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Dianne Portfleet receives H.O.P.E. Award

Dr. Dianne Portfleet, adjunct associate professor of English, has been presented the 42nd annual "Hope Outstanding Professor Educator" (H.O.P.E.) Award by the graduating Class of 2006.

She was named the recipient during the college's Commencement ceremony, held at Holland Municipal Stadium on Sunday, May 7.

The award, first given in 1965, is presented by the graduating class to the professor who they feel epitomizes the best qualities of the Hope College educator.

Dr. Portfleet began teaching at Hope in 1988. Her teaching and research specialties are expository writing, Western world literature and children's literature. Her courses

in the college's cultural heritage and Senior Seminar programs are especially popular with students.

She is the author of numerous scholarly articles as well as of the book *Shaping Our Lives with Words of Power: A Study of the Major Works of Walter Wangerin, Jr.*, published in 1996 and the first critical, in-depth study of Wangerin's works. Her son's purchase of an abandoned copper mine in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan stimulated her interest in the history of mining in Michigan, and resulted in the 2005 publication *The History of the Adventure Mining Company from the Ancient Miners to the Present*, a compilation of original documents relating to the mine.

Dr. Portfleet serves as the faculty advisor for the college's chapter of Mortar Board. She won the "Hope's Outstanding Woman" Award in 2003.

A 1969 graduate of Pennsylvania State University, Dr. Portfleet did graduate work at the University of Georgia and received



Dr. Dianne Portfleet thanks the Class of '06 during Commencement for selecting her as this year's Hope Outstanding Professor Educator.

her Ph.D. from Columbia Pacific University in 1984. She also taught for 12 years at Grand Rapids Baptist College (now

Cornerstone University).

She has one son, Matthew Portfleet, who is an engineer and graduate of Michigan Tech University. He and his wife, Victoria, also a graduate of MTU, own and operate the Adventure Copper Mine in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, which specializes in underground tours. Her husband, Dr. Terrance Portfleet, is owner of Michigan Lightning Protection Inc.

She is a member of First Evangelical Covenant Church, where she serves on the church council and has been an Adult Christian Formation teacher for the last 21 years. She also faithfully volunteers her time at the Christian Rest Home, assisting in the Dementia Ward.

Dr. Portfleet's favorite vacation outing would be fishing in Alaska, and her favorite authors include Fyodor Dostoyevsky, Chaim Potok and Walter Wangerin Jr. Her most faithful friend is Obi-Wan Kenobi "Ben," the family's German Wirehaired Pointer. ↵

"Quote, unquote"

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

Dr. William Cohen, professor emeritus of history, spent the 2004-05 school year in Japan through the Fulbright Scholar program, teaching at Yokohama National University and Kyoritsu Women's University. He knew very little Japanese, which was the way that the program wanted it, since he provided a valuable service as a native English speaker from whom the two institutions' students could hone their skill in the language.

On Wednesday, March 29, speaking through the college's Arts and Humanities Colloquium Series, he reflected on his time abroad and the lessons that he in turn learned. He noted that he had gone to Japan hoping to move beyond the "tourist cocoon," at which he succeeded beyond all expectation—and not always comfortably, as his reflections on his initial adjustment show. It's the sort of experience, he believes, that everyone should have in learning to live and work in a world which is becoming increasingly interconnected.

"Even buying a telephone with an answering machine proved unexpectedly complicated. Yes, the phone had the familiar numbers, one through zero. But if you wanted to push the 'redial' button, you needed to know the Japanese characters for 'redial.' And it had lots of buttons on it..."

"My morale reached a low point one weekend when Yokohama was struck by a typhoon and I had no way of knowing what was going on. I had no Internet yet—I wouldn't have the Internet for something like seven weeks after I'd come to Japan. I did have my telephone, but no TV news (I had the TV with news, but the news was in Japanese). And on the weekend there were no English speakers at Ooka House, where I lived. The manager, who was a wonderful, wonderful woman, spoke English reasonably well, and she was enormously helpful to me, but she was there nine-to-five five days a week..."

"The only inkling I could get of what was

going on came in cryptic announcements on the U.S. Army radio station at Camp Zama, saying things like, 'The base is being secured for a condition three weather event, and you should report to whatever.' Well, it made me know there was something to worry about, but it didn't really help me to understand what was coming. I got through it. It was a whole lot of wind and rain, big changes in atmospheric pressure. And very interesting in retrospect, but I would have liked to know.

"But even as I was having these feelings of frustration, isolation and even alienation, I knew that what I was experiencing was not unusual. Such feelings are the common lot of immigrants across the world. Although I was a Fulbright lecturer, I was still a gaijin—gaijin is a term that means 'foreigner'—an alien, nonetheless. I even had an alien registration card to prove it.

"I'd gotten beyond the tourist cocoon. I was now on my own to a much larger extent than I had anticipated. And especially at first this often did not feel good.

"Please don't misunderstand me. I am not saying that somehow the Japanese government or the Fulbright program or my universities should have done lots more to make me feel at home. I am saying that the process of adapting to a different culture is intrinsically difficult because there is simply no way that we humans can avoid bringing previous experience to bear on the things we are encountering in a new land. We want the comfortable, we want it to be like it was before so we can deal with it, and that's the core of the problem..."

"I think that everybody should have a year abroad... I'm not saying you have to go with Nicholas Kristof, and go to the furthest, most poor society on the face of the earth, but I am saying you ought to be in a place that makes you miserable for the first six months. If I was miserable, everybody ought to be miserable. More seriously, I think that being miserable is a really important learning experience. It means that you are getting beyond the boundaries of your culture and you're really learning about difference." ↵



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On the cover

*A mix of images from the current school year carries a decidedly student focus, in keeping with the college's appropriately student-centered approach to education. Recognizing Hope's success, the new book **Putting Students First** includes the college as an example for other institutions to follow.*

At top center, the science center receives its name in honor of a Hope grad's generosity.

At top right, members of the Class of '06 celebrate on graduation day.

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RESEARCH LEADER: For a third consecutive year Hope has six grants for summer student research from the National Science Foundation's "Research Experiences for Undergraduates" (NSF-REU) program, continuing to hold more than any other liberal arts college in the country.

Among all institutions nationwide, including major research universities, fewer than 20 hold more of the grants.

Hope holds the grants in biology, chemistry, computer science, the geological and environmental sciences, mathematics, and physics and engineering. It is the 15th consecutive year that at least four Hope departments have had NSF-REU support.

Through Hope's REU grants, undergraduate students from across the nation are joining Hope College students to conduct research full-time with Hope faculty members for eight to 10 weeks this summer, and are receiving stipends as well as support for housing, travel and other expenses. They are working with dozens of students whose summer research at Hope is supported in other ways.

PSYCHOLOGY HONORS: Elizabeth Mickalich '06 of Shelby Township, Mich., has been chosen to receive one of only four undergraduate research awards being presented nationwide by Psi Chi, the National Honor Society in Psychology, in August.

The national honor follows major regional recognition from Psi Chi for four other student researchers in psychology in early May.

Mickalich will receive a Psi Chi "Undergraduate National Convention Research Award" during the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association, being held in New Orleans, La., on Thursday-Sunday, Aug. 10-13. She is being recognized for her project "Who Nurtures Children's Concepts of Mother, Father, and God?" conducted with Dr. Jane Dickie, professor of psychology and director of women's studies.

The Midwestern chapter of the Psi Chi national honors society presented Jason Blout '06, Andrew Bredow '06, Kelly Charland '06 and Erin Poll '06 with "Psi Chi Regional Research Awards" during the annual meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association, held in Chicago, Ill., on Thursday-Saturday, May 4-6. The Hope recipients' projects earned two of only 20 of the awards being given by the chapter.

Several Hope students have received national Psi Chi recognition for research through the years, most recently in the summer of 2003. In addition, this year was the seventh consecutive year that Hope students were named winners of regional awards.

FULBRIGHT RESEARCH AWARD: Brandon Alleman '06 of Morrice, Mich., has received an award through the Fulbright U.S. Student Program sponsored by the U.S. Department of State to conduct research in Hungary.

Fulbright grants are made to U.S. citizens and nationals of other countries for a variety of activities, primarily university lecturing, advanced research, graduate study, and teaching in elementary and sec-

(See "Campus Notes" on page eight.)

Science Center named

A Hope graduate who appreciated his own undergraduate experience has given a \$7 million leadership gift in support of the science center project as a way of saying thank you and helping new generations of students.

In recognition of the gift, given by Dr. A. Paul Schaap '67 and his wife Carol of Grosse Pointe Park, the college has named the building the "A. Paul Schaap Science Center." Both the gift and the naming were announced on Friday, May 5, in conjunction with the spring meeting of the college's Board of Trustees.

"This is a generous and transforming gift for this exceptional facility and for enhancing Hope's national reputation in collaborative undergraduate research," said Hope College President Dr. James Bultman '63. "With this gift, Paul and Carol are giving the largest gift to the science center project, one of the largest gifts Hope has ever received, and in the process are providing the last remaining piece of the very successful 'Legacies: A Vision of Hope' capital campaign."

Scott Wolterink '88, vice president for advancement at Hope, thanked the Schaaps for their commitment to the project.

"We applaud and celebrate with Paul and Carol, their embracement of the vision for this state-of-the-art facility, its programs and their namesake commitment to the sciences at Hope," Wolterink said. "We are extremely grateful for their leadership gift as it brings this ambitious fundraising effort to completion."

Dr. A. Paul Schaap is president of Lumigen Inc., which he founded, and is also retired from the chemistry faculty of Wayne State University. He noted that he has supported the building in appreciation of the quality of his education and those who helped make it possible.

"I appreciate how important my education and research experience in chemistry at Hope have been to my career, first in academics and now in business, and I see this gift as a chance, with my wife Carol, to give back to Hope and help provide similar opportunities for students for years to come," he said. "The science center is a wonderful facility that offers a stimulating environment for students in the sciences. I'm proud to be associated with the science center in this way."

He noted that he is also honoring the memory of his father, the late Rev. Arnold O. Schaap '43, a Presbyterian minister who worked selflessly so that



The college's science center has been named the "A. Paul Schaap Science Center" in recognition of a leadership gift from Dr. A. Paul Schaap '67 and his wife Carol. From left to right are the Schaaps; President James Bultman '63; Scott Wolterink '88, vice president for advancement; and Dr. Moses Lee, dean for the natural sciences.

he could attend Hope and even, during his senior year, spend a semester abroad conducting research in the Netherlands at the University of Groningen.

