said. "It also gives faculty a chance to involve students in a different learning



The First-Year Seminar program introduces students to learning at Hope—not by covering the basics, a la "College 101," but by emphasizing open-ended exploration of topics of interest. Above, students in "Creating Community Together" made poster presentations at the end of the fall semester concerning area organizations that foster community.

experience than they've probably had in high school—in some cases different than they'll even have in their first year or two of college by really focusing on a discussion-oriented class format and promoting in the process their level of confidence so far as talking is concerned, so far as expressing their ideas is concerned and so far as listening to the ideas of others is concerned."

Martyn has found the emphasis on the importance of listening to others a valuable part of FYS. She appreciated it in her own course, and also more recently with Professor Ridl's. He had, she noted, made respecting others' opinions rule number one.

"It's just so exciting to be with students who are really able to discuss with each other," she said. "I think that's one of the hardest things to create—a safe place for students to know that they can say their opinion without being attacked. That we've created that so early is so exciting to me, and hopefully they'll be able to leave and go into different classes with this base."

Dr. Green and Professor John Yelding of the education faculty team-teach "Creating Community Together," an FYS class open only to participants in the Phelps Scholars Program, a residence hall-based program that focuses on multicultural diversity.

"I think it's a really great idea," said Tami Pischke of Maple City, Mich., of the FYS program. "Right away you get that class that you meet people in and you do group projects and you work together."

"You have fun and work really hard at the same time," agreed Phillip Guarjardo of Kentwood, Mich.

The Phelps Scholars FYS students all studied Holland-area organizations that foster community, an experience that was often transforming on its own.

Pischke, Monica Anaya of Holland, Mich., and Allison Smith of Gary, Ind., for example, chose to learn more about Maple Avenue Ministries. Along the way they started volunteering with the ministries' youth program, a commitment that isn't ending with the course.

"We're going to keep going to the end of the school year," Smith said.

Dr. Heather Sellers, associate professor of English, has taught FYS four times, starting with the program's debut. This year, she taught "True Stories Unplugged," featuring resources ranging from philosopher Marcus Aurelius to reflections on comedy by Jerry Seinfeld.

"It's not homeroom, it's not College 101, but those questions of identity, how you pick a major, how everybody has to do that by finding out their own true stories," she said.

And she's loved it. "I would be happy just to do First-Year Seminars—it's just so great," she said.

Her students have enjoyed it, too. In fact, when asked what advice she would give to other students regarding FYS, Michele Lindstedt of St. Charles, Ill., offered, "I would say, get Heather Sellers as your advisor if you can."

"Of course, not everyone can have her, so for those of you who don't try to glean the wisdom for the future in your FYS classes," she said. "Pick a topic that you think you will enjoy and really invest time into the classes, and you're paying a lot of money to go to Hope, so spend your time wisely. And remember, even if you don't like your topic, there are still life lessons to be gained. You just need to look for them."

Martyn agreed.

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Anchor to the east

It was a quiet moment that spoke volumes.

As kinesiology faculty member Becky Schmidt '99 watched unnoticed, a young fan who was at the Richard and Helen DeVos Fieldhouse for a basketball game made her way to the volleyball court on the other side of the arena. Although a crowd filled the building, the girl had the space to herself. There was no net in place, and no ball at hand, but that didn't stop her. Her imagination filling in the missing pieces, she stood at the side of the court and served.

"That's the type of thing you see a kid do on a basketball court, pretending to shoot a ball, but it's the first time I've seen one on a court do it with volleyball," Professor Schmidt said. "That was just inspiring to me."

And well it would be. A former Hope volleyball player herself, Professor Schmidt, in addition to teaching, is also now head volleyball coach at the college.

Since the building, named in honor of a leadership gift from the Richard and Helen DeVos Foundation, opened with a double-header on Saturday, Nov. 19, it has earned acclaim as the new home of men's and women's basketball. Professor Schmidt is no less enthusiastic about her sport's move to the building in the fall of 2006.

"It's going to tell our recruits and all of our returning players that we're taking this game seriously," she said. "I think we've gotten very lucky getting talented volleyball players at Hope in the past. We've had great players in the past and this is just going to make everything better."

Volleyball will be building on an outstanding 2005. This past season, the team went 16-0 in the MIAA and finished 27-8, with Professor Schmidt being named the MIAA Coach of the Year.

The 3,200-seat arena is the most promi-

nent part of the fieldhouse, and given the strong following that Hope athletics enjoys it'll be natural for most people to think of it first when they think of the new building. It is, after all, the first on-campus home court for men's basketball in more than 75 years, succeeding the Holland Civic Center, and also marks a major change for both women's basketball and volleyball, which had called the Dow Center home since 1978. And already the new building feels like home, a tribute to design intended to capture the treasured intimacy of the Civic Center while providing space for visitors to mingle as well as watch; alcoves celebrating Hope athletic history; and concessions operated by Creative Dining Services, which manages the food service operations throughout the college. The 22-foot-diameter orange anchor emblazoned center court and the "HOPE COLLEGE" written in four-foot, seven-inch letters across each end of the floor don't hurt, either.

The fieldhouse was also built with the community in mind. Built facing Fairbanks Avenue between Ninth and 11th streets, it is set well back from the road, with extensive use of green space and the facility itself intended to enhance the "Eastern Gateway" into the city (the green space will ultimately be put to use, as intramural playing fields). The building is also the new home court for the Holland Christian boys' basketball program, and is intended as a venue for a variety of large-scale campus and community events.

The arena, however, is only part of the story. Significantly, the \$22 million, 102,000-square-foot facility is an academic building. An entire wing extends south of the arena, and houses two classrooms, a dance studio, an exercise physiology laboratory, a weight room, the athletic training program and offices for the department of kinesiology.

The department started moving into the building in December, shortly after the con-



The arena hosts a capacity crowd during the first Hope-Calvin game held in the new fieldhouse (which Hope won, 73-55). While the arena is the most visible part of the building, the facility is playing a major role in boosting the academic program.

clusion of the fall semester. As much as he enjoyed the building's basketball debut, department chair Dr. R. Richard Ray Jr. noted on the eve of the spring semester that he was especially looking forward to the return of students and the start of classes.

"Now this building is going to be breathing like a living organism every day," said Dr. Ray, who is also a professor of kinesiology and athletic trainer. "And that's exciting to me—that's what I'm fired up about."

"One of the privileges I've had over the years is the opportunity to travel to a large number of colleges and universities all over the country for a variety of reasons, and I have never seen a college of our size, or even colleges that are significantly bigger than Hope, that have facilities that are better than ours," he said.

To understand the depth of the difference that the building is making, it helps to start with the faculty offices.

When the Dow Center opened in 1978, it provided a spacious home for the departments of dance and kinesiology. In the 28 years since, though, the size of the student body has increased by about 50 percent and the faculty of both programs have grown accordingly.

Faculty offices were placed wherever they could be. For kinesiology, that even meant, among other accommodations,

putting one person into a former storage closet that opens into the Dow's gymnasium and another into an office in the recently opened science center.

Thinking of a department's faculty like a team, it's much better to have them all in the same place.

"We are such a large department, and we can now all be in one spot," said Dr. Maureen Odland Dunn, associate professor of kinesiology. "Now we can all interact with each other better."

"It's just given us more room to operate and I would like to think because of the way this is set up it's going to build up a sense of oneness and hospitality within our department," said Ray Smith, professor of kinesiology and director of athletics for men.

It's not only kinesiology that has benefited. With the department's faculty having transferred to DeVos (although a few are maintaining offices in both buildings), the dance faculty have moved into the former kinesiology offices. Dance, too, was scattered and squeezed—faculty members Linda Graham and Steven Iannacone, for example, shared as an office a converted closet near the track on the Dow's second floor.

"It's a good development for everybody," said Professor Graham, who is chairperson of the department, who noted

that she formerly kept much of her material at home simply because there wasn't space on campus. "We'll be able to work more efficiently, far more effectively."

As with kinesiology, dance anticipates that it will benefit from having the faculty connect with one another daily—the very idea of a college, after all, presumes collegiality, which proximity helps. Couple the major increase in departmental office space with the addition of the new dance studio (the college's fifth) and the department's ongoing strength and success, and Professor Graham is optimistic.

"It's going to facilitate the growth of our program," she said. "A whole new level of dance education opportunity is opening up."

The fieldhouse's impact on the athletic training program has been no less dramatic. An academic major at the college, the program also plays a vital role in working with Hope athletes, and had similarly outgrown its space in the Dow Center.

The program now has double the number of treatment tables, enabling it to handle peak traffic in a way that was not previously possible. New equipment, including most prominently a new "SwimEx" hydrotherapy pool, visible from the building's western entry lobby, expands the program's ability to assist in athletes'

rehabilitation.

"This is phenomenal," said Kirk Brumels '88, who is an assistant professor of kinesiology and head athletic trainer, and returned to Hope in 2001 after serving as an athletic trainer with the New England Patriots.

"It rivals many facilities around the country at whatever level," he said. "It's nicer than what I worked with in New England by far."

Professor Brumels also appreciates what the space and equipment mean for the future. "We have a lot of plans for research in here—research projects with different faculty and students," he said.

Students in the program are enjoying it. "I'm really excited about the opportunity to work with all this great equipment in such a great facility," said Casi Dailey, an athletic training major and sophomore from Stevensville, Mich. Dailey was already at work as the semester began, assigned to the women's basketball team.

"I love it," agreed Beth Gleason, a sophomore athletic training major from Saline, Mich., who also works with women's basketball. "It's nice and roomy. It's a lot brighter than the old athletic training room."

Both Dailey and Gleason noted that they are particularly anxious to begin working with the new equipment.

Other students are simply enjoying the space itself. Sophomores Chris Olds of Brainerd, Minn., Trevor Shull of Macomb, Mich., and Greg Spoelhof of Duluth, Minn., were among several who made an early start of it, visiting the weight room on the Monday before classes began. Olds explained that they'd been looking forward to trying the new equipment since observing it during games through the large windows that open onto the arena space.

"I really like it," Spoelhof said. "I think it's pretty amazing when you walk in here." Sophomores Sarah Roeschley of Flanagan, Ill., and Tiffany Thaler of Middleville, Mich., also paid the building a pre-semester visit.