"My dad was not a scientist, but he certainly understood and appreciated my passion for chemistry," Dr. Schaap said. "It's fair to say as a Presbyterian minister of a small church in Granger, Indiana, he had very limited financial resources, but nevertheless he somehow found the means to help me go to Hope and later to spend that semester doing research in the Netherlands."

The Schaaps' gift includes naming the building's three-story atrium in celebration of pioneering Hope chemistry professors Dr. J. Harvey Kleinheksel '22 and Dr. Gerrit Van Zyl '18, who taught at Hope from the 1920s through the 1960s.

The science center houses the departments of biology, chemistry, the geological and environmental sciences, nursing and psychology. The science center project, part of the college's *Legacies: A Vision of Hope* comprehensive campaign, included construction of a new, 85,900-square-foot building and the renovation of the existing, 72,800-square-foot Peale wing, which had opened in 1973, and was completed for a total cost of \$36 million.

Construction began in March of 2002. The new building opened for the beginning of the 2003-04 school year, and the renovated Peale wing re-opened in August of 2004.

Hope dedicated the building on Friday, Oct. 8, 2004. Dr. Schaap was one of several alumni who delivered addresses as invited speakers during presentations scheduled throughout the day.

Dr. Schaap majored in chemistry at Hope, where he was involved in collaborative student-faculty research from his

sophomore through senior years. He went on to receive his doctorate in organic chemistry from Harvard University in 1970, joining the Wayne State faculty that same year.

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

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

Dr. Schaap retired from Wayne State in 2000 to become full-time president of Lumigen. The Southfield company now has 43 employees including 10 Ph.D. scientists.

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

In recognition of his career accomplishments, the college's alumni association earlier in the year had chosen to present him with a Distinguished Alumni Award in conjunction with the college's annual spring Alumni Weekend. Dr. Schaap received the award during the association's Alumni Banquet on Saturday, May 6. ✍

Events

Academic Calendar

June Term—Through June 30

July Term—July 3-28

Summer Seminars—July 31-Aug. 4

Courses available for one or two hours of undergraduate credit, on an audit basis, or, in some cases, for graduate credit. The courses run Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. They include "What's to Fear? Writing Poems for All the Good Reasons," "Globalization and Poverty," "Entering Narnia: Imagination and Faith in C.S. Lewis's Fairy-Tale World," "Web 2.0: The Collaborative Internet," and "Now That the Smoke Has Cleared: 9/11, Five Years Later, and the Global War on Terror."

For additional information about this year's Summer Seminars, please call the Registrar's Office at (616) 395-7760.

Fall Semester

Aug. 25, Friday—Residence halls open for new students, 10 a.m.

Aug. 25-28, Friday-Monday—New Student Orientation

Aug. 27, Sunday—Residence halls open for returning students, noon

Aug. 27, Sunday—Convocation for new students and parents, 2 p.m.

Aug. 29, Tuesday—Classes begin, 8 a.m.

Summer Camps

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

Science Camps

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

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

Soccer Camps

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

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

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

Youth Football Camp

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

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

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

Boys' Basketball Camps

Varsity Team Camp: June 16-17

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

Junior Varsity Team Camp: June 27-29

Entering grades four-six: June 26-30

Entering grades seven-nine: July 3-7

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

Girls' Basketball Camps

Entering grades six-eight: July 17-21

Entering grades nine-12: July 17-21

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

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

Volleyball

Entering grades six-seven: July 10-13

Entering grades eight-nine: July 10-13

Setter/Hitter Camp, entering grades 10-12: July 10-13

High School Day Camp: July 17-20

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

Tennis Academy

Nine weekly sessions, continuing through Aug. 11. Participants may also register for the entire summer.

For more information, please call (616) 395-4965.

Hope Summer Repertory Theatre

2006



BRAD WILLIAMS

Oliver!
June 16 - August 7

Shakespeare in Hollywood
June 23 - August 5

A Midsummer Night's Dream
July 28 - August 12

Dames at Sea
July 7 - August 11

Memory House
June 30 - August 3

The Shakespeare Revue
July 19 - August 10

for tickets 616.395.7890

Admissions

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

Visitation Days offer specific programs for prospective students, including transfers and high school juniors and seniors. The programs show students and their parents a typical day in the life of a Hope student.

The days for 2006-07 are:

Friday, Sept. 29	Monday, Jan. 15
Friday, Oct. 13	Friday, Feb. 2
Friday, Oct. 27	Monday, Feb. 19
Friday, Nov. 10	Friday, March 2
Friday, Nov. 17	

Junior Days: Friday, March 30; Friday, April 13; Friday, April 20

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

Dance

Cecchetti International Ballet School Concerts—Saturday, July 22

Knickerbocker Theatre, noon and 1:30 p.m.

Admission is free.

DePree Art Center

Edward McKnight Kauffer Posters—Friday, July 14—Wednesday, Aug. 2

During the summer the gallery is open Monday-Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free. Please call (616) 395-7500 for more information.

Traditional Events

Opening Convocation—Sunday, Aug. 27, 2 p.m.

The Pull—Saturday, Sept. 23, 4 p.m.

Nykerk Cup Competition—Saturday, Nov. 4, 8 p.m.

Alumni, Parents and Friends

Regional Event

Grand Rapids, Mich.—Wednesday, July 26

A gathering featuring a Whitecaps baseball game.

Bob DeYoung Hope Classic Golf Outing—Monday, June 26
At the Holland Country Club.

Community Day—Saturday, Sept. 23

The event will include a picnic on campus and a home football game with Wheaton College at Holland Municipal Stadium.

Homecoming Weekend—Friday-Sunday, Oct. 13-15

Includes reunions for every fifth class, '86 through '01.

Parents' Weekend—Friday-Sunday, Nov. 3-5

For more information concerning the above events, please call the Office of Public and Community Relations at (616) 395-7860 or the Office of Alumni and Parent Relations at (616) 395-7250 or visit the Alumni Association Web site at: www.hope.edu/alumni/ (except as noted above).

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.

Football

Saturday, Sept. 9.....at Central, Iowa, 1 p.m. CT
Saturday, Sept. 16.....at DePauw, Ind., 1:30 p.m. CT
Saturday, Sept. 23.....+WHEATON, ILL., 1 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 30.....*ALBION, 1 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 7.....*at Alma, 1:30 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 14.....++*KALAMAZOO, 2 p.m.
(Homecoming)

Saturday, Oct. 21.....*ADRIAN, 1 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 28.....*at Tri-State, 1 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 4.....*at Olivet, 1 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 11.....*WISCONSIN LUTHERAN, 1 p.m.

*MIAA Game

+Community Day

++Homecoming

Home games played at Holland Municipal Stadium.

Learning the Hope way

A new book features Hope as an example of a college that gets it right.

Hope is one of only 10 church-related colleges and universities nationwide highlighted in *Putting Students First: How Colleges Develop Students Purposefully*, which argues “that an effective and ideal undergraduate college education is one that centers on holistic student development, including the search for meaning and purpose in life.” Published by Anker Publishing Company Inc. of Bolton, Mass., the book was co-authored by Dr. Larry A. Braskamp, Dr. Lois Calian Trautvetter and Dr. Kelly Ward.

“We are honored to be included in this book because it amplifies what we attempt to accomplish every day with our students,” said Dr. James Boelkins ’66, provost at Hope.

“Hope College has a long history of helping students understand their calling by providing an intellectually rigorous academic program, a comprehensive student development program and the freedom to explore one’s faith in the context of a vibrant Christian community,” Dr. Boelkins said. “We accomplish this through a team of outstanding teacher-scholars and staff who are dedicated to our mission.”

The 10 institutions highlighted were chosen, the authors note, “to represent the diverse group of the 500 colleges that were founded by one of ten church denominations,” and were included specifically for being “individually and collectively distinguished and distinctive in fostering holistic student development.”

“While the selected colleges are very supportive of preparing students to be vocationally competitive locally, nationally, and internationally, they argue for an education to be more,” the authors state in their introduction. “We selected colleges that intentionally assist students to ask and ‘struggle’ with the fundamental questions in life while they are in college.”

Of Hope specifically, Dr. Braskamp in an interview explained, “We knew of its fine academic reputation and it had a distinct mission regarding faith and religion, and it also represented the Reformed colleges—the Christian Reformed and Reformed.”

Dr. Braskamp is a professor emeritus of education with Loyola University Chicago, where he also served as senior



A typical afternoon on the Hope campus with students about the business of going to and from class. The college’s holistic approach to education—a rigorous and supportive academic environment coupled with faith development and a deliberate co-curricular program—has earned Hope a place in the book *Putting Students First* as an example of how best colleges and universities can prepare students for the future.

vice president for academic affairs, and is a senior fellow at the Association of American Colleges and Universities. He is a graduate of Central College, which like Hope is affiliated with the Reformed Church in America. As it happens, he previously experienced Hope as a parent—one of his sons, David, is a 1990 graduate.

The institutions in *Putting Students First* range in size from fewer than 2,000 undergraduates to more than 6,000 (Hope’s enrollment this year is 3,141). The authors were deliberate in presenting a variety of church ties, including Roman Catholic, Presbyterian, Methodist, Lutheran and Baptist. Further, the schools are spread across the country.

Putting Students First emphasizes three themes: that colleges and universities are intentional in guiding students in keeping with the institution’s mission, that colleges center on helping students find their intellectual and moral purpose, and that faculty are integral in fostering student development.

The book organizes its exploration by culture, curriculum, co-curriculum, and communities in and beyond campus. Examples from each of the 10 institutions are woven throughout, with selected aspects of the institutions treated in-depth. For example, Hope’s Senior Seminar program, through which all graduating seniors enroll in a capstone “life-view” course, is highlighted in a two-page profile.

“If I were to name one curricular program that addresses this issue of students developing holistically—that is, they integrate their intellectual life with their faith development—that’s an ideal program,” Dr. Braskamp said.

It is the way that the different dimensions of the colleges interact, Dr. Braskamp said, that is central to the schools’ success.

“It’s the integration of ministry, of student affairs and academic affairs that is very key to how the students view their life,” he said. “It takes a whole campus with whole people to develop whole students.”

The climate of the campus is another crucial component.

“These are places that are rigorous intellectually and they try to provide a safe environment,” Dr. Braskamp said. “We spend a fair amount of time talking about safe environment, which is an important element in any college setting. Students can feel comfortable exploring, asking the big questions and coming up with answers that they feel are their own as opposed to somebody else’s.”

Faculty, he said, are crucial in the process as role models—and students are learning from them not only in the

classroom, but also through the way they see them interacting as members of the campus community. “Faculty are models and mentors whether they’re aware of it or not,” he said.

Dr. Braskamp noted that he was struck by how well faculty at the schools challenge and support students at the same time—and, for that matter, by their dedication in general. “I was impressed with how hard faculty members work on these campuses and how much time they give,” he said.

Putting Students First is the culmination of a three-year research project. The authors first collected survey information on more than 250 church-related colleges and universities, subsequently conducted interviews with more than 30 deans and provosts from the institutions that participated, and then conducted in-depth site visits of the 10 colleges and universities highlighted in the book.

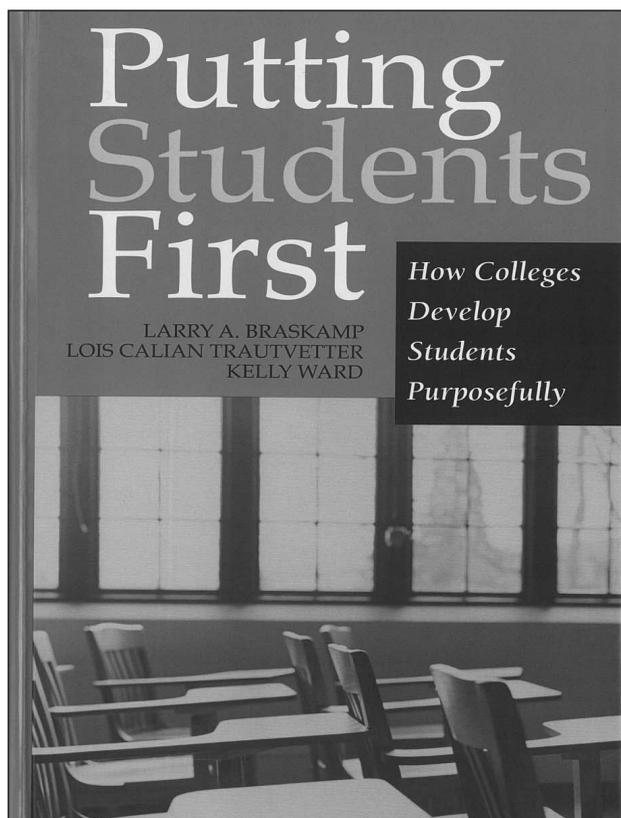
“(A)n effective and ideal undergraduate college education is one that centers on holistic student development, including the search for meaning and purpose in life...”

— *Putting Students First*

In addition to Hope, the colleges and universities featured in the book are Bethune-Cookman College of Daytona Beach, Fla.; Creighton University of Omaha, Neb.; Hamline University of St. Paul, Minn.; Pacific Lutheran University of Tacoma, Wash.; The College of Wooster of Wooster, Ohio; Union University of Jackson, Tenn.; the University of Dayton of Dayton, Ohio; Villanova University of Villanova, Pa.; and Whitworth College of Spokane, Wash.

Although the 10 institutions featured in *Putting Students First* are all church-related, Dr. Braskamp noted that the common themes that emerge from their experiences can readily find application at secular schools as well.

“We used the concept of ‘faith development,’ which to us is related to finding meaning and purpose in life,” he said. “We also used the word ‘vocation,’ to highlight the questions of ‘Who am I?’ and ‘How can I serve others?’”



Graduates encouraged to seek meaning

With its graduation at hand, the Class of 2006 was encouraged to live life seeking the meaning beyond the definitions.

The college's 141st Commencement exercises were held at Holland Municipal Stadium on Sunday, May 7. The participants included 622 graduating seniors from throughout the United States as well as Chile, Hungary, Indonesia, Japan, Kenya, Nepal, Romania, Saudi Arabia and the Virgin Islands.

The Commencement address, "Seeking the Spheres," was delivered by Dr. Rhoda Janzen, assistant professor of English, who in keeping with her interest in poetry found guidance for living in the concept of metaphor.

She derived her speech's title from Walt Whitman's poem "A Noiseless Patient Spider," which likens a spider's work to fill and link space with its web to the soul's effort to make connections. She also recalled Psalm 19:1-4, in which the heavens are said to be telling the glory of God.

"Why is it when we feel great emotion—overwhelming awe, breathless passion, debilitating despair—that we gravitate to metaphor?" Dr. Janzen asked. "It is because metaphor by definition offers a pliancy that can accommodate the expression of extreme feeling, since it compares an actual emotion to something so large, so extravagant, that the speaker must imagine the degree of hyperbole."

"Metaphor needs to be loose and elastic for it to do what we want it to do," she said. "We ask it to describe the indescribable."

Dr. Janzen said that language itself functions in much the same way, noting that there is more to what is described than the words can convey.

"Words are like helium balloons held on a string: they're at their best when you let them fly as far as the string will go," she said. "Tellingly, though, you can't let them go altogether. If you do, no balloon. And if you tighten your grip and hold the helium balloon by its blowhole, you don't get to see what the balloon can do—after all, the point of a helium balloon is to fly and bob and command our attention with its beautiful defiance of the laws of gravity."

"Therefore, we may say that the string is necessary," Dr. Janzen said. "The string calls our attention to the essential blank space between balloon and hand, between word and meaning."

The graduates, she said, should live in that space between, moving from the literal definitions of the knowledge they acquired in college—and will continue to acquire—onward in search of the meaning beyond it.

"Graduates, you have all learned some stuff in your years at Hope College. You have learned the words, the terminology, the vocabulary and all the concepts they represent," Dr. Janzen said. "But I urge you now to look at the string you



The Class of 2006 travels across the graduation stage at Holland Municipal Stadium, marking the end of its Hope journey and the start of post-undergraduate life.

hold in your hand, not at the balloon it is tied to. Find the space inside you that wonders, imagines, and questions."

"It's not what you have learned; it's who you have learned to be," she said. "You have become thoughtful Christians and citizens who can challenge authority rather than accept it blindly. You have learned to ask who profits and at what cost to the environment, the nation, and the global community. You have learned both to build and mend fences. You have learned the greatest lesson we professors have been trying to teach you—that we all have so very much more to learn."

Dr. Janzen closed her remarks with a poem of her own, written specifically for the 622 members of the graduating class. "Travelers, seek the spheres," the poem concluded. "Your destination never nears. You do not/finish here. You begin."

Earlier in the day the Rev. Stephen M. Norden '74, founding pastor of New Hope Reformed Church of Powell, Ohio, delivered the Baccalaureate sermon, titled "The Thoughts That Underlie Hope."

He based his text on Hebrews 6:13-20, which notes that God's promises are fulfilled in Jesus Christ: "We have this hope, a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters the inner shrine behind the curtain, where Jesus, a forerunner on our behalf, has entered..."

Rev. Norden cautioned against seeking the wrong kind of hope, since it ultimately will fail to prove lasting. The inadequacy of false hope, he said, is apparent in the face of the challenges levied by the world.

"As I watch, listen and read about what is happening in our culture, it occurs to me that a pall of grim hopelessness hangs over us," he said. "As we live with the aftermath of 9/11, as we daily confront the toll that the war in Iraq extracts in human life and on our national psyche, as each of us tries to navigate our way in a volatile economy, hope seems to be in short supply. I wonder if the erosion of hope is a consequence of our searching for hope in the wrong places or misunderstanding the very substance of hope."

"Authentic hope is not a consequence of wishful thinking," he said. "Certainly all of us have wishes for ourselves, for others, for our futures and, in large measure, these wishes are products of our desires, reflections, the perceptions of what we think would be best or satisfying for us. But, when all is said and done, hope that is the result of wishful thinking is nothing more than a self-induced subjective response to

something we want. And no matter how hard we try to buttress that hope with personal energy or personal guts and gusto, the sad reality is that wishful thinking will at some point in time prove to be inadequate."

In contrast, he said, Jesus Christ offers lasting hope, even while at the same time demanding that the focus be taken away from oneself. It is a message at odds, he said, with the efforts of "a culture that is constantly trying to convince us that we are at the center of the universe."

"It is no secret that our Lord's message of discipleship is as counter-cultural today as it was when he first proclaimed it," Rev. Norden said. "But the message that Jesus would have us learn is that following him does not equate to a life of drudgery, tedium and mediocrity but one that generates hope the more we spend our lives in serving Christ by serving others."

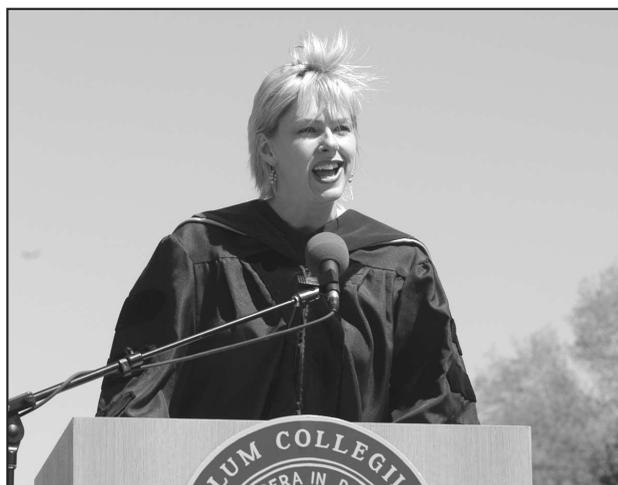
"It's not what you have learned; it's who you have learned to be."

—Dr. Rhoda Janzen

Rev. Norden also said that "authentic hope inspires imagination." He recalled the Old Testament prophet Joel, "who prophesied of that day when God's Spirit would be poured out on all people, that day when God's daughters and sons would prophecy, and old men would dream dreams and young men would see visions for the Spirit would be alive in all."