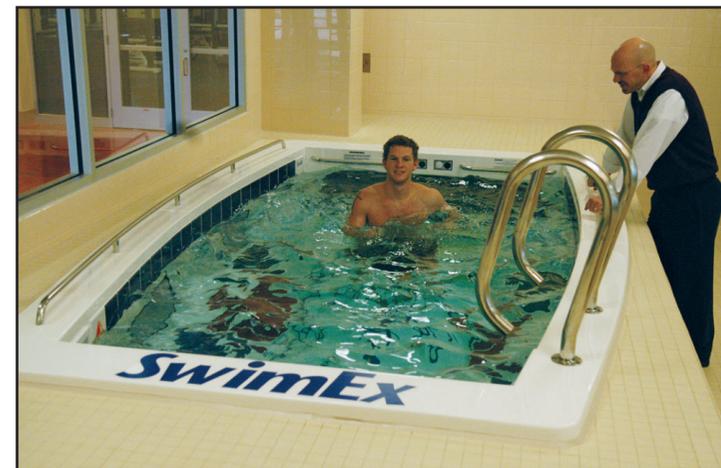
"I was pretty impressed when I came into the weight room," Roeschley said. "I didn't know they had so many machines here."

"The Dow is nice, too," Thaler noted. "But having this, if the Dow is full you can come here."

A member of the faculty since 1970, Professor Smith taught at Hope in the days of the old Carnegie-Schouten Gymnasium that preceded the Dow Center. By the time the Dow replaced it, Carnegie-Schouten was clearly outgrown and showing its age. The Dow, conversely, remains a vital part of the campus and center for student recreation—and still looks brand new, he noted, thanks to the college's excellent maintenance staff.

At the same time, both for what it does and how it looks while doing it, the new fieldhouse can't help but be a showplace.

"When students visit here, whether they're enrolled students or prospective students, it's going to be hard for them not to be impressed with this building," he said. 🐾



The building is making an important difference in academics at the college. From the top are the new dance studio (the college's fifth); the hydrotherapy pool, which is just one of many enhancements to the equipment available to the athletic training program; and one of the new classrooms, which features a view of the arena.

Alumni News

Class Notes

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1940s

Frank Beach '48 of Rochester Hills, Mich., reports that **Harold Van Heuvelen '40** of Red Lodge, Mont., has remained active in many ways. At one time during his retirement, Harold gave music lessons to two granddaughters of Frank.

1950s

Lavina "Daisy" Hoogveen '52 reports that her birthday hymn sing, which included offerings for Bibles and hymnbooks for Zambia, on Sunday, Oct. 23, was a wonderful success.

1960s

Harmen Heeg '62 retired in October from serving as full-time pastor of the Second Reformed Church and part-time pastor of the Normandale Reformed Church in Pekin, Ill. The *Pekin Daily Times* featured him in a front-page photo and story on Thursday, Oct. 27, and the churches honored him and his wife at a reception on Sunday, Oct. 30. He served Reformed Church in America congregations in Ontario, Canada; Indianapolis, Ind.; and Pekin for 40 years. He and his wife have moved to Jacksonville, Fla., to be near children and grandchildren. Two of their four children are Hope alumni: **Kathy Heeg '94** is a counselor in Bridgewater, N.J., and **Erica Heeg '05** is a teacher at the Nefertari American International School in Cairo, Egypt.

Paul S. Hesselink '62 of Las Vegas, Nev., was honored on Saturday, Nov. 5, by Nevada School for the Arts of Las Vegas upon his retirement as dean of the school at a gala dinner in the ballroom of the Flamingo Hotel. The program featured current music students of the school. A special surprise was the return of numerous alumni who also performed. Paul was honored by the board of trustees, who conferred upon him the title Dean Emeritus and presented a floral offering, plaque,

congressional citation and inscribed glass trophy. He affiliated with Nevada School in January of 1993 after having taught at Longwood College in Farmville, Va., for 26 years and taking early retirement. As a member of the music faculty at Longwood, he taught music theory and analysis, music appreciation, and his specialties of organ and harpsichord. He is currently an adjunct faculty member at University of Nevada Las Vegas, where he teaches an organ repertoire class and private organ lessons. He was instrumental in getting the donation and in working on the search committee for the acquisition of UNLV's world-class pipe organ, completed by the Rudolf von Beckerath Company of Hamburg, Germany, in October of 2004.

Philip Rauwerdink '68 of Friesland, Wis., is a special interim minister at First Reformed Church of Friesland.

Johannes Huber '67 and his wife moved to Buenos Aires, Argentina, in September of 2004 after he was elected by the parties to the Antarctic Treaty to set up the new Antarctic Treaty Secretariat there and become the executive secretary. Previously he had been in charge of the Netherlands polar program. He reports that setting up a new international office is hectic, but an exciting challenge.

John Schalk '68 of Suffolk, Va., has completed all requirements to be designated as a Certified Medical Practice Executive (CMPE) by the Medical Group Management Association. He is senior administrator of the Center for Arthritis & Rheumatic Diseases in Norfolk.

Deborah Delp '69 Neves of Schwenksville, Pa., was awarded a National Board for Professional Teaching Standards certificate in November of 2004. She is in her 34th year of teaching elementary school.

1970s

John M. Norden '71 of Grandville, Mich., is vice president of development for Holland Home, a continuing care retirement community in Grand Rapids, Mich. He was previously a regional advancement director and director of planned giving at the college.

C. David Buchanan '72 of Fayetteville, N.Y. has two half-time positions. He is the new pastor of First United Methodist Church in Minoa, N.Y., and director of resource development at Syracuse Habitat for Humanity.

John D. Paarlberg '72 of Albany, N.Y., and Katie Paarlberg '02 of Brooklyn, N.Y., were part of a Christian Peacemaker Team (CPT) delegation to Israel and the West Bank last July and August. CPT delegations provide a non-violent presence in crisis situations and militarized areas, and document injustices and human rights abuses. Team members spent time in Jerusalem, Bethlehem and Hebron, stayed with Palestinian families, and visited with both Palestinians and Israeli peace groups engaged in nonviolent opposition to Israeli military occupation, settler harassment, home

demolitions and land confiscation. The group also led a public demonstration protesting the closure of the city gates by Israeli Defense Forces in Hebron.

Nicholas Augustine '73, a colonel in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve, has been called back to active duty and is currently serving in Djibouti, Africa, as part of the Combined Joint Task Force - Horn of Africa (CJTF-HOA). He is director of future operations for the task force.

David DeKok '75, an investigative reporter on the business staff of *The Patriot-News* in Harrisburg, Pa., was publicly praised on Thursday, Nov. 10, by the vice chairman of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission for a story he wrote exposing the vast disparities in funding levels of state-mandated utility programs to help the poor pay their gas and electric bills. Since July he has written numerous stories exposing inequities in Chapter 14, a new state law making it easier for utilities to shut off customers behind their bills. He reports that the law, which he notes was rushed through a lame duck session of the legislature in November of 2004 at the behest of the state's utilities, has so far led to five deaths, three of them children, and five serious injuries. His reporting led to a quarter-million dollar fine against Pennsylvania Electric Co. for its actions preceding a fire that led

to four of the fatalities. At this writing, he noted that the state legislature appeared poised to take up bills to undo some of the worst aspects of the shut-off law. Another story, about the impending heating crisis among the poor this winter, led to a reversal of a longstanding state policy against adding state monies to Pennsylvania's federal LIHEAP appropriation. On Dec. 16, Gov. Edward G. Rendell signed a bill that will add \$21.3 million to heating assistance funds.

Michael Valerio '78 retired as a captain in the U.S. Coast Guard on Thursday, Dec. 15, after 27 years of service. He is relocating to Florida and will work for The Michael Baker Corporation.

Steven Bouma-Prediger '79 of Holland, Mich., who is on the religion faculty of Hope, presented "The Ecological Crisis and the Defilement of Home," "Why Homo Faber? Imago Dei Appropriate Technology and God's Future of Shalom," and "Is God Green? Does God Care About Marmots, Mountains and Meadows?" at Veritas Forum 2005 on Thursday, Nov. 10, at the University of Western Ontario (Canada).

Donald E. Williams '79 of Rochester, Minn., is founder and CEO of Executive and Organizational Consultants Inc., a firm dedicated to the clinical and consulting needs of executives, organizations, and their families, with locations in Minneapolis,

Crystal Cathedral leadership changes

Father and son, alumni both, have taken on new roles at the Crystal Cathedral in Garden Grove, Calif.

Dr. Robert A. Schuller '76 has succeeded his father, Dr. Robert H. Schuller '47, as senior pastor of the Crystal Cathedral, which is the largest church in the Reformed Church in America. He was installed on Sunday, Jan. 22.

Dr. Robert H. Schuller, who founded the church in the 1950s, announced the change to the congregation during the New Year's Day service. During the Jan. 1 service, both emphasized that the elder Schuller will remain actively involved in the ministry.

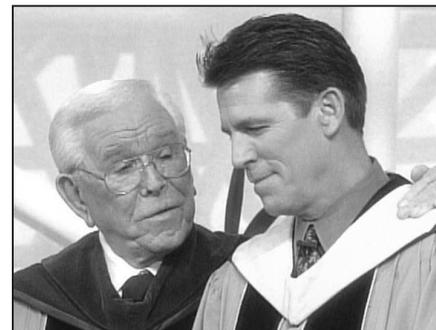
"I have plans and goals over the next 10 years and will use my 50 years of experience as founding pastor to assist Robert as he assumes the position of senior pastor," Dr. Robert H. Schuller said.

Dr. Robert A. Schuller noted, "My father and I will continue as pulpit partners on many Sunday mornings for years to come."

The Schullers will also continue to appear jointly on the church's global television broadcast, the *Hour of Power*. The television program, which began in 1970, is viewed globally by 20 million people every week and is the longest-running televised church service in the world.

Dr. Robert H. Schuller came to Garden Grove in 1955 to found the RCA's congregation there. With his wife Arvella as organist and \$500 in assets, he rented the Orange Drive-In Theater and conducted Sunday services from the roof of the snack bar.

The congregation's growth through the years dictated the decision to build the internationally acclaimed Crystal Cathedral. The first-ever all-glass church



Dr. Robert A. Schuller '76, right, has succeeded his father, Dr. Robert H. Schuller '47, as senior pastor of the Crystal Cathedral. (Photo courtesy of the Crystal Cathedral)

was dedicated on Sept. 14, 1980.