"If I could both encourage and exhort you in any way, Class of 2006, I would do so by offering this: God's spirit is alive and at work in you," he said. "Let the Holy Spirit's power in you, allow this hope that anchors your soul, to inspire you to dream new dreams, to harness the power of your imagination, to grasp hold of the visions that God has given you and cause them to come to fruition."

(Editor's Note: Both the Baccalaureate sermon and the Commencement address, the latter including all of Dr. Janzen's poem written for the Class of 2006, can be found on the college's Web site at <http://www.hope.edu/pr/pressreleases/>.)



Dr. Rhoda Janzen of the English faculty delivers the Commencement address.

Following the signs

Calling—the direction one’s life’s work is meant to take—can make itself known in many ways.

Dr. James Bekkering '65 was a Hope senior on the eve of graduation when he was asked to meet with one of the college’s senior administrators. It’s the kind of invitation that a student doesn’t automatically associate with good news.

“Roger Rietberg, a long-time music professor who at the time was director of admissions, asked me to come visit his office,” Dr. Bekkering said. “And I thought, ‘Why would the director of admissions want to talk with me?’ I figured that I was in trouble for something.”

It was quite the opposite. Professor Rietberg instead offered him a job as an admissions representative.

The invitation set him on a trajectory that ultimately led to three decades on the Hope staff and more than a quarter century directing admissions himself, a tenure that will conclude with his retirement at the end of this month.

In a sense, Dr. Bekkering’s recruitment to the staff had begun years earlier, when he was a high school student in Fremont, Mich. One of his best friends, two years older, had enrolled at Hope and was having a positive experience himself.

That friend was Dr. James Bultman '63, in whose own future Hope was destined to feature in a major way, including, of course, as president since 1999. Little could either have known that they’d be at Hope together more than 40 years later, or that in encouraging his young friend to enroll President Bultman was playing a crucial role in shaping the life of the college and his own future leadership team.

Dr. Bekkering and President Bultman had played football together in Fremont, and even after President Bultman went on to Hope they continued to train together during the summers. The chance to compete at the college level, at the area denominational college no less, and with friends already at the school, loomed large as a draw, but Dr. Bekkering had to weigh those considerations against another strong interest: music. A talented trumpet player, he was also seriously considering attending Eastman School of Music.

The process of choosing has proven instructive in the years since.

“One of the things that I really appreciate about Jim is that he owns his responsibility, and quite frankly I’ve never worried about our enrollment while Jim’s been in charge...”

—President James Bultman '63

“That’s pretty huge, when you consider the differences and different career paths and everything else that can lead from either decision,” Dr. Bekkering said. “I think of that occasionally as I’m working with high school kids, and it’s a good reminder of the reality of how teenagers make decisions sometimes.”

Even as a Hope student in the early 1960s, President Bultman admired the qualities that in future years would serve the college so well.

“I was always impressed with his writing and speaking ability and his breadth of interests,” President Bultman said. “People who know him realize he is a first-rate musician, and he practices several hours every day even now. He does that because when he performs he wants to give his best.”

“I think he approaches his admissions work in the same way,” he said. “One of the things that I really appreciate about Jim is that he owns his responsibility, and quite frankly I’ve never worried about our enrollment while Jim’s been in



It was a career in accounting and not higher education that beckoned when Dr. Jim Bekkering '65, retiring this year as vice president of admissions, was on the eve of graduation, but a timely phone call set him on a path that he has never regretted.

charge because I know that he’s worrying about it.”

As a student, Dr. Bekkering majored in economics instead of music, although he put his trumpet to use during the Fraternal Society’s “Frater Folics.” When Professor Rietberg called, he was planning to pursue an MBA at the University of Michigan. He’d even signed a lease on an apartment in Ann Arbor.

When he took the admissions job he thought he was merely delaying his plans for a couple of years. In 1967, however, he had the chance to become director of financial aid at Hope, another opportunity he couldn’t resist. He also spent time as a residence director in Kollen and Emersonian halls.

Higher education had him hooked. He left the Hope staff in 1969 to pursue his master’s and doctorate at Michigan State University, working at the same time in financial aid with the Michigan Department of Education in Lansing. From there he went on to Lake Michigan College in Benton Harbor, first as dean of student services, which included responsibility for admissions and financial aid, and later as dean for the arts and sciences—the latter an opportunity that he has also appreciated since.

“My close work with faculty helped me understand teaching at the college level better,” he said. “We in admissions rely so heavily on faculty and what they do on a day-to-day basis with students.”

At that point he had no thought of making a change. He enjoyed his work. He and wife Lynne were happy in the Benton Harbor/St. Joseph area. He had become active as a musician again, performing with local groups and at church. But when President Gordon Van Wylen contacted him and asked him to consider returning to Hope as dean of admissions, he couldn’t say no.

“It’s almost like, going back to 1965, all these different things happened that were preparing me to come back to Hope in 1980,” he said.

It was the right decision. He has enjoyed working with prospective Hope students. He has loved the people of Hope—friends and colleagues who have also been support-

ive of his department’s work. He has treasured the opportunity to mentor young staff people. He has even found performance opportunities on campus as a musician, including playing with the Symphonette during Vespers this year and the National Anthem during basketball games, and as part of the Brass Ensemble that presented the prelude during this year’s Baccalaureate services.

Especially, he values what Hope is.

“Foundational to everything else is my belief in and commitment to the mission of Hope that in its own distinctive way has integrated faith and learning in ways in which the academic program has continued to be excellent and has provided, among all of the American colleges and universities that are out there, unique opportunities for students.”

During 1988 and 1989 he held an additional position as interim dean of students. He was named a vice president in 1989, continuing with responsibilities in both admissions and student development before returning to admissions full-time in 1995.

The enrollment figures offer one indication of the effectiveness of his leadership, even as he would give credit to the college community. From a headcount of 2,464 students in the fall of 1980, Hope has grown steadily to 3,141 this year. Consistently now, so many talented students are interested in the college that Hope in recent years has even needed to turn some talented applicants away.

Intensely competitive, he notes that he has always enjoyed the process. “Can we get our class, what do we have to do to get it, what is the strategy, how do we do it—with integrity, with honesty, with forthrightness, with all of that—playing within the rules, playing by the rules, and ultimately trying to help kids find the college that’s right for them,” he said.

He admits that it is with mixed emotions that he is retiring. Beyond his affection for the people and the place, the strength of the college’s admissions outlook makes his role particularly enjoyable. At the same time, he said, that also makes the timing right.

“I would feel guilty leaving this responsibility in a time of need,” he said. “So in that respect it’s good to give someone else an opportunity to share his or her ideas about student recruitment and what we ought to be doing in the years ahead.”

In retirement he and Lynne will be moving to Platte Lake near Traverse City, where they have had a cottage for several years. He feels called to move on to a new phase in life, and to that community in particular.

Based on past experience, he knows that he should listen.

“When I look back on the process that led to our decision to come back to Hope in 1980, I can see in hindsight that it was a calling, especially when I see the kinds of experiences I had that prepared me to work here,” he said. “I can’t see myself having done what I’ve done at Hope anyplace else.”

(Editor’s Note: In honor of Dr. Bekkering’s many years of dedicated service to the college, the Board of Trustees during its May meeting voted to name the Admissions House, built in 1988, the Bekkering Admissions Office.) ✍



An active participant in campus life, Jim Bekkering performs the National Anthem before the Hope-Calvin men’s basketball game in January.

Art historian Carol Mahsun retires

Carol Mahsun wasn't familiar with Hope College at the outset, but what she learned early in her job search convinced her that she'd found the right place to teach.

It started with meeting with faculty member Bill Mayer at a professional conference, and continued during her interview visit.

"He made Hope College seem so interesting that I came here," she said. "I had a number of other offers, but it just seemed like such a charming campus, and everyone was so welcoming."

A specialist in art history, she joined the faculty in 1989. She is an associate professor, and since January 2005 she has also served as chair of the department.

Dr. Mahsun grew up in Wisconsin, the daughter of a Methodist minister. She attended the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, where she majored in history, graduating in 1961. Before graduating she was married and spent a year traveling in Europe while attending art school in London. Her husband served in the U.S. Army, and eventually they were stationed in the state of Washington, where she became a social worker and they remained after he finished his military service.

"It was so beautiful out there that we stayed," she said.

Her life took a tragic turn when her husband was killed in a boating accident. Employed as supervisor of a crisis intervention intake unit, she decided to further her graduate education. She initially attended Smith College School of Social Work, but ultimately she returned to her interest in art.

"I was looking for a little beauty in my life and realized that my first love was art and I decided to go back



She didn't know Hope College before she applied, but Dr. Carol Mahsun noted that she is proud to have spent the past 17 years teaching at the college.

to that," she said.

She went on to the University of Chicago, from which she received both her master's and doctorate, majoring in both Baroque and modern art and specializing in the field of contemporary criticism.

Dr. Mahsun's dissertation was adapted to book form

and published as *Pop Art and the Critics* and explored how pop art broke away from previous critical categories and assumptions to enter into dialogue with criticism itself. She later edited an anthology of criticism related to pop art, titled *Pop Art: the critical dialogue*.

Her recent scholarship has included research on portraiture of James IV, King of Scotland, and his queen Margaret Tudor. She has also been researching the depictions of Greek and Roman myths of human creativity, and this fall plans to visit Turkey and Greece.

Dr. Mahsun held a variety of appointments prior to joining the Hope faculty, working for Emory University Museum and teaching at Georgia State University, Agnes Scott College and the University of Nevada-Reno.

She finishes her time at Hope with her experiences of the past 17 years having reinforced the initial impressions that brought her to the college in the first place.

"It's been a wonderful experience to be able to identify with Hope College and identify with a community of people that are promoting Hope College," Dr. Mahsun said. "It makes you feel like your life is really worthwhile. When you get to the point where you're retiring, you have a sense of completeness like you really accomplished something because of being associated with the goals that Hope College has."

"I'm really grateful for that opportunity," she said. "I knew nothing of Hope College before I came here, but it's been a very good experience to be in this community."

Dr. Mahsun will also continue to be a part of the college community, returning to teach part-time next year, just as do many of each year's class of faculty retirees.

"It's kind of hard to give up because it's so much fun to share the creative process with students, and here at Hope we have so many talented students that come to us," she said. "I look forward to being able to do that without being cut off. I wouldn't want a total disconnect from Hope." ↩

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ondary schools. Grant recipients include recent college graduates and graduate students, college and university instructors, and professionals in other fields.

The U.S. Student Program is designed for recent college graduates, master's and doctoral candidates, young professionals and artists. The program awards more than 1,200 grants to U.S. students annually, supporting an academic year of study, research or teaching assistantship experience. The program operates in more than 140 countries worldwide.

Alleman, who studied in Hungary during the fall of 2004, intends to conduct research in biophysics at the Semmelweis Medical University in Budapest. A mathematics and physics major at Hope, he plans to pursue a career in medicine.

ATHLETIC TRAINING HONORS: Two recent graduates have received awards from the NCAA to conduct graduate work in athletic training.

Kelsey Guisbert '06 of Farmington, Mich., and Emily Schlitz '06 of Pottersville, Mich., have both been awarded NCAA Women's Enhancement Program Postgraduate Scholarships for Careers in Athletics.

Only 16 of the awards were made nationwide, including 13 through the

program in general and three designated specifically for graduates of Division III schools, a category that includes Hope. Scholarship recipients must have been accepted into a sports administration or related program that will help the applicant obtain a career in intercollegiate athletics, such as athletics administrator, coach or athletic trainer. The awards will provide \$6,000 in support during the 2006-07 school year.

Guisbert and Schlitz, athletic training majors at Hope, each intend to work at the collegiate level when finished with their graduate work.

Guisbert will pursue a master's degree in athletic training at the University of Virginia.

Schlitz will be pursuing a master's degree in athletic training at the University of Northern Iowa. She has been working this year as an athletic trainer at Physical Therapy and Fitness Plus Inc. in Big Rapids.

GREAT WORKPLACE: Hope has been named one of the "101 Best and Brightest Companies to Work For" in West Michigan for 2006.

The competition is a program of the Michigan Business and Professional Association (MBPA) and the National

Association for Business Resources (NABR). Hope and the region's other 2006 winners were recognized during an awards luncheon at The Pinnacle Center in Hudsonville on Wednesday, May 3.

Businesses are evaluated in eight categories: diversity and multiculturalism; work-life balance; communication; compensation and benefits; employee education and development; recruitment and selection; recognition and retention; employee engagement and commitment; and community initiatives. Considerations within each category include a unique thought process with top support from senior management and policy makers, and the quality of programs, services and solutions for employees.

The West Michigan honorees were selected from nominations in a region running from Traverse City in the north, to Kalamazoo in the east and New Buffalo in the south. Separate competitions are also held for companies based in Chicago, Ill., and metropolitan Detroit.

EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGE: Differences in language and culture have presented no obstacle to educators from Turkey and from Hope who are committed to learning from one another how best to help children with developmental dis-

abilities.

A visit to West Michigan during the first week of May by a group of teachers and administrators from Turkey continued a relationship that began when two members of the Hope education faculty traveled to their institution in November.

Nancy Cook, associate professor of education, and Dr. Ronald Wolthuis, associate professor emeritus of education, spent a week at the Dr. Günseli-Dr. Bulent School in Antalya, Turkey, last fall to learn more about how teachers there approached special education and to share some of their expertise as well.

"While there, we observed classroom programs, consulted with administrative personnel, teachers and specialists, met with parents, and provided several professional development programs," said Dr. Wolthuis, who has continued to teach at Hope part-time since retiring in 2002.

All conversation took place through interpreters, since Professors Cook and Wolthuis don't speak Turkish and their hosts didn't speak English. Not everything, though, required translation—like the skill that Dr. Wolthuis observed in the classroom, and the commitment that quickly became obvious.

(See "Campus Notes" on page 20.)

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Spring sprouts standouts

The opening of the new DeVos Fieldhouse at Hope this past school year has afforded the college an opportunity to better display the awards earned by its athletic teams.

It's a good thing, because plenty of hardware was won during 2005-06 as Hope once again won the Commissioner's Cup for the best cumulative finishes in the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association (MIAA).

Wrapped around the Cup are league championship trophies in seven sports—men's golf, women's and men's soccer, volleyball, women's basketball, baseball and softball.

The winner of the Commissioner's Cup six consecutive years, Hope has now won the prestigious honor an MIAA-record 28 times.

Highlights of the spring sports season included league championships in softball and baseball, and three NCAA All-Americans in track and field.

SOFTBALL

The Flying Dutch captured their first MIAA championship in a decade, recorded a school-record 32 wins and posted a 2-2 record in the NCAA Division III tournament.

The outcome of the MIAA race had an interesting alumni twist, as Hope is coached by Karla Hoesch '73 Wolters and league runner-up Alma by Dennis Griffin '81. Each ranks among the winningest softball coaches in NCAA Division III.

The Flying Dutch won the regular-season championship with a 15-1 record and captured the conference tournament crown. They entered the NCAA regional seeded seventh, but right off the bat defeated the second-seeded team. The team ended 32-14 for the season.

Sophomore catcher Kylee Brouwer of Hudsonville, Mich., was voted to the Louisville Slugger/NFCA Division III All-America team.

Wolters and assistant coaches Matt and Deb Vashaw '92 Sleeman were honored as the MIAA coaching staff of the year.



Senior shortstop Emily Adams and her Flying Dutch teammates reached for the success of an MIAA championship softball season.

Sophomore centerfielder Jessica Regnerus of Hudsonville was voted the MIAA's most valuable offensive player, and senior pitcher Becky Whitman of Ludington, Mich., received the league's outstanding defensive player award. Regnerus and Whitman were joined on the All-MIAA first team by Brouwer and senior shortstop Emily Adams of Hudsonville.

BASEBALL

The Flying Dutchmen were able to overcome a slow start by winning 17 of their last 18 conference games to gain a share of the MIAA championship with Adrian. Coach Stu Fritz's Dutchmen were 21-7 in the league and 26-14 overall. The championship was the seventh in 12 years under coach Fritz. Adrian, by virtue of beating Hope in its conference series, advanced to the NCAA tournament.

Freshman pitcher Dustin Wuis of Kalamazoo, Mich., and sophomore outfielder Matt Sattler of Brighton, Mich., were voted to the All-MIAA first team.



NCAA All-America track and field medals adorned Hope athletes Ryan TerLouw, Lindsay Lange and Jennifer VanderMeer.

TRACK & FIELD

Three Hope athletes received NCAA All-America status at the Division III championships. Junior pole vaulter Jennifer VanderMeer of Holland, Mich., received the honor a third consecutive year with a sixth-place finish, while junior Ryan TerLouw of Pella, Iowa, stepped onto the All-America stand for the second time after placing fifth in the 1,500-meter run. Sophomore Lindsay Lange of Manistee, Mich., won the bronze medal in the seven-event heptathlon.

The Flying Dutch finished second in the MIAA women's standings, while the Flying Dutchmen ended third. The teams were guided by first-year coach Kevin Cole '88. Hope had four conference champions: junior Scott Langille of Glen Ellyn, Ill., pole vault; Ryan TerLouw, 1,500-meter run; freshman Nora Kuiper of Parchment, Mich., 100-meter dash; and Lindsay Lange, 200-meter dash.

Joining the conference champions on the All-MIAA team were sophomore Viktorija Gaudins of Kalamazoo, Mich.; junior Mishelle Scott of Traverse City, Mich.; senior Matt Svoboda of Grand Haven, Mich.; junior Leslie Tableman of Lansing, Mich.; and senior Jeff Weber of Grandville, Mich.

TENNIS

Three Hope players received All-MIAA first-team honors as the Flying Dutchmen tied for second place in the men's seasonal standings while the Flying Dutch were fourth in the women's race.

Senior Anneliese Fox of Alma, Mich., achieved All-MIAA honors a fourth consecutive year and was voted the league's most valuable player a third year-in-a-row. She was the MIAA's first-flight singles champion for four years.

She was joined on the All-MIAA first team by freshman Samantha Stille of Holland, Mich.

Senior Andy Ruemenapp of Petoskey, Mich., achieved All-MIAA first-team honors and was the co-recipient of the league's Stowe Sportsmanship Award. It marked the ninth time over the past 11 years that a Hope player was presented the league's sportsmanship award. Senior Robert Dody of Whitehall, Mich., was presented the Lawrence Green Scholarship. The scholarship was created in 1990 to honor the memory of Lawrence "Doc" Green, coach and athletic trainer at Hope. 🏏



Senior Anneliese Fox won the MIAA first-flight tennis championship an unprecedented fourth straight year.

Alumni News

Class Notes

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1920s

Cecilia VerHage '27 of Zeeland, Mich., was featured in an article in the April 23 edition of the *Holland Sentinel*. She is a former teacher in the Zeeland Public Schools and an avid Detroit Pistons fan who watches all of their televised games. She celebrated her 100th birthday in October.

LaVerne C. Dalman '28 of Zeeland, Mich., celebrated his 100th birthday on Tuesday, April 18. He is a former bank president and still reads *The Wall Street Journal* daily and the annual reports of many companies.

1940s

Fred "Fritz" Bertsch '41 of Palm City, Fla., has had the first volume of his autobiography, *My Paradise; Dad's Hell*, published by Trafford Publishing. He reports that it is the first of four projected volumes.

Eloise Boynton '41 Bosch and her husband continue to spend approximately six months in Muscat, Oman, and six months in South Carolina and upstate New York each year. She reports that the Sultan has given them a beautiful home in Oman which they enjoy in the fall and winter/spring months, and that their church there is multicultural and multilingual, with worship in several languages, including English.

Ruth DeYoung '41 Potts of Burlington, N.C., reports that she would love to hear from classmates or sorority sisters.

Ruth Klaasen '41 Wassenaar recently moved to the Royal Atrium Inn in Zeeland, Mich.

Joyce Muilenburg '42 Booher of Batavia, N.Y., reports that she had bilateral knee replacements last August, and that she had to relearn how to walk and rise from chairs. This spring her daughter treated her to a week-long cruise that included visits to Guatemala, Belize and Costa Maya, Mexico. Then Joyce went to Wisconsin to help her daughter as she was recovering from surgery.

Bernice Oatmen '42 Schrottenboer and her husband live in Grand Rapids, Mich., in the summertime and in Lake Worth, Fla., during the winter.