Dr. Robert A. Schuller has actively participated in the church since childhood. Following his ordination, he founded Rancho Capistrano Community Church. Located just a few miles north of the historic San Juan Capistrano Mission, the 170-acre Rancho Capistrano is the south campus of the Crystal Cathedral Ministries, and has also become home to a year-round Christian preschool, an elementary and middle school, athletics and summer camps, a conference and retreat center with a wedding department, special events and the "Possibility Living" ministry.

Dr. Robert H. Schuller will remain as chairman of the Board of the International Ministries and as founding pastor of the Crystal Cathedral Church. He received a Distinguished Alumni Award from Hope in 1970, and an honorary degree in 1973, and delivered the college's Commencement address in 1992. Arvella Schuller, active in the ministry in a variety of ways and a member of the college's Board of Trustees at the time, received an honorary degree from Hope in 1992. ✍

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1980s

Vicki Bailey '80 of Bay City, Mich., has been appointed the Central District director for the Michigan Society for Human Resource Management (MISHRM), a volunteer-based organization. She will serve as an elected SHRM representative for the central district of Michigan. Her responsibilities include providing support to local chapter members, chapter officers and potential affiliated chapters, and performing as liaison between the State Council and chapter/SHRM members within assigned district. She was a member of the core planning committee, representing the Valley Society for Human Resource Management (VSHRM) chapter for the MISHRM State Conference in Bay City in September. She served as president of the VSHRM chapter last year and remains on the group's board of directors. She is a human resources manager for a CPA firm in mid-Michigan.

Daniel G. Deffenbaugh '81 of Kenesaw, Neb., has been named Nebraska Professor of the Year. He is associate professor of religion at Hastings College, where he is also advisor to all religion majors. He specializes in ecological theology and ethics. He is a board member of the Crane Meadows Nature Center and vice president of the Open Table, an ecumenical organization that provides meals to the hungry.

Mark Plosila '81 of Orlando, Fla., served as the lead investigator for the Florida Department of Health during the arrest of a medical doctor in Palm Bay, Fla., on Wednesday, Aug. 17, 2005. Officers of the Melbourne Police Department arrested the doctor for unlawfully distributing controlled substances. Other agencies involved in the investigation were the Brevard County Sheriff's office, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, and the Drug Enforcement Administration.

Bruce Tanis '82 of Jersey City, N.J., is executive director at Oppenheimer & Co. Inc. in New York City. His wedding ceremony (please see "Marriages") took place last summer in a mountaintop castle on St. John, overlooking the British

Virgin Islands.

John Christian '83 of Lake Forest, Ill., was recently promoted to national healthcare systems manager for Datascope Cardiac Assist of Montvale, N.J. He has countrywide responsibility for the medical device manufacturer and for all IDN/GPO. Last year he completed his course work in leadership arts at the University of Chicago.

Curt Wissink '83 of Alto, Mich., reports that he is experiencing success and joy in his 23rd year of teaching as his fifth graders are not only learning the basics but the blessings of thinking out of the box and for success. He is mentoring students who think, believe in themselves, achieve higher than they thought possible, and not only succeed in school but are mentoring others students as well. Curt and **Kelly Stair '86 Wissink** have three children, Beka (age eight), Bethany (age six) and Caleb (age four). She reports that she is experiencing success and has found her niche by being a work-from-home mom. She has been building a successful business on the Internet and through fundraising with ScentSations and their gourmet products. In October she spoke at the company's national convention and was awarded the Team Player of the Year Award as well as the achievement of double diamond distributor. She has a Web site.

Jill Broersma '84 Olson is living in Barrington, Ill., with her husband, new son Jack, and step-children, Gunnar (age 12) and Elsa (age nine). She is a residential realtor.

Duane VandenBrink '84 of Holland, Mich., presented a science demonstration program on the campus of Grand Valley State University as part of the West Michigan "Super Science Saturday" in November. As coordinator and representative for Gentex Corporation's chemistry group's scientific involvement in the local community, he presented a science program for children and their parents that encouraged them to "seek the excitement of science" around them. The entire event at GVSU was attended by several thousand people. Duane continues to carry out analytical research and development in the area of electrochromics at Gentex in Zeeland, Mich. He and his wife, **Ginger Hawkins '84 VandenBrink**, celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary last year by taking a Caribbean cruise on the Queen Mary 2.

Dave McWatters '86 of Rockford, Mich., was recently honored by the Michigan Water Polo Coaches Association as Coach of the Year for the third consecutive time. This year he was also honored by the United States Water Polo Association as Midwest Coach of the Year. His Rockford High School men's water polo team has won three straight state championships, four in the last six years, and continues a 115-game undefeated streak. He has coached 17 all-Americans in his eight years as head coach. For the last 18 years he has been working as youth pastor with several churches in the Grand Rapids, Mich., area and also continues working during the summer at YMCA Camp Manitoulin.

Dan Boerigter '88 of Roseville, Minn., was recently appointed to the board of directors of the Minnesota chapter of the Make-A-Wish Foundation, an organization that grants the wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions. He continues to practice law as a partner in the Minneapolis firm of Yost and Baill LLP and to serve on the Planning Commission for the City of Roseville. He and his wife, **Christina Eisenmann '88 Boerigter**, also actively participate in Cub Scouts and sports with their sons, Peter (age eight) and Stevie (age five).

Todd LaBaugh '88 of Rye, N.Y., is president of IT Pros in New York. He reports that he enjoyed a successful season yacht racing on Long Island Sound and hopes to compete in the Centennial Newport to Bermuda race next June (wife Sandy permitting).

Sandy Lupkes '89 LaBaugh of Rye, N.Y., is a director in the Alternative Investment area at TIAA-CREF in New York City working on private equity, mezzanine and timberland investments. She has been with the company for seven years. She and her husband, **Todd LaBaugh '88**, have two children, Matthew (age two) and a baby (please see "New Arrivals").

Jodi Bond '89 Martin of Chattanooga, Tenn., was ordained as minister of the word and sacrament in the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., on Sunday, Nov. 20, at Northside Presbyterian Church in Chattanooga. She has also accepted a call as associate pastor of Northside, where her husband serves as pastor.

1990s

Scott Skipworth '90 of New York, N.Y., has joined Ike Kligerman Barkley Architects in New York City after 10 years with Gwathmey Siegel Architects. He reports that he left the modern realm of Charles Gwathmey for the Classical and American Vernacular influences of Robert A.M. Stern (John Ike and Tom Kligerman worked together at Stern's office), and finds the transition to a different approach invigorating. His current projects are houses in Aspen, Colo., Hawaii and Petoskey, Mich. He has enjoyed many trips to the Petoskey site and looks forward to frequent Michigan visits when the house is under construction. During his 10 years with Swathmey Siegel, he took a one-year sabbatical to live in Japan, where he photographed and wrote a book with Bulgarian architect Nadya Stamatova. The book, *Architectural Spies-Japan*, is sold in the U.S., Russia, Bulgaria and Japan.

Jill Wheeler '91 Scott of Bloomington, Ind., is a stay-at-home mother to Peyton Tia.

Diane Olsen '91 Van Noord of Holland, Mich., was selected by an international jury to participate in the Fifth International Biennial of Contemporary Art in Florence, Italy. She exhibited three oil paintings in the show, which ran from Saturday, Dec. 3, through Sunday, Dec. 11, in the exhibition space of the historic Fortezza da Basso. She is represented by galleries in Grand Haven, Mich.; Tucson and Scottsdale, Ariz.; and Snow Hill, Md.

Jacqueline Bost '92 of Chicago, Ill., is director of marketing for Oakwood Worldwide.

Kimberly Bouma '92 Campbell of Kalamazoo, Mich., reports that she has switched from teaching fifth grade to third grade at Mattawan Consolidated Schools and loves all of the joys of working with 26 eight-year-olds all day long.

Amy Haveman '92 DeKruyter of Holland, Mich., represented the Reformed Church in America (RCA) on Thursday, Nov. 17, as devotional leader for volunteers of Habitat for Humanity who built 51 homes (representing our 50 states and the District of Columbia) on the Washington Mall to be moved and used by Hurricane Katrina evacuees. Amy serves as coordinator for group volunteers for the RCA.

Jenifer Bhatt '92 Schmit and her husband and three girls moved to Amsterdam, the Netherlands, last summer with his job. She reports that they are

loving western Europe and that her years at Hope with windmills and wooden shoes are paying off in a real way.

Scott A. Drooger '93 of Grand Haven, Mich., has joined the Grand Haven and Holland, Mich., practices of West Michigan Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery. He had previously practiced oral surgery in Fort Wayne, Ind.

Todd Helmus '93 has relocated to Pittsburgh, Pa., for a national security analyst position with the RAND Corporation.

Matt Maire '93 of Kalamazoo, Mich., is executive vice president of the Greater Kalamazoo Association of Realtors. On Wednesday, Dec. 21, the American Society of Association Executives announced that he had earned the Certified Association Executive (CAE) credential, the highest professional credential in the association industry, earned by fewer than five percent of all association executives.

Ryan McFall '93 of Zeeland, Mich., created a custom textbook for a computer class he teaches by using a service that allows educators to take topics from several textbooks and compile them into one book, saving students money. He is associate professor of computer science at the college.

Shaney Froyland '93 Mulligan of Grand Rapids, Mich., is a teacher with the Kentwood Public Schools.

Laura Jackson '93 Sample of Holland, Mich., works in performance and development for Perrigo Company.

Chad Warmington '93 of Edmond, Okla., was recently appointed by the Speaker of the House as chief of staff for the Oklahoma House of Representatives.

Monica Bansen-DeLaTorre '94 of Stevensville, Mich., is an at-home mom with three children, Skylar (age eight), Bailey (age four) and Grace (age two).

Amanda Kitterman '94 of Saginaw, Mich., is in her 12th year of teaching in the Saginaw Public Schools. She began the new school year as coordinator of the microsociety program at Arthur Eddy Academy. It is an innovative program where the students run an entire miniature society within the school. She reports that she has enjoyed the job change and the opportunity to work with the entire school rather than in her own classroom. She also began a political career, running for and becoming elected to the Saginaw City Council in November.

Shawn McFarland '94 of Kettering, Ohio, is a third-year medical student at Wright State University School of Medicine.