1950s

Eileen Mugg '56 Nordstrom of Holland, Mich., has been appointed to the board of OAR, Inc., a community organization that supports people seeking recovery and rehabilitation from alcoholism and other drug dependency.

H. Elaine Vrugink '56 Spieldenner of Portage, Mich., reports that she and her husband, **Richard Spieldenner '55**, spend January through March in Palmetto, Fla.

Paul Van Faasen '56 of Holland, Mich., is president of the board of directors of the Outdoor Discovery Center, an education facility in Allegan County south of Holland that provides classes to more than 12,000 students each year. Another 18,000 area residents visit the center annually to attend events or classes or to walk the five miles of trails and visit the animals.

Lois Torga '56 Veldman of Okemos, Mich., reports that she and her husband, **Jerold Veldman '55**, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with a trip to India in December. With their 10 children and grandchildren, they will revisit Kodaikanal, Miraj, Jadurai, and other spots familiar to them when they lived there as Presbyterian missionaries and their children were young.

Thomas J. Nowotny '59 of Washington, D.C., presented two lectures on Monday, April 24, in the Fried-Hemenway Auditorium of the Martha Miller Center for Global Communication: "Security, the End of History, and the Last Political Scientists" and "Strawberries in Winter: On Global Trends of Global Governance."

1960s

Anne Wiegerink '60 Anderson and her husband live in Yorkville, Ill.

Daryl Siedentop '60 of Westerville, Ohio, received the Council on Physical Education Teacher Education Honor Award and was inducted into the National Association for Sport and Physical Education Hall of Fame at the annual meetings of the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education and Recreation in Salt Lake City, Utah, in March.

Evelyn Hollander '61 Bosman of Grand Haven, Mich., is serving a two-year term as West Michigan representative on the MAMFT (Michigan Association for Marriage and Family Therapy) state board. She and her husband, **Calvin Bosman '59**, have five grandchildren.

Ruth Ausema '61 Hofmeyer of Holland, Mich., supervises student teachers for Hope.

Terry Hofmeyer '61 of Holland, Mich., has been working as an interim city manager and consul-

tant to various Michigan cities.

James Peter Kamp '61 of Walker, Mich., reports that the James Peter Kamp Endowed Scholarship has been supporting scholarship students at Hope since 1994.

Fritz Kruihof '61 of Kalamazoo, Mich., is serving in the RCA Senior Minister Program calling on pastoral retirees and their families. He is also covering a three-month sabbatical at Bethany Reformed Church in Kalamazoo.

Jack Millard '61 of Zeeland, Mich., retired in December of 2004 from Johnstown Reformed Church in Johnstown, N.Y., following 28 years of service. Prior to that he had been pastor of Fonda Reformed Church for 12 years.

Bill Vanderbilt '61 of Holland, Mich., was the grand marshal of Tulip Time's Volksparade on Wednesday, May 10.

June Veldheer-Millard '62 of Zeeland, Mich., retired from the Holland Public Schools as an ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) teacher in June of 2005.

Wesley Nykamp '63 of Holland, Mich., retired on Saturday, April 1, after a 40-year career in law. For the past 16 years he has been an Ottawa (Mich.) County circuit judge.

Stephen E. Morse '64 of Erie, Pa., retired this month after 38 years of service as a minister in the Presbyterian Church (USA).

Peter M. Paulsen '64 of Decatur, Ga., is the director of communications at First Presbyterian Church in Atlanta, Ga.

Mark Suwyn '64 of Bonita Springs, Fla., was appointed chief executive officer and chairman of the board of the NewPage Corporation on Thursday, April 13. The company, headquartered in Dayton, Ohio, is a leading U.S. producer of coated papers.

Robert A. Hecht '65 was recently promoted to the position of managing director (partner) with AlixPartners Ltd., internationally recognized for its solving of the operational and financial challenges of large and middle market companies globally. He is based in London and leading the company's European IT Transformation Services practice. The firm has more than 450 employees in its Chicago, Dallas, Detroit, Dusseldorf, London, Los Angeles, Milan, Munich, New York, San Francisco and Tokyo offices. He and his wife have been living in Buckinghamshire, England, for

Grad retires from program

Frank Kraai '60 has retired from teaching a second time.

Kraai, who retired in 1988 from the West Ottawa schools after nearly 30 years with the district, has retired again, this time after 17 years of service to Hope as a supervisor for student teachers. During his time with the college's department of education, he assisted hundreds of student teachers in 104 area schools. The department of education typically retains 10-15 supervisors each semester.

By the time he retired from the West Ottawa system, he had taught or served as a principal in all of the district's elementary schools as well as the middle school. He completed a Master of Arts degree in elementary education at Michigan State University in 1964. He was a finalist for 1988-89 Michigan Teacher of the Year recognition.

A Holland native—he was raised on the city's north side—he has been active as a community volunteer as well. He has, for example, volunteered with Tulip Time for more than 45 years, including for many years as a parade marshal and more recently as co-host of Mac-TV's telecast of the parades.

three years.

Roy Anker '66 of Grand Rapids, Mich., has written *Catching Light: Looking for God in the Movies*, published by Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co. in January of 2005.

Carol Borst '66 Cousineau of Spring Lake, Mich., had work in the "Self Portraits and Narratives" Invitational Exhibit at the Muskegon (Mich.) Museum of Art from January to April; and in "Images of Europe" at the Gallery Uptown in Grand Haven, Mich., from Friday, April 7, through Wednesday, May 3.

Philip Harmelink '66 reports that due to flooding from Hurricane Katrina, he had to move to the suburb of River Ridge from New Orleans. As Ernst & Young Professor, he is in his 16th year as chair of the Department of Accounting (27th year as professor) at the University of New Orleans, which sustained \$100 million of damage from Katrina. Fall classes were held at remote sites or online. In January, classes were held on campus with enrollment of about 11,500, approximately 70 percent of the normal spring enrollment of 16,500. Officials hope for 16,000 for the fall semester. For 26 years, he has served as organist at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church in Metairie, La. Since 1981, he has endowed seven scholarship funds at Hope in memory or honor of relatives and friends.

Anita Joeckel '66 of Pompton Lakes, N.J., retired in November of 2002 after working as the head of children's departments in public libraries in the state of New York for 35 years. She continues to work frequently as a substitute in three Rockland County (N.Y.) public libraries.

Richard Koster '66 of Winterset, Iowa, continues as intentional interim minister for First Christian Church.

Kit Janssen '66 Leggett of Holland, Mich., took early retirement from teaching French and Spanish at Holland High School in 1995, after having taught for more than 26 years. She has been associated with Five Star Lakeshore as a realtor since August of 2000. She is currently serving as an elder at Second Reformed Church in Zeeland, Mich., and sings second soprano with the Evergreen Chorale, which performed at the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C., in October of 2005. She is also a chorister in the Harbor Choral Festival of Music, held each summer in Holland.

Barbara Boike '66 Otis of Fond Du Lac, Wis., reports that she retired in December after a fulfilling 30 years of teaching at a two-year college. During those years, she also presented papers and workshops at national, regional and local conferences; taught classes through the television media; received a speakers' bureau award; and started a small business. She is presently teaching as an adjunct faculty member.

William S. Schurman '66 of Steamboat Springs, Colo., has retired after 27 years as a deputy state public defender for the state of Colorado and opened his own sole practitioner office.

Evelyn Albers '66 Timmons of Friendswood, Texas, officially retired in January of 2005 after working at JP Morgan Chase Bank for nearly 25 years. She last led the PC and technical skills training area for the U.S., except New York. She now works with her husband in Claremont Employee Benefits and teaches computer skills in the Seniors Teaching Seniors local program. She reports that for fun they plan on going on many tours with their antique cars.

Dorothy Troike '66 of Cortland, N.Y., gave a presentation titled "Young Adult Literature from a Research Perspective" at the 2005 Beijing IDAC International Research Conference in China on Saturday, Oct. 15. She retired as professor of literacy education from the State University of New York at Cortland on Friday, Dec. 30.

Julia VanSlageren '66 Werkhoven of Carmichael, Calif., and her husband are retired and working part-time for the RCA Classis of Central California. They have traveled to Europe several times to visit relatives and have cruised the Panama Canal, the Southern Caribbean and the Mediterranean.

1970s

Wendell Wierenga '70 of Rancho Santa Fe, Calif., has joined the board of directors of Ambit Biosciences. He currently serves as executive vice

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CD remembers career

A return to West Michigan by an alumna early in her career has become part of a tribute in remembrance of her four decades later.

Sakiko Kanamori (Mook) '63 died in August 2004. Her husband and their two sons have just brought out a CD in her memory that features performances she gave around the world, including in Hope's hometown of Holland.

Sakiko came to Hope from Japan in 1959. She intended to major in social science, but according to a local newspaper account was "discovered singing in a corridor in the music building." She joined the Chapel Choir, studied voice with Norma Hark Baughman, auditioned for the Metropolitan Opera during her junior year, and was chosen Homecoming Queen as a senior. With her Hope degree in hand, she started at the Juilliard School of Music in 1963.

After completing her M.Sc., she entered the Metropolitan Opera auditions. She won the Eastern regional competition and then went on to share



first prize in the National finals. She was the first National Council winner from East Asia.

While at Juilliard, Sakiko returned to Hope for a recital accompanied by Anthony Kooiker of the music faculty. A review in *The Holland Evening Sentinel* praised her performance: "She will certainly be heard from again and we are certain she will go high in the musical world. We in Holland where she got her start are already proud of her today and are certain to be even more so in future." Five of the selections from the recital are included on the CD.

Sakiko's international career took her to Germany, where, between 1969 and 1981, she appeared in lead roles in more than 400 opera performances. She also had an active concert career with a focus on German lieder, as well as on 19th-20th century French chansons and 20th century American songs.

In 1964, she married Byron Mook, an Oberlin graduate and a specialist in agricultural development. Between opera and concert performances, they had one son and she commuted to India, Sri Lanka, and Sudan (where they lived for one year and she learned Arabic). They then settled in the Netherlands and had another son. Barry and Dennis are now both medical doctors.

The CD contains selections from recital and opera performances and rehearsals at Hope, at Juilliard, and in



Sakiko Kanamori '63 Mook, shown in traditional clothing from her native Japan, began her musical training at Hope and went on to international acclaim as an opera singer. A CD produced in her memory collects performances from around the world including, fittingly, portions of a concert in Holland.

Europe. Byron "discovered" the tape of the 1965 Hope recital in the Joint Archives of Holland, which now has a copy of the CD. Copies are also available from him (www.sakiko.org).

Byron, Barry, and Dennis plan to establish a small endowment at Hope in Sakiko's memory. Proceeds will be used

each year to support promising Hope voice students as they take their first steps outside the college on their ways to professional singing careers. Sakiko always remembered her first public recital, at the St. Cecilia Society in Grand Rapids, and her first public orchestra concert, with the Battle Creek Symphony. 🍀

president, research and development at Neurocrine Biosciences.

Garrett E. DeGraff '71 of Averill, N.Y., is a partner and chair of the public finance practice area in the law firm of Hiscock & Barclay LLP.

Rosezina Bard '71 of Flint, Mich., retired from the U.S. Postal Service in April of 2004 after 30 years and six months of service, including 16 years as postmaster. She is currently attending University of Michigan-Flint as a full-time graduate student working toward a master's degree in education with early childhood specialization and ZA endorsement. She is the spring 2006 recipient of the Dean's Graduate Student Scholarship, and hopes to begin teaching in September.

Linda Provo '71 Fulton and her husband have relocated from Texas to his family's farm in Aberdeen, Ohio. She serves as director of music at Ripley First Presbyterian Church, teaches piano students, and does substitute teaching in area public schools.

Richard Lowing '71 of Glendale, Ariz., has served for 30 years as a representative for Church Mutual Insurance Co., with exclusive ownership of property and casualty coverage in the states of Arizona and Nevada. He has seven children and four grandchildren.

Patricia Machiela '71 Mack of Valparaiso, Ind., has retired from Valparaiso High School and now teaches mathematics part-time at Valparaiso University.

Ross Mack '71 of Valparaiso, Ind., teaches mechanical engineering at Valparaiso University.

Sue Acus '71 Miller of Richmond, Ind., was hired to be music librarian for the Richmond Symphony Orchestra last fall. She continues playing her French horn in the Civic Theater's orchestra pit, and thanks Professors Cecil and Ritsema for their encouragement while she attended Hope.

Peter 't Hoen '71 is the originator of "Hour of Inspiration," a positive biblical outreach in the Netherlands toward seekers who have left the church. He retired as an army chaplain in January of 2004.

Frank "Butch" Lievens '72 of Holland, Mich., is the sales manager of South Haven (Mich.) Insurance Services. He has spent 22 years in the insurance business.

Peter Semeyn '73 of Traverse City, Mich., is chaplain, assistant boys basketball coach, and junior varsity girls basketball coach at Traverse City St.

Francis School while he continues as senior pastor at Faith Reformed Church.

Dick Van Dop '73 of Marne, Mich., retired after almost 28 years of service as a special agent with the IRS Criminal Investigation in November of 2001, upon being activated by the Navy Reserve. He spent eight months in 2003 as U.S. Northern Command's liaison to FBI Headquarters. In May of 2005 the Navy promoted him to the rank of captain while he was serving as executive officer of a joint-service reserve unit at Selfridge Air National Guard Base in Mt. Clemens, Mich. He currently serves in a reserve capacity at Naval Station Great Lakes, coordinating recruiting, manpower, and mobilization readiness. He is actively involved in a new church plant, Beacon Hill Community Church, on the near northwest side of Grand Rapids, Mich.

Chad Busk '74 of Rockford, Mich., is a 26-year veteran of the Meijer Inc. legal department, where he is now assistant general counsel. He practices general commercial law with emphasis on contracts/Uniform Commercial Code issues, creditors' rights, information technology and the Internet, equipment leasing, transportation, and marketing/corporate development. He also writes a blog.

Phyllis Kallemyn '74 McConkie of Blanchard, Mich., is controller and director of business services at Alma College.

Anthony "Mark" McLean '74 of Paris, France, continues as marketing and corporate communications director of NEXO SA. The company, publicly traded on the Paris Bourse, manufactures and globally distributes professional performance loudspeaker systems. He and his wife have lived in central Paris since 2003, and their son recently graduated from college.

Roxanne Vanderveer '74 of Traverse City, Mich., has been a social worker in adult services for 30 years in the State of Michigan Department of Human Services.

Edward R. Chavez '75 of Wheaton, Ill., is a clinical instructor for the dental hygiene program at the College of DuPage in Glen Ellyn, Ill.

Mark van Voorst '75 of Howell, N.J., has been given the Community Service Award for Dynamic Leadership by the Wall Street Charity Fund of New York. It is given annually to individuals for distinguished achievement in community service. He is president and CEO of the New York-based

Lifespire, a non-profit corporation dedicated to caring for severely handicapped persons. It is the third largest operation of its type in New York, and its staff of 1,500 cares for more than 5,000 persons daily. Mark and his wife have one grown daughter. He is the son of **Bruce van Voorst '54** of Arlington, Va.

Dirk Bloemendaal '76 of Holland, Mich., heads up State Government Affairs for Altacor, parent company of Amway, Quixtar and Access Business Group. He has been advocating before state legislatures around the country for the past 22 years for the company. He reports that when he is not using skills he learned at Hope and law school, he is with his wife and two sons, enjoying the life that the Lord has given them.

Jerrianna van Gessel '76 Boer of Modesto, Calif., is principal of a K-8 school in central California. She also teaches part-time at California State University, Stanislaus and trains teachers across the state in English language arts curriculum.

Robert W. Depke II '76 of Grayslake, Ill., obtained a teaching certificate and is now an information specialist at an intermediate school in Grayslake. He had previously served for 20 years as an information specialist in management consulting.

Pat Russell '76 Dignum of Cedar Springs, Mich., is the Michigan State University Montcalm Extension 4-H Educator.

Nancy McCallum '76 Foreman of Ottawa, Ontario, is senior communications officer for the National Research Council Canada - Canada Institute for Scientific and Technical Information.

Lorma Williams '76 Freestone of Holland, Mich., is exhibit coordinator for the Holland Area Arts Council. In December she set up an exhibit of unique puppets spanning the centuries and all corners of the world, including several by her late brother, puppeteer **Brad Williams '73**.

Robert Klomprens '76 of Midland, Mich., has been an orthodontist in private practice for 25 years. He has four children, including Dan, who will attend Hope, and one granddaughter. He and his wife recently purchased a house on Lake Macatawa, where they will eventually retire.

Susan Northuis '76 Liang of Holland, Mich., is working for the Allegan County Intermediate School District as the lead teacher with the Wayland Young Adult Program.

Richard Moritz '76 of East Grand Rapids, Mich., reports that he has had the opportunity to play

tennis with Hope classmate **Rico Martinus '76** for the past 15 years, and notes that Rico has not beaten him since 2001.

Christopher Ramsden '76 is east regional sales manager for IPC Command Systems Inc. He reports that after three years in Florida, he has relocated to Savannah, Ga.; five hurricanes was his limit. He also notes that descriptions of Savannah in the novel *Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil* are accurate.

Michael S. Vandenberg '76 of Grand Haven, Mich., is the new executive director of Good Samaritan Ministries in Holland, Mich. He has pastored churches for the past 27 years, most recently at First Reformed Church of Grand Haven.

Barbara L. Wrigley '76 of Alexandria, Va., has been named the 2006 "Women in Business Champion of the Year" by the Washington Metropolitan Area District Office of the U.S. Small Business Administration. She is executive director of the Women's Business Center of Northern Virginia.

Stephen Van Wylen '77 of Holland, Mich., has been appointed medical director of surgical services at Holland Hospital.

Kim Zimmer '77 of Montclair, N.J., won her fourth Emmy Award on Friday, April 28, for her long-time role as Reva Shayne Lewis on CBS's *Guiding Light*. She will return to West Michigan this summer to play Mama Rose in *Gypsy*, July 25-Aug. 6, at Augusta's Barn Theatre.

Mike Drahos '78 of Sherburne, N.Y., will become superintendent of the Morrisville-Eaton Central School District on Saturday, July 1. It is a rural district with 900 students located about 45 minutes southeast of Syracuse, N.Y. He is currently the secondary principal of Madison Central School. He notes that **Jim Stokes '80**, a district school board member, and his sister, **Marianne Stokes '73 Kincaid**, were involved in the interview process.

Becky Eldrenkamp '78 Ganis recently graduated from law school (please see "Advanced Degrees"), where she was a member of the Law Review. She lives in Cincinnati, Ohio, with her two children.

Brian Stauffer '78 of Holland, Mich., was one of five members inducted into the first-ever Holland Township Recreation Hall of Fame in Holland during a ceremony last September. He was recognized for his role in starting the 20-year-old Lake Macatawa Triathlon, and for winning five of them,

as well as for his many racing accomplishments, including more than 125 wins in multi-sporting events. In addition, he was recognized for founding and organizing "Ride for Their Lives," an organization that partners disabled children with athletes who, each with a child in tow, compete in triathlons.

John Hoekstra '79 of Holland, Mich., traveled to India in January with a large group of volunteer Rotarians who delivered and dispensed polio vaccine at 1,200 booths on National Immunization Day, Sunday, Jan. 15. He represented the Holland Rotary Club.

Robert van der Hooning '79 of Winnetka, Ill., is assistant dean at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

1980s

Cindy Fowler '80 of Liberty, Mo., is in charge of the wardrobe department for Harrah's North Kansas City Casino. Her job includes all aspects of procuring, sizing, altering and outfitting all uniforms for 1,500 employees. She and her staff were recently honored by a nomination in the category of "superior team results" for the Chairman's Award, the highest honor for a Harrah's employee in the U.S. She reports that the recognition is particularly gratifying due to the fact that she has a staff of only three.

Clark Goding '81 of Santa Fe, N.M., has joined the adjunct faculty of the College of Santa Fe. He will be teaching in the MBA and undergraduate accounting program.

Jean Hunt '81 of Ann Arbor, Mich., recently earned CompTIA A+ certification in core hardware and software technologies. She is an IT support specialist / Webmaster at the University of Michigan Division of Kinesiology. She reports that she recently adopted a house rabbit, Althea.