Carrie Borchers '95 of Grand Rapids, Mich., is the business development manager for BBK Studio in Grand Rapids. The company is a design consultancy that delivers customer experience consulting, graphic design and interactive development. Industries in which BBK serves are contract furniture and related industries, healthcare and bio-medical/bio-technical, and manufacturing.

Jason Makowski '95 of Steamboat Springs, Colo., is assistant coordinator of student life at Colorado Mountain College.

Stephanie Spurway '95 Ruwet and her family moved to Frankfort, Ky., from Holland, Mich., in October to be near family. She reports that she has taken a new position as full-time mother of two (please see "New Arrivals").

Patricia Dyer '96 Bruininks of Conway, Ark., received the seventh annual Martin E.P. Seligman Award for Outstanding Dissertation Research in Positive Psychology at the International Positive Psychology Summit in Washington, D.C., in September. Her doctoral dissertation closely examined the definition and measurement of *hope* as compared to *optimism* and other emotional states. She is an assistant professor of psychology at Hendrix College.

Matt Garvelink '96 of Valdosta, Ga., is a security forces flight commander in the U.S. Air Force at Moody Air Force Base.

Katherine Vlasica '96 of Astoria, N.Y., is still working in the South Bronx at St. Barnabas Hospital, finishing up her emergency medicine residency. She has been involved with an international medical outreach program called DOCARE, venturing on several medical missions in Guatemala. She plans to travel to Croatia and Bosnia within the next year to implement plans for development of emergency medicine as a specialty in the two countries. She has also moved into Manhattan and reports that she loves life in her new apartment, finally having time to enjoy all the wonders available on the tiny island.

Justin M. Crawford '97 of Portage, Mich., has joined the law firm of Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone PLC as an associate in the Kalamazoo office practicing in the federal tax and employee

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Iraq service honored

Service on the other side of the world was recognized close to home in December.

Major Jonathan J. Etterbeek '86, who is a chaplain in the U.S. Army, on Wednesday, Dec. 28, received seven decorations for the 13 months he spent in Iraq in 2004 and 2005. A Holland, Mich., native as well as a Hope graduate, he was honored during the college's Russ DeVette Holiday Classic at the Richard and Helen DeVos Fieldhouse.

Major Etterbeek received the Bronze Star Medal, the Purple Heart, the Combat Action Badge, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Iraqi Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal and the Driver's Badge.

He received the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart on-court immediately prior to the start of the 8 p.m. Hope men's basketball game, and the other decorations during a ceremony earlier in the evening. Appropriately, those who pinned the medals to him had Hope and local ties as well: U.S. Rep. Pete Hoekstra '75, R-Holland, and Albert McGeehan '66, mayor of Holland.

Major Etterbeek is currently the brigade chaplain for more than 6,000 soldiers of the 32nd Medical Brigade, the largest brigade in the U.S. Army, located at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. He also serves as an instructor at the U.S. Army Medical Department Center and School, and is the senior pastor of the AMEDD Regimental Chapel.

From 2002 to 2005, he served as the



Major Jonathan Etterbeek '86, a chaplain in the U.S. Army, received several decorations for his recent tour in Iraq, including the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star. He is pictured with Holland Mayor Al McGeehan '66, who along with U.S. Rep. Pete Hoekstra '75 presented the decorations during a home men's basketball game in December.

brigade chaplain of the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, where he supported operation Cobra Gold in Thailand (2003) and Operation Iraqi Freedom II in Kirkuk, Iraq. While in Iraq, he conducted more than 200 engagements of spiritual diplomacy with Iraqi clerics; coordinated more than \$3.2 million in reconstruction projects; and spearheaded Operation Crayon, which distributed school supplies to more than 26,000 children in Iraq.

He received the Bronze Star "for exceptionally meritorious service during Operation Iraqi Freedom while assigned

as the 2nd Brigade Chaplain." The presentation remarks further noted that "Chaplain Etterbeek's dedication to fellow Soldiers on the battlefield upholds the finest traditions of military service and reflects great credit upon him, Task Force Danger, and the United States Army." He received the Purple Heart for injuries sustained on June 2, 2004, when a rocket exploded outside his chapel door, throwing him across the chapel as the windows exploded, leaving him with a concussion and lacerations.

Major Etterbeek majored in political science at Hope, where he was captain of

the men's tennis team, winning two conference championships and All-MIAA honors. He completed his Master of Divinity at Western Theological Seminary in 1991, and is ordained by the Reformed Church in America.

He served as pastor of Trinity Reformed Church in West New York, N.J., from 1991 to 1994, and then entered the active duty military as an Army chaplain.

Major Etterbeek's first assignment was as the battalion chaplain for 2nd Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment at Fort Stewart, Ga., from 1994 to 1997, during which time he deployed twice to Kuwait, including for Operation Intrinsic Action. He was then assigned as the battalion chaplain for 5th Battalion, 20th Infantry Regiment at Fort Lewis, Wash., from 1997 to 1999, where he deployed to Thailand in support of Operation Cobra Gold. From 1999 to 2001, he served as the battalion chaplain for 1st Battalion, 214th Aviation Regiment in Heidelberg, Germany, where he supported operations in Bosnia, Kosovo and Turkey. He then served as the facility chaplain for the U.S. Army Confinement Facility in Mannheim, Germany that served all branches of the armed forces before beginning his service with the 25th Infantry Division in Hawaii.

His military education includes the Chaplain Officer Basic Course, Chaplain Career Course, Combined Arms Staff Services School, Air Assault School, Airborne School, and the United States Army Command and General Staff College.

He and his wife, Laurilee, reside in Katy, Texas, with their three children: Tatiana (17), Anastasia (12) and Alexei (11). ↵

benefits group. Previously he was an associate at Seyfarth Shaw LLP in Chicago, Ill.

Roy Pereira '97 of East Grand Rapids, Mich., was recently promoted to engineering manager at the Harris Corporation in Grand Rapids.

Danielle Thorp '97 of Round Lake, Ill., reports that she is a nanny for the two children of her old college roomie, Heather Papanek '97 Rose, and her husband.

Drew Ysseldyke '97 of Hudsonville, Mich., is vice president of commercial loans at Macatawa Bank. **Gretchen Conrad '98 Albertson** of Sugar Grove, Ill., returned part-time in mid-January to her position as senior benefit analyst in the human resources department of Edward Hospital in Naperville, Ill. She reports that she enjoyed staying at home recently with new son Charlie (please see "New Additions").

Justin Albertson '98 of Sugar Grove, Ill., is a project manager/senior consultant with Corporate Insights in Aurora, Ill. He joined the firm in 2000 after completing a master's degree in organization/developmental psychology at Illinois State University.

Robert DeVries '98 of Greenwood, Ind., is a senior accountant with Larry E. Nunn and Associates in Columbus, Ind.

Chikako Katsuyama '98 Kawaguchi of Yokohama, Japan, was featured in the Friday, Oct. 28, edition of *The Daily Yomiuri*. The column focuses on interviews with professionals who use English in their jobs and others interested in the language in the hope of offering insights into learning English. She is a secretary for an Irish president and a Japanese vice president at Moog Japan Ltd.

Kristin A. Kelley '98 of Chicago, Ill., is a corporate proofreader at ALAS Inc.

Clinton Moore '98 of Darien, Ill., is program manager-comprehensive outsourcing for ADP National Account Services.

Kuria Van Wieren '98 of Gallatin Valley, Mont., is a ski instructor for Big Sky Ski Resort.

Jeff Burgess '99 of Holland, Mich., is a sixth grade teacher in the Grandville (Mich.) Public Schools.

Erin Andrew Gookin '99 of Higgins Lake, Mich., is pastor of Messiah Lutheran Church in Roscommon, Mich.

Jay Wallace Jr. '99 of Muskegon, Mich., is an investment representative with Edward Jones Investments.

Dara Spearman '99 Wardlow of Ann Arbor, Mich., is a resident physician in dermatology at the University of Michigan Hospitals.

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Kimberly Morgan '00 Baron of Holland, Mich., is an R.N. at Holland Hospital. She and her husband have one child, Solomon, and are expecting another in April.

Kortney Niles '00 Burgess of Holland, Mich., is a psychology and English teacher at Holland High School.

David Fleming '00 of Hudsonville, Mich., is sales and marketing manager for T2 Communications, which provides phone, television and Internet services via fiber optics to Holland, Mich., residents. Additionally, he assists in the sales and marketing of T2's sister company, Ranger Wireless, which provides its patented 611 roaming service to cell phone users across the country.

Jon Kopchick '00 of Boston, Mass., is pursuing a Master of Nursing in Anesthesia degree.

Mat Nguyen '00 of Holland, Mich., was featured in the "40 Under Forty Business Leaders" section of the *Grand Rapids Business Journal* on Monday, Nov. 7, 2005. After graduation, he started Worksighted Inc., an information technology company offering integrated technologies to small and medium-sized businesses in Holland and Grand Rapids, Mich. With no seed capital, his startup has grown into a successful IT firm with eight employees and a regional client base. His community involvement includes Holland Young Professionals, Holland Area Arts Council, Holland Chamber of Commerce and Holland Historical Trust.

Kayrl Stead '00 Reynoso of Dearborn, Mich., is a

school social worker in the Wayne-Westland Community School District.

Kristyn S. Bochniak '01 is a residence hall director at Cornell University in Ithaca, N.Y.

Jennifer Dennis '01 Dykstra, of Ames, Iowa, earned a master's degree (please see "Advanced Degrees") and is continuing to pursue a Ph.D. in social psychology at Iowa State University.

Jennifer McNamara '01 of Englewood, Colo., has been promoted to associate landman at Savant Resources LLC, an oil and gas exploration company in Denver, Colo.

Megan Riley '01 of Land O' Lakes, Fla., is an eighth grade language arts teacher at Bayonet Point Middle School, District of Pasco County.

Steve Rypma '01 is an attorney with Ice Miller LLP, a law firm with offices in Indianapolis, Ind., the Chicago, Ill., area and Washington, D.C. He concentrates his practice in business and commercial real estate transactions.

Amy Avery '02 of Kalamazoo, Mich., was ordained as Minister of Word and Sacrament in the Reformed Church in America on Sunday, Dec. 4, at Fellowship Reformed Church in Holland, Mich. She currently serves as assistant pastor at Hope Reformed Church in Kalamazoo and is taking classes in marriage and family therapy at Western Michigan University.

Jeannette Holloway '02 Bayyapuneedi of Kalamazoo, Mich., recently earned a master's degree (please see "Advanced Degrees") and was inducted into Chi Sigma Iota, the international honor society for the counseling profession.

Ruth Cortright '02 Cramer of Crown Point, Ind., has joined the law firm of Hoepfner Wagner & Evans LLP. She focuses her practice in the areas of civil litigation, employment law and employee benefit matters. Previously she was a judicial clerk for Federal Magistrate Judge Ellen S. Carmody in Grand Rapids, Mich.

Robert Long '02 and Anna Wagnild '02 Long of Eau Claire, Wis., were married last fall in Minneapolis, Minn., (please see "Marriages") and their attendants included **Julie Asher Heustis '02, Jeff Lubbers '02, Mari Titcombe '02, David Yang**

'02, Branden Johnson '03 and Jamie Pierce '03.

Katie Paarlberg '02 of Brooklyn, N.Y., and John D. Paarlberg '72 of Albany, N.Y., were part of a Christian Peacemaker Team (CPT) delegation to Israel and the West Bank last July and August. CPT delegations provide a non-violent presence in crisis situations and militarized areas, and document injustices and human rights abuses. Team members spent time in Jerusalem, Bethlehem and Hebron, stayed with Palestinian families, and visited with both Palestinians and Israeli peace groups engaged in nonviolent opposition to Israeli military occupation, settler harassment, home demolitions and land confiscation. The group also led a public demonstration protesting the closure of the city gates by Israeli Defense Forces in Hebron.

Adriaan G. Passchier '02 of Monmouth, Ore., is a RARE Americorps volunteer: community development planner. He is employed by the University of Oregon, working for the cities of Monmouth and Independence, Ore.

Cheri Cecil '02 Phelps of Grand Rapids, Mich., is studio programs coordinator at the Grand Rapids Art Museum.

Andrea Philipps '02 Poppleton of West Lafayette, Ind., serves as co-pastor of First Reformed Church, and her husband is the other co-pastor.

Katrina J. Te Winkle '02 of Grand Haven, Mich., is a chaplain with Chaplaincy Services of Newaygo County.

Anna King '02 Vest of Chicago, Ill., is a registered nurse in the burn unit at the University of Chicago Hospital.

Kristen Beelen '03 DeLange of Holland, Mich., works in a crisis treatment center with Ottawa County Community Mental Health. She and her husband have one child, Jacob.

Erin Hughes '03 recently moved to Grand Rapids, Mich., to pursue a master's degree program at Grand Valley State University for family nurse practitioner. She is a registered nurse at St. Mary's Health Care.

Tara Patton '03 of Naples, Fla., is working as a cardiovascular nurse at Naples Community Hospital.

David Rye '03 of Medford, Mass., recently moved to the Boston area to become the training and leadership coordinator for the Appalachian Mountain Club's Youth Opportunities Program.

Christine Watters '03 of Muncie, Ind., has a graduate assistantship at Ball State University, earning a master's degree in health science.

Serge Badiane '04 of Ann Arbor, Mich., is a graduate student in the Department of Aerospace Engineering at the University of Michigan.

Diana Frazier '04 Blevins and **Stephen Blevins '04** live in Flint, Mich. She is a registered nurse at Hurley Medical Center. He is assistant manager of Extreme Precision Screw Products.

Ben Byl '04 began a post in Madagascar this February working for the Peace Corps in the field of sustainable agriculture.

Julie Laskowski '04 Hogue of Mishawaka, Ind., is in her second year of teaching kindergarten.

Marty Jordan '04 and his wife have been living in El Salvador for the past 18 months. They are missionaries with the SHARE Foundation and Volunteer Ministry Movement. His hometown newspaper, the *Iosco County News-Herald*, published a feature article about them on Wednesday, Nov. 16, noting that they experienced three natural disasters – volcano, hurricane and earthquake – within a seven-day period in October. He reported that their missionary work entails promoting the social, economic, and spiritual development of the poor while allowing them to become their own protagonists in working for positive change. The two try to come up with technologically innovative methods to solve problems while respecting traditional ways of life.

Cara Tarantino '04 is the director of children's programs for the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island, Mich.

Jennifer Beers '05 of Portage, Mich., has joined the assurance staff at Plante & Moran's Kalamazoo, Mich., office.

Tonzia Buor '05 of Zeeland, Mich., is a teen program assistant with the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Holland (Mich.).

Jamie Campbell '05 of Harrisville, Mich., is a mentor coordinator for Hope House/Child and Family Services of Alpena, Mich. She works with adolescent women ages 12-17 who are all court appointed to live at Hope House. She is responsible for creating and managing a mentor program to bring in positive role models to interact with the girls both individually and as a group.

Katherine Gignac '05 of Chicago, Ill., is a sixth-eighth grade self-contained LD special education teacher at Lincoln Junior High School in the Skokie/Morton Grove District 69.

Jenny L. Smith '05 is working for the Detroit Pistons Company as a sales and marketing coordinator for the WNBA Detroit Shock.

Justin W. Spyker '05 of Cincinnati, Ohio, is a sales representative for Universal Forest Products.

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.

Bruce M. Tanis '82 and Olga Kondrashova, June 15, 2005, St. John, U.S. Virgin Islands.

John Meyer '87 and Gina Calderone, May 28, 2005, Grand Rapids, Mich.

Shaney Froyland '93 and Chuck Mulligan, July 2005.

Todd M. White '93 and Elizabeth Seger, Aug. 13, 2005, Ann Arbor, Mich.

Thomas J. Dawson '95 and Rebecca Blom '97, July 9, 2005, Holland, Mich.

Dara Spearman '99 and Marlon Wardlow, Aug. 31, 2003.

Bryan VanHaitma '99 and Erika Nelson, June 11, 2005, Scottville, Mich.

Elizabeth Yared '99 and Andy Rohrer, Oct. 29, 2005, Grand Rapids, Mich.

Kayrl Stead '00 and Wesley Reynoso, July 30, 2004, Dearborn, Mich.

Brent Merchant '01 and Anne Chitwood, Oct. 22, 2005, Charlottesville, Va.

Amanda Anderson '02 and Richard Donegan, May 28, 2005, Naperville, Ill.

Anna King '02 and John William Vest, Oct. 14, 2005, Clarendon Hills, Ill.

Robert Long '02 and Anna Wagnild '02, Sept. 17, 2005, Minneapolis, Minn.

Stephanie Schaap '02 and Joshua Bauman '03, Aug. 19, 2005, Holland, Mich.

Jay Thwaites '02 and Mary Chambers '03, Dec. 17, 2005, Holland, Mich.

Leslie Canfield '03 and Benjamin Smies '03, June 18, 2005, Montague, Mich.

Kelly Cleland '03 and Kevin Seltz, Sept. 23, 2005, Minden City, Mich.

Jeff Konfara '03 and Lindsey Voelker '03, Nov. 5, 2005.

Shannon Gervel '04 and Brian Bradford, Dec. 17, 2005, Spring Lake, Mich.

Julie Laskowski '04 and James Hogue, Goshen, Ind., Oct. 8, 2005.

William Norden '04 and Mara Cooper, Sept. 30, 2005, Holland, Mich.

Lisa Schowalter '04 and Scott Dresden, Oct. 1, 2005, Chicago, Ill.

Jeremy Karel '05 and Jennifer Lampani '05, Oct. 8, 2005, Holland, Mich.

New Arrivals

Phil Tanis '87 and Gretchen Schoon-Tanis '99, Jon Elliott, Dec. 20, 2005.

Todd LaBaugh '88 and Sandy Lupkes '89 LaBaugh, Lindsey Morgan, April 10, 2005.

Matthew Knittel '89 and Jocelyn Samuel '91 Knittel, Naomi Claire, Oct. 27, 2005.

Janine Post-Anderle '90 and Joel Anderle '90, Mattias Joseph, Feb. 2, 2005.

Molly Buis '91 Truttman and Jay Truttman, William (Will) John Francis, Jan. 8, 2004.

Mike Nowlin '93 and Carol Nowlin, Jude Patrick, July 8, 2005.

Kevin Richardson '93 and Erin Knecht '98 Richardson, Natalie Elizabeth, Nov. 26, 2005.

Chad Warmington '93 and Courtney Warmington, AnnaMay Elizabeth, September 2005.

Nancy Naumann '93 Wiechmann and Kevin Wiechmann, adopted Colin Andrew John, born April 17, 2005.

Shawn McFarland '94 and Debra (Olson) McFarland, Anneka Haleigh, Nov. 7, 2005.

Jeff Naumann '94 and Kat Borton '95 Naumann, Audrey Grace, March 16, 2005.

Shelley Blue '94 Werthman and Tom Werthman, Grace Christine, June 23, 2005.

Abby-Jo Mings '94 Wilcox and Ryan Wilcox '96, Annelie Marie, June 27, 2005.

Jacqueline Domkowski '94 Wyrick and David Wyrick, Luke Alexander, Nov. 17, 2005.

Angela Heyns '95 Curtis and Cory Curtis '00, Olivia Grace, Sept. 7, 2005.

Stephanie Spurway '95 Ruwet and Joshua Ruwet, Lillian (Lilly) Alexander, Aug. 6, 2005.

Michelle Werkman '96 Gerig and Grant Gerig, Easton, Dec. 7, 2005.

Chad Gifford '96 and Kay Otto '96 Gifford, Brynlee Kristine, May 3, 2005.

Shawn Steiner '96 Toole and Patrick Toole, Carter John, Oct. 10, 2005.

Matt Dietsche '97 and Valerie Kleinheksel '98 Dietsche, Sawyer Isaac, Nov. 28, 2005.

Rob Doering '97 and Sarah Kievit '98 Doering, Emmalyn Sofia, June 2, 2005.

Kristin Clark '97 Duffy and Michael Duffy, Nora Therese, Nov. 18, 2005.

William J. Kintz '97 and Dianna DenUyl Kintz, Arwen Rae, Nov. 14, 2005.

Charlene Tyke '97 Montpetit and Marc Montpetit '97, Grayson Charles Richard, Nov. 11, 2005.

Gretchen Conrad '98 Albertson and Justin Albertson '98, Charlie Justin, Oct. 19, 2005.

Melissa Altobelli '98 Brunsting and David Brunsting, Leah Ruth, March 19, 2005.

Jennifer Smith '98 DeBoer and Michael DeBoer, Hannah Lynn, Nov. 17, 2005.

Robert DeVries '98 and Andrea Hays '00 DeVries, Mackenzie Lynne, May 8, 2005.

Leah Jones '98 Doriot and Bryan Doriot, Benjamin Bryan, May 25, 2005.

Brandon Graham '98 and Jane Roeters '98 Graham, Morgan James, Nov. 17, 2005.

Theresa Spencer '98 Mickelwait and Kyle Mickelwait, Haley Elizabeth, May 23, 2005.

Clinton Moore '98 and Lara Wagner '98 Moore, Jackson William, Nov. 16, 2005.

Jeff Burgess '99 and Kortney Niles '00 Burgess, Trenton Michael, July 28, 2004.

Christy Colbrunn '99 Ranney and Christopher Ranney, Garrett Behr and Brock Richard, Nov. 9, 2005.

Chris Kerrins '00 and Trena Hedley '00 Kerrins, Ellie Jane, Nov. 4, 2005.

Kayrl Stead '00 Reynoso and Wesley Reynoso, Evan David, April 9, 2005.

Kevin Wolthuis '02 and Jennifer Bodine '03 Wolthuis, Elinore Yarin, Nov. 18, 2005.

Jessica Becks '03 Barber and John Barber, Alexis (Lexie) Marie, Aug. 8, 2005.

Emily Louis '03 Bruins and Kevin Bruins, Trent Arthur, Oct. 27, 2005.

Tesha Wehrmeyer '04 Post and Christopher Post '05, Avery Jane, July 1, 2005.

Advanced Degrees

Michael Valerio '78, Ed.D., The George Washington University, January 2006.

Kimberly Bouma '92 Campbell, master's degree in education, Aquinas College.

Monica Bansen-DeLaTorre '94, GTC-M.Ed. in elementary education, Grand Valley State University, 2001.

Trevon Pulsifer '99, Master's Degree in human resources management, Roosevelt University.

Jennifer Dennis '01 Dykstra, Master of Science degree in psychology, Iowa State University, December 2005.

Matthew Goupell '01, Ph.D. in physics/psychological acoustics, Michigan State University, December 2005.

Jeannette Holloway '02 Bayyapuneedi, master's degree in community counseling with special emphasis in substance abuse, Western Michigan University.

Nicholas A. Reister '02, Master of Business Administration degree, Grand Valley State University, August 2005; and Juris Doctor degree with a corporate law concentration, Michigan State University College of Law, December 2005.

Deaths

Word has been received of the death of **William Bareman '46** of Hudsonville, Mich., who died on Tuesday, Jan. 17, 2006. More information will appear in the next issue.

Word has been received of the death of **Milford E. Bowen Jr. '51** of Charlottesville, Va., who died on Monday, Jan. 9, 2006. More information will appear in the next issue.

Robert H. Cook '62 of Holland, Mich., died on Saturday, Dec. 10, 2005. He was 65.

He was a teacher of music at Holland Christian, Zeeland (Mich.) Christian and Grand Rapids (Mich.) Christian, and at Eastern Kentucky University. He was also the owner and operator of Park Auto Parts in Zeeland.

He was a member of Graafschap Christian Reformed Church, where he was the choir director. He was also a member of the Holland Symphony and the Holland Woodwind Quintet.

Survivors include his wife, Donna Zeerip '63 Cook; his children, Melodie Cook '89 (Peter) Hoffman of Winter Haven, Fla., Sharon (Brian) Bahr of Wauwatosa, Wis., Robin (Kendall) Alderink of Holland, and Steven P. Cook of Hamilton, Mich.; six grandchildren; his mother, Maxine Cook; his brothers and sisters, Carol (Jay) VanderVliet of Holland, Ronald (Marjorie) Cook of Moline, Mich., James Cook of East Saugatuck, Mich., and Janice (Robert) George of Satellite Beach, Fla.; his sister-in-law, Eleanor R. Van Dyke of Holland; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Georgiana Fredricks '30 Dephouse of Holland, Mich., died on Tuesday, Dec. 27, 2005. She was 97.

She was a teacher in the Muskegon (Mich.) Public Schools.

She had been a longtime member of Bethany Christian Reformed Church in Muskegon and was a member of Christ Memorial Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Arthur, in 1985.

Survivors include her children, Don '60 (Cynthia) Dephouse of Holland and Sally (Bob) Walters of Grand Rapids, Mich.; five grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and nieces and nephews.

Jerry Wayne Dill '71 of East Killingly, Conn., died on Wednesday, Nov. 16, 2005. He was 76.

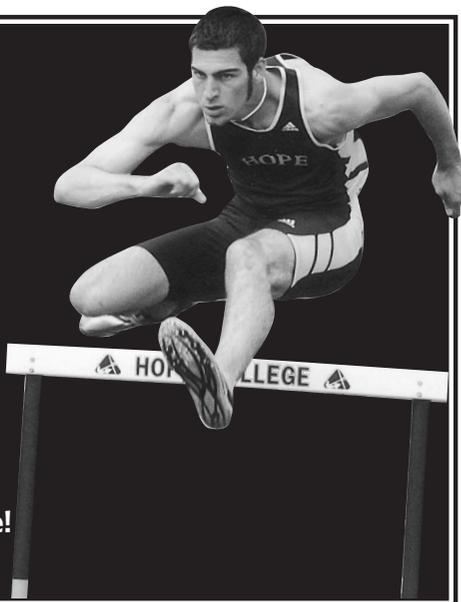
He earned a master's degree in divinity and a doctor's degree in theology. He was ordained into the ministry in 1974 and served churches in Georgia, Connecticut and Michigan. He organized and started "Circuit Riders," a motorcycle club for clergy, their family and friends that is still in operation.

He was a member of Westfield Congregational Church in Danielson, Conn.

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He was preceded in death by two brothers and one sister.

Survivors include his wife of 51 years, Dorothy Witte Dill; a son, Jeff Dill (Sue Cohick) of Portsmouth, R.I.; two daughters, Donna Bennett of Groton, Conn., and Denise (Kurt) Schnaubelt of Bogart, Ga.; and seven grandchildren.

Word has been received of the death of **Clarice Peterson '46 Hansbrough** of Hansville, Wash., who died on Saturday, Dec. 31, 2005. More information will appear in the next issue.

Word has been received of the death of **Jack H. Hascup '53** of Hackettstown, N.J., who died on Thursday, Jan. 12, 2006. More information will appear in the next issue.

Clifford M. Marcus '39 of Freeville, N.Y., died on Friday, Dec. 30, 2005. He was 87.

He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II. He earned a master's degree and a doctorate, and was an educator for 37 years, the last 16 of which were in the Waverly Community Schools in Delta Township, Mich.

He had been a resident of Lansing, Mich., from 1962 to February 2005, and was a charter member of Delta Presbyterian Church and a longtime member of the Rotary Club.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Esther Bultman '39 Marcus; their daughter, Diane; and their son-in-law, Scot Cullen.

Survivors include his children, Stanley '63 (Virginia) Marcus, of Freeville, N.Y., Brian (Donna) Marcus of Duluth, Ga., and Karen Cullen of Troy, Mich.; his son-in-law, Robert Roy of Oak Park, Ill.; nine grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Edward E. Marks Jr. '57 of Rome, N.Y., died on Friday, Oct. 14, 2005. He was 75.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army who served during the Korean Conflict.

He worked as an engineer for RADCO for more than 25 years, retiring in 1990.

He was an avid outdoorsman, hiker and mountain climber, and also loved to fish, hunt and square dance.

Survivors include his wife, Jean; three children, Gail (Titu) Ahmed of North Smithfield, R.I., Glen (Victoria) Marks of Montoursville, Pa., and Gary Marks and his partner, Neal Barnhill, of Jacksonville, Fla.; his sister, Joyce (Harry) Chrysler of Schenectady, N.Y.; his brother, Robert (Marian) Marks of Sherburne, N.Y.; and five grandchildren.

Word has been received of the death of **Roger G. Menges '41** of Waterford, N.Y., who died on Monday, Dec. 26, 2005. More information will appear in the next issue.

Joshua A. Northouse '04 of Hudsonville, Mich., died on Tuesday, July 6, 2004, after a nine-month battle with cancer. He was 23.

He attended Hope for two years and graduated from Grand Valley State University in April 2004.

Survivors include his parents, Albert and Carole Northouse of Hudsonville.

D. Robert Persse '45 of Gloversville, N.Y., died on Monday, Sept. 12, 2005. He was 80.

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

He first worked for his father delivering milk. Then he worked as a State Farm Insurance agent for 28 years and ran his office in Fonda, N.Y., until his retirement in 1992.

He was a member of Fonda Reformed Church, where he had been an elder and a deacon and sang in the choir. He was a former member and past president of the Fonda-Fultonville Kiwanis Club and past president of the Albany Synod.

He was preceded in death by his first wife in 1997, Emma Dillenbeck Persse, to whom he was married for 50 years.

Survivors include his wife of six years, Carol Young Persse; a son, Thomas R. Persse of Fonda,

N.Y.; a daughter, Nancy (Robert) Langdon of Fultonville, N.Y.; one granddaughter; and two great-grandchildren.

Carol Herder '55 Peterson of Kalamazoo, Mich., died on Wednesday, Nov. 23, 2005. She was 72.

She was a member of Second Reformed Church.

She enjoyed antiquing and collecting miniature dolls.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles R. Peterson, in 1969.

Survivors include four children, Charles (Deb) Peterson of Vicksburg, Mich., Karen (Paul) Millikan of Three Rivers, Mich., Kathleen Peterson of Onsted, Mich., and William (Deb) Peterson of Gobles, Mich.; five grandchildren; and one sister, Linda (John) Pelong of Florida.

Word has been received of the death of **Lorelei Parker '50 Saxon** of Jenison, Mich., who died on Monday, Jan. 16, 2006. More information will appear in the next issue.

Rainey A. Shufelt '56 of Coeymans, N.Y., died on Saturday, Jan. 7, 2006. He was 72.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army.

During his career of more than 35 years with General Electric Plastics in New York, he made contributions in the technical growth of Noryl and was awarded patents. He retired in 1998.

He was an active member of the Loudonville Community Church, where he served as elder, trustee, usher, boys brigade leader and Sunday school teacher.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Mary Williams, and a brother, Billy Shufelt.

Survivors include his wife, Bonnie L. Shufelt; his children, Andrew Shufelt '93 of Manhattan, N.Y., Jonathan '96 (Karoline) Shufelt of Stormville, N.Y., and Rebekah J. Shufelt and Deborah A. Shufelt, both of Piermont, N.Y.; four sisters, Charlotte (Carl) Leibach of Watervliet, N.Y., Bettie (Larry) Isabelle of Cohoes, N.Y., Rosemarie Shufelt of Albany, N.Y., and Denise D'Angelico of Troy, N.Y.; four brothers, Rodger (Irene) Shufelt of Cohoes, Kenneth (Mary) Shufelt of Tampa, Fla., Terry Shufelt of Cohoes, and Douglas (Kathy) Shufelt of Troy; one granddaughter; a sister-in-law, Marion Shufelt of Niskayuna, N.Y.; and many nieces and nephews.

Isla van derHeuvel '48 Small of Bloomfield Hills, Mich., died on Monday, Dec. 26, 2005. She was 79.

She moved to Detroit in the 1940s to work for J.L. Hudson department store, where she was a buyer, training director and part of the team that built Hudson's at Northland.

She and her husband were active members of Plum Hollow Country Club, and she was an avid golfer. She was also a member of Women of Bloomfield and president of the club from 2001 to 2003.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Wesley R. Small.

Survivors include her sister, Arlene Carter of Washington, and nieces and nephews.

Jennie Spoelstra '41 of Logan, Kan., died on Thursday, Oct. 27, 2005. She was 95.

She was a nurse who held various jobs, including working for the Reformed Church Ministries in Florida and Kentucky. She earned a master's degree and became certified as a midwife in New York City in 1944 and returned to the hills of Kentucky where medical help was desperately needed. In 1949 and 1950, she taught in the science department at Hope College. Because of arthritis, she moved to Tucson, Ariz., where she worked first as a traveling county nurse and later as a school nurse for three large elementary schools until her retirement in 1975. She also continued to serve many years as a nurse for a children's summer camp operated by the Arizona Children's Home.

She sang in her church choirs and taught Sunday School and a women's Bible study group. She also made it a mission to distribute as many Bibles as she could, frequently giving them away at flea markets.

In 1999 she moved to the Christian Living Center in Denver, Colo., to be near her brother and his wife. She later moved to Aztec, N.M., and made her final home in Logan.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Henry and Marion, and three sisters, Emma, Grace and Betty.

Survivors include her sister-in-law, Annette Spoelstra of Denver; four nieces; one nephew; six grand nieces and nephews; and other relatives.

Arlene Shoemaker '51 Timmerman of Zeeland, Mich., died on Wednesday, Dec. 14, 2005. She was 76.

She had been employed by the Hudsonville Public Schools for 20 years as a kindergarten teacher.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Debra Jo Voss.

Survivors include her husband, Clarence Voss; her daughter, Kathy Timmerman '83 (Randy) Bohl; son-in-law, Mark (Pam) Voss; and four grandchildren.

Word has been received of the death of **Lucille Teninga '46 Toren** of Munster, Ind., who died on

Campus Notes

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including pH, thermodynamics, kinetics, oxidation-reduction, and organic functional groups.

Dr. Boyer served on the faculty at Hope for 26 years. He retired from teaching and research at Hope in 2000 and resides in Bozeman, Mont., where he continues to write and consult in biochemical education.

Peter Gonthier, professor of physics, and his Hope student researchers are part of a NASA-based team that has been seeking to better understand how pulsars, which are highly compact collapsed stars, produce high-energy gamma rays. The team's project, "High Energy Emission from Pulsar Magnetospheres," recently received a three-year, \$341,147 grant from the NASA Astrophysics Theory Program.

The team is headed by Dr. Alice Harding, who is on the staff of the Exploration of the Universe Division of the NASA Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Md. In addition to Dr. Gonthier, who has been conducting research with Harding since 1992, co-investigators on the team also include researchers from the Pentagon, Rice University and the University of Nevada at Las Vegas.

Through the latest grant, which began in October and runs through September of 2008, they are working in conjunction with the GLAST telescope program. Gamma rays are blocked by the earth's atmosphere and can only be observed from space. GLAST stands for the "Gamma-ray Large Area Space Telescope," and will study the high-energy cosmos following its launch into orbit, scheduled for 2007. Dr. Gonthier's subgroup has been providing information concerning the simulations they have developed to members of the GLAST team based in Italy.

Charles A. Huttar, professor emeritus of English, has co-edited a book of essays on one of England's leading Christian novelists, Susan Howatch.

Scandalous Truths: Essays by and about Susan Howatch, edited by Dr. Huttar and Dr. Bruce Johnson of James Madison University, gathers 10 essays about Howatch's fiction, as well as four essays by Howatch herself. The book has been published by Susquehanna University Press.

Susan Howatch is best known for her "Starbridge" series, six novels set in an imaginary Church of England cathedral

community. They explore how faith operates in structures of power and social privilege. Her latest work is a trilogy dealing with a Christian healing ministry in inner-city London.

Previously known as a best-selling author of family saga novels, Howatch is now recognized as a serious literary artist, Dr. Huttar noted. *Scandalous Truths*, the first book-length study of her work, is the culmination of a decade of scholarly presentations and articles. It traces the growth of her intellectual interests as well as her experiments with narrative technique.

Dr. Huttar was a professor of English from 1966 until his retirement in 1996.

Deborah Weiss '75 Sturtevant, professor of sociology and social work and chairperson of the department, has been awarded a partnership grant from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation to research and facilitate activities designed to improve community health. The \$49,900 grant, secured through the support of the Holland Hospital Foundation, will help fund the final year of a three-year effort to identify the most pressing needs within the community and design programs to address those needs.

"The exciting part about the project is that it's intended to try to improve the overall health of the community by engaging the community," Dr. Sturtevant explained. "If the projects that are developed in the third year run well, we'll work with the community to find ways to sustain them."

Last year, Dr. Sturtevant and a team of Hope student researchers organized several community-based focus groups and asked questions relating to the participants' opinions of "community health." The focus group results were shared during a Community Collaboration Conference in February 2005 which provided an opportunity for area health professionals, social service agency directors, school representatives and others to freely exchange opinions and ideas.

This year's activities, according to Dr. Sturtevant, will include overseeing the distribution of mini-grants to local agencies for new projects designed to meet health needs, as well as collecting data on the effectiveness of the new projects, and crafting a final report that will detail the successes of the overall, three-year effort. ✍

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Friday, Dec. 30, 2005. More information will appear in the next issue.

Dolores Vail '55 of Bridgewater, N.J., died on Wednesday, Nov. 30, 2005. She was 72.

She had been a lifelong resident of Somerville, N.J., before moving to Bridgewater in 2001.

She worked as a registered nurse for Somerset Medical Center for more than 20 years.

She was a member of St. John's Episcopal Church and enjoyed reading in her spare time.

Survivors include five cousins.

Allison R. Vanden Berg '40 of Grand Rapids, Mich., died on Monday, Nov. 21, 2005. He was 86.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army Medical Corps who served from 1944 to 1947 in the European Theater.

After earning an M.D. and completing a residency, he had a private practice in internal medicine from 1949 to 1976, serving on the medical staffs at Butterworth Hospital, St. Mary's Hospital and Ferguson-Droste-Ferguson Hospital. He was medical director of Mary Free Bed Hospital from 1976 to 1985.

He was a Fellow in the American College of Physicians and a member of the American Medical Association and the Hope Reformed Church consistory. He volunteered his time and served on several other boards.

Survivors include his wife of 61 years, Mildred Vanden Berg; five children, Richard '69 (Mary Browning '69) Vanden Berg of Grand Rapids, Mich., Julie (Jack) Snow of Minneapolis, Minn., Douglas Vanden Berg '78 of Caledonia, Mich., Mary Vanden Berg '80 (Thomas) Herington of East Grand Rapids, Mich., and Martha Vanden Berg '80 (John) Richardson of Allendale, Mich.; 12 grandchildren, including Zachery (Lisa) Vanden Berg '98 of Grand Rapids, Jeremy Vanden Berg '01 of Grand Rapids and Sarah Herington '08 of East Grand Rapids; one great-granddaughter; and one sister, Lois Kneer of Brooksville, Fla.

Bruce Dale Van Huis '69 of Gun Lake, Mich., died unexpectedly on Friday, Dec. 30, 2005. He was 58.

He was an owner of Transwheel Corporation in Huntington, Ind.

He was preceded in death by his parents,

Julius and Esther Van Huis.

Survivors include his wife, Janet Cathcart '70 Van Huis; his sons, Timothy '95 (Barbara Nicol '95) Van Huis of Holland, Mich., and Jonathan (Rhonda) Van Huis '97 of Holland; six grandchildren; sisters, Ellen (Roger) Hossink of Holland, Nora (Rory) Hintz of Grand Rapids, Mich., and Bonnie (Doug) Schrotenboer of Empire, Mich.; brother-in-law, William Cathcart of Savannah, Ga.; and nieces, nephews and cousins.

Roger Voskuyl '32 of Santa Barbara, Calif., died on Wednesday, Nov. 9, 2005. He was 95.

After earning a Ph.D., he began teaching at Wheaton College in Illinois in 1938. He became dean of the faculty in 1945 and served as acting president during the 1947-48 academic year. He served as the president of Westmont College in Santa Barbara from 1950 to 1968, during which time the college gained accreditation and significantly increased its enrollment, endowment and physical campus. He then became executive director of the Council for the Advancement of Small Colleges, which he helped to found, and retired in 1974.

His community involvement included serving as president of the Montecito Rotary Club and on the boards of Santa Barbara Community Chest, the Music Academy of the West and Samarkand. He was also a member of the education commission of the Chamber of Commerce.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Trudy Schaap Voskuyl, in 1985.

Survivors include his wife, Margaret Jacobsen Voskuyl; his children, Ruth Mulligan, Jane Jackson and Howard Voskuyl; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

John Wyngarden '37 of Holland, Mich., died on Saturday, Dec. 10, 2005. He was 92.

He graduated from McCormick Theological Seminary in 1940 and served churches in Boyne City, Niles and Battle Creek, Mich.; and Rochelle and Chicago Heights, Ill.

Following retirement, he resided in South Bend, Ind., and Florida before moving to Holland in 2001.

Survivors include his wife of 66 years, Catherine; his children, Dale '64 (Doris) Wyngarden of Holland, Mich., Ruth Linster of South Bend, and Jean (Peter) Turner of Holland, Pa.; a daughter-in-law, Donna Wyngarden of Holland, Mich.; three grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and in-laws, Don Van Dragt and Tillie Wyngarden, both of Zeeland, Mich.

Theodore F. Zandstra '41 of Holland, Mich., died on Sunday, Nov. 27, 2005. He was 85.

He graduated from Western Theological Seminary in 1944 and served Palmyra Reformed Church in Palmyra, N.Y.; First Reformed Church in South Holland, Ill.; First Reformed Church in Kalamazoo, Mich.; and Westwood Reformed Church in Muskegon, Mich. He retired from Trinity Reformed Church in Holland, where he also served as a calling pastor. He was a former secretary of the Board of Pensions for the Reformed Church in America.

He was a member of the Hope Academy of Senior Professionals (HASP).

Survivors include his wife of 61 years, June; daughters, Barbara Zandstra '68 (Benjamin '68) Nykamp of Grand Haven, Mich., and Deborah (Fraser) Howe of Orlando, Fla.; five grandchildren, including Russ Nykamp '96, Dirk Nykamp '03, and Katharine Nykamp '07; sisters, Evelyn Frobom and Marilyn Zandstra '44 Ettema, both of Holland; and nephews, nieces and cousins.

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The family of **Marian Brouwer** of Holland, Mich., who died on Tuesday, Nov. 29, 2005. She was 82.

She retired from the college after working 13 years in the housekeeping department.

She was a member of Pine Creek Christian Reformed Church.

Survivors include her husband of 62 years, Raymond; children, Elaine Eshelman of Fennville, Mich., JoAnne (Gerrit) Kortman of Holland, Jerry (Denise) Brouwer of Holland, Judy (Larry) Walker of Dorr, Mich., and Sandy (Bill) Gee of Kansas; nine grandchildren; several great-grandchildren and step-great-grandchildren; a brother, Donald (Muriel) Sloothaak of Otsego, Mich.; and in-laws, Mildred Sloothaak of Holland, Minnie Sloothaak of Hamilton, Mich., Russell (Wilma) Brouwer of Florida, Annette (Bernard) Zwiers of Holland, Lawrence (Joyce) Brouwer of Holland, and Lester Brouwer of Holland; and nieces, nephews and cousins.

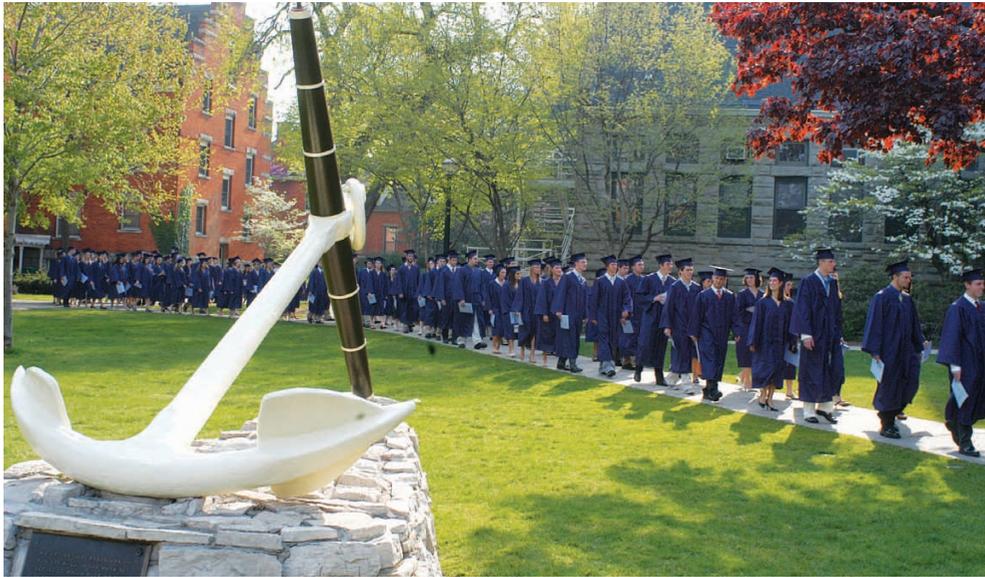
The family of **Ruth E. Hesselink** of Sheboygan Falls, Wis., who died on Tuesday, Nov. 1, 2005. She was 95.

She taught in country schools for three years. In 1931 she married Harold Hesselink '28, a minister in the Reformed Church in America (RCA). They served churches in the United States and Canada for 42 years. She taught Sunday School and catechism classes, was active in RCA women's organizations, and held offices in classical unions.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1996, two infant grandchildren, six sisters and two brothers.

Survivors include her children, Philip '57 (Kathleen) Hesselink of Omaha, Neb., Elaine (John '57) Helmus of Aplington, Iowa, Paul Hesselink '62 of Las Vega, Nev., and Ardys Hansum of Omaha, Neb.; 13 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Mildred Huibregtse and Evelyn Damkot of Sheboygan Falls; and nieces and nephews.

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It's a bleak situation, but two Hope alumni aren't letting the numbers immobilize them. In fact, they're doing just the opposite. Jane Roeters '98 Graham and Lori Strehler '98, who met through a Bible study their freshman year, have joined together to bring hope to children in developing nations through their non-profit organization, Chosen Hope. Their main focus is on African children whose lives have been devastated by HIV/AIDS.

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— Jane Roeters '98 Graham

Chosen Hope forms partnerships with schools, churches, and other organizations in Africa that are already ministering to orphaned and abandoned children. Once Graham and Strehler learn about the specific needs, they serve as a liaison between people in West Michigan who want to give and the African organizations that need assistance.

"We realized that there wasn't really a way for people in this area to connect with what the needs are," Strehler said. "We decided that if we built partnerships with organizations in Africa, we could provide the way for people here to step into a problem and be part of the solution."

Recent initiatives of Chosen Hope have focused on children in two African nations. Graham and Strehler have gathered donations from area residents to purchase soy-based baby formula for children being served by The Rainbow Centre, a Christian ministry in Burundi that provides care for orphaned, abandoned, and HIV-positive babies. A separate project is giving people in West Michigan an opportunity to equip children in South Africa with backpacks full of school supplies and their teachers with classroom supplies. The project is taking place in conjunction with The Legacy Centre, a community development organization that works in a village devastated by the HIV/AIDS pandemic.

"People want to give something tangible," Strehler said. "They want to know that what they're giving makes an almost immediate difference."

The idea for Chosen Hope took root while Graham and Strehler were students at Hope in the mid-1990s. Graham, who grew up in Hudsonville, Mich., and Strehler, a native of Grosse Pointe, Mich., joined the same small group Bible study and soon built a friendship around a mutual desire to make a difference in the lives of the world's most needy people. Graham, a Spanish major, and Strehler, a religion major, both participated in spring break mission trips sponsored by Campus Ministries. Shortly after Graham returned from a mission trip to Peru between her junior and senior years, she and Strehler spearheaded a fundraising project to send Bibles to a Peruvian mountain church. In a letter-writing campaign to fellow Hope students, the women requested donations of \$1 or \$5. They raised \$500 altogether.

"The church in Peru sent us pictures of the parishioners receiving the Bibles," recalled Graham. "I can still remember a picture of a woman standing at the altar with the Bibles all around her. We both came away with the idea that \$1 or \$5 is a small amount, but it can still do a great deal of good."

Other experiences at Hope also reinforced Graham and Strehler's conviction that God had a particular call on each of their lives.

"Our mutual experiences with mission trips, the chapel program, our close group of friends, and even the books we read—I think those things really cemented us," Graham said.

Both women say that the chapel staff and services were especially important.

"Every member of the chaplain staff said over and over that God wants to use us, that we have a calling," Strehler said.

"I know that I was a Christian before I came to Hope," Graham explained, "but it was during my four years there that I really started to make my faith my own. I think chapel was far and away the biggest piece of that."

After graduating in 1998, the women continued their friendship, despite the fact that Strehler lived out of state for a while. In the fall of 2002, after Strehler had moved back to West Michigan and while Graham was on a year of maternity leave from her teaching position, the pair decided to talk

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seriously about how they could carry out their shared vision to reach out to others. It took some time for the women to discuss all their ideas, but after learning more about the HIV/AIDS pandemic through Strehler's church, television programs, and magazine articles, they decided to focus the majority of their efforts on children in Africa affected by the disease.

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Inspired by their experience as Hope students, Jane Roeters '98 Graham (standing) and Lori Strehler '98 (seated), have followed up on the call they felt to make a difference in the world. After graduating they founded a non-profit organization, Chosen Hope, that helps children in Africa whose lives have been devastated by HIV/AIDS.

then to turn away and forget about it," Graham said. "As a mother, to me it's incomprehensible that many of these kids who have been orphaned often have no place to go—there's really no safety net to catch them before they fall into drugs or childhood prostitution."

In July 2004, Graham and Strehler traveled to the African nation of Zambia, where they worked with Alliance for Children Everywhere, which operates free community schools and a crisis nursery for young children. Prior to the trip, the women collected donations to purchase items for the organization.

Chosen Hope also has collaborated with Hope College in various ways. In January 2005, Graham and Strehler gave a presentation titled "Africa: Engaging AIDS, Poverty and Human Rights Issues" in conjunction with the Hope Veritas Forum. Around the same time, the women collected donations to send along with Hope students who were scheduled to go on mission trips to Mexico, Jamaica, and the Dominican Republic. Chosen Hope had contacted organizations in the destination locations prior to spring break to find out what they needed. After meeting with Graham and

Strehler and learning about their ministry, the Hope students offered to take along hygiene supplies, school supplies, toys, and even a microwave, in their extra suitcases and duffel bags.

"I think it was a great vision for the students to see these two people working together on something that's having an impact around the world," said Barb Arneson '80 Osburn, who is on the Campus Ministries staff as director of outreach and coordinator of the spring break mission trip program. "It was good for the students to see that there are ways you can make an impact, no matter where you are, or what your life situation is."

Both Graham and Strehler admit that their tasks related to Chosen Hope—coupled with other work and family responsibilities—can be demanding at times. But they're humbled by the fact that God has given them a shared calling to minister to the children they are so passionate about.

"We're just doing what God has called us to do," said Strehler. "It took us a little while to figure out what that calling looks like, but now that we've landed on it, we've been given everything that we need." ✍️