Nan Hussey '81 of Houghton, N.Y., is an assistant professor of Spanish and German at Houghton College. She reports that it was her experience as an AT (apprentice teacher) in German at Hope that made her certain she wanted to teach. She also notes that although she delayed entering graduate school, she eventually followed that call and is ecstatic whenever she is in the classroom.

Bill Langejans '81 of Holland, Mich., recently took a job with Grand Home Automation. He is responsible for sales. He reports that he has four teenagers and would appreciate your sympathy.

Ian Macartney '81 of Grand Rapids, Mich., reports that he is refocusing his company, Lumichron, from neon sign production to analog commercial clocks - custom, point-of-purchase, large, architectural - and that the company has a Web site.

Karen Gonder '81 Navis of Wyoming, Mich., is the administrator of quality and contract management at Wedgwood Christian Services. She has spent 20 years as a professional in children's mental health and protection. For the past three years she has served on the college's alumni board of directors, currently as vice president/president-elect. She and her husband have been married for 24 years and have two children, a daughter (age 18) and a son (age 15).

Mike Plosila '81 of Orlando, Fla., an investigator for the Florida Department of Health, served a medical doctor in Rockledge, Fla., with an emergency suspension order on Friday, March 17. The Florida Board of Medicine ordered the immediate suspension of the doctor's license in order to "...Protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public."

Jeri Wissink '81 Sayer of East Stroudsburg, Pa., recently returned to paid employment after spending the last five years working as a stay-at-home mom. She runs the closing department for LTS Builders, northeast Pennsylvania's largest builder and developer.

Steve Sayer '81 of East Stroudsburg, Pa., currently serves the Reformed Church of Bushkill. He was recently awarded a grant from the Lilly Endowment which will enable him to take a sabbatical, during which he will study Spanish, learn to play the timbales, travel to Mexico, and travel to biblical sites in Greece and Turkey.

Faith VerLee '81 Shives of Walled Lake, Mich., reports that she publishes two monthly newslet-

ters. One is about endangered species and habitats and their recovery, and about healing people who are victims of illness and violence. The other is all humor and jokes.

Mary Vosteen '82 Van Verst of Olympia, Wash., gave a presentation in March in Kobe, Japan, on the national service program AmeriCorps at an international conference co-sponsored by the University of Hyogo and the Hyogo Administrative Policy Studies Association (HAPSA). Since 2003 she has worked on the development of a collaboration between professional organizations, the American Society for Public Administration (ASPA) and its counterpart in the Hyogo Prefecture, HAPSA. Following the conference, she reunited with students, faculty and home-stay friends in Tokyo to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the 1981 exchange she participated in between Hope and Meiji Gakuin University.

Laura Ramel '83 Mattes of Lombard, Ill., reports that she and the following members of the Class of '83, cluster 3-3, celebrated their "45 and fabulous" birthdays together in Key Largo, Fla., in March: **Sarah Saddler-Hudac '83**, **Margie Deckard '83**, **Stinson**, **Jeanne Brink '83**, **Lindell**, **Amy Glass '83** and **Julie Johnson '83** Van Bruggen. She notes that highlights included margaritas and Jimmy Buffet's Margaritaville, seeing a shark while snorkeling, Key lime pie on a stick, and salsa and Corona for breakfast. The group is looking forward to another get-together of the cluster later in the year to celebrate other "45 and fabulous" birthdays with hopefully the rest of cluster 3-3.

Chuck Hyde '84 of Spring Lake, Mich., was featured in an article in the April 2006 edition of *Medical Marketing & Media*. He is national account manager for Sanofi-Aventis.

Karen Kayes '84 of Whitehall, Mich., has joined the Muskegon office of Warner Norcross & Judd as senior trust and estates counsel. She was previously an attorney and director with Lague, Newman & Irish in Muskegon, Mich.

Bethany Cook '84 Pluymers of Madison, Wis., was featured in an article in the Sunday, April 21, edition of the *Wisconsin State Journal*. She and her family auditioned for parts in the local movie *Buckstein*, a parody which she describes as "the ultimate Madison horror film." She was asked to read for and won the part of Elizabeth, an undergraduate student who is the romantic interest of Dr. Frankenstein. Her husband, **David Pluymers '85**, and two children, ages 10 and 13, had small parts. The film premiered Saturday, May 13.

Jaci L. VanHeest '84 of Storrs Mansfield, Conn., is an associate professor at the University of Connecticut. She was recently inducted as a 2006-07 University Teaching Fellow, an award given to faculty based on teaching innovation, integration of their research program into classroom teaching, and pedagogical service to the national and international communities. It is the university's highest recognition for teaching excellence.

Anne R. Brink '85 of Portland, Ore., is a project coordinator for Northwest Energy Efficiency Alliance in Portland.

Johnny Marmelstein '85 of San Juan Capistrano, Calif., was recently named California Interscholastic Federation - Southern Section "Soccer Coach of the Year." He is in his sixth year as the girls' varsity soccer coach at St. Margaret's Episcopal School. The team finished the year 18-5-3 and won the first CIF-SS soccer championship in the school's history.

Bev Curtis '86 of Muskegon, Mich., recently spent months painting murals on the Sunday school classroom walls of Wolf Lake United Methodist Church, where children will journey through the Bible as they progress from classroom to classroom. Her art work depicts the great stories of the Old Testament in the rooms for lower grades and scenes from the life of Christ in the Good News room for fifth and sixth graders.

Rob Huisinigh '86 of Muskegon, Mich., is a founding partner and vice president of sales and marketing in the software development firm Foxbright.

Carrie Green '88 Burns recently moved from Virginia to Kalamazoo, Mich., with her husband and children. She reports that it is great to be back home in Michigan after 18 years away. She is a stay-at-home mom to their three children: Kelly

(age nine), Caden (age seven) and Riley (age four). She volunteers at her children's schools and plays #1 singles for her ladies travel tennis team at West Hills Athletic Club.

Jennifer Brown '89 Brooks of North Wales, Pa., was named a Pennsylvania Super Lawyer Rising Star by *Law & Politics* magazine in November of 2005. Rising Stars are selected as the best up-and-coming attorneys in their fields through a state-wide survey and interview process. She reports that only 2.5 percent of the attorneys in the state are selected as such. Since having her twin daughters in 2003, she has worked part-time in product liability defense at the Philadelphia law firm of Eckert Seamans Cherin & Mellott.

David Kingma '89 of Coopersville, Mich., is senior pastor at Church of the Saviour, RCA.

Amy Warriner '89 O'Brien of Greenville, Mich., has joined the Greenville Area Community Foundation (GACF) as program administrator. Her responsibilities include coordinating and administering grants and scholarships.

Thomas T. Van Dam '89 of Holland, Mich., and his wife recently opened their third area Captain Sundae ice cream shop. They are now located in Holland, Holland Township and Zeeland.

1990s

Robin Perala '91 Isaacson of Las Vegas, Nev., is a hospice social worker with the Nathan Adelson Hospice.

Peter Johnson '91 of Muskegon, Mich., owns the G&L restaurant chain with his brother. Subtitled "The AMAZING Greek Chili Dog," G&L features burgers, sandwiches, chicken and soups and salads as well as its marquee entrée. The chain includes four corporate restaurants in Muskegon and one that opened on Holland's north side on Wednesday, Feb. 1, as well as a franchise restaurant in Allendale, Mich. The chain began as a sandwich shop opened by two Greek immigrants

in 1926. The Johnson family has owned G&L since 1995. Peter serves as president of G&L Franchise Co.

Brian Knight '91 of Washington, D.C., is vice president, regulatory affairs for NASCUS.

Jonathan E. Liepe '91 of Colorado Springs, Colo., is an account executive with Robert Half Technology.

Ben Opipari '91 of Hamilton, N.Y., reports that after four years of small town life at Colgate University in upstate New York, he earned his doctorate (please see "Advanced Degrees"), and he and his family are moving back to their hometown of Washington, D.C. He is entering the private sector and working for the worldwide law firm of Howrey LLP, where he will develop and implement a writing program to improve the written communication skills of junior and senior associates at all of their offices.

Rochelle J. Roerig '91 of Comstock Park, Mich., is a licensed financial consultant with National City Bank.

Joy Brumels '91 Zomer and her daughter Ellie were struck by a car early in February. Ellie has recovered and is doing well. Joy is improving, but faces the possibility of surgery on her injured leg. She and her husband, **David Zomer '91**, are RCA missionaries in Italy.

Veronica Vroon '92 Bosgraaf of Holland, Mich., is marketing a health bar that she developed when one of her children became a vegetarian. The Pure Bar, made from unprocessed organic ingredients, is available at local health food stores and fitness centers and on the Web.

Brad Kruithof '92 of Burbank, Calif., had a role in the Thursday, May 18, episode of the Fox Network's "The OC." On Monday, June 26, he will appear in a Discovery Times Channel documentary about the Iran Hostage Crisis between 1979 and 1981, "Guests of the Ayatolla." He plays one of the five main hostages whose stories are told in commentary.

Jeff VandenBosch '92 of Grand Rapids, Mich., and

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Coffee to stay

Seven young alumni are putting faith into action in Pittsburgh.

Together they've opened Beleza Community House, a coffee shop they hope will become a central gathering place for its urban neighborhood.

It's no accident that the seven have found their way to the same Pennsylvania city. It's also no accident that they're working together to make a difference locally. It was all part of the plan from the beginning.

"You know how everyone goes their separate ways after graduation," said Joanna Wiens '04 Deming. "But we wanted to do something together and to improve an urban community."

"We're all pretty young, so we thought we'd take on the risk now," she said. "We all decided to move to Pittsburgh because of some volunteer work my husband had done here."

The seven alumni opened the coffee shop on Saturday, Feb. 25. It's located on the first floor of a row house in the Mexican War Street neighborhood on the city's north side. Its name Beleza is Portuguese for beautiful, taken from a poem.

In addition to Deming and her husband Gavin Deming '04, the seven involved in the project are Emily Wagg '04 Frey and Stephen Frey '04; Phil Johnson '04; Ashley North '05; and Kimberly Walkenhorst '05. All live within a mile of the shop, the Demings only one block away.

The group's emphasis is on having the shop serve as a resource for the area, which Deming described as economically mixed and marked by several abandoned properties. They've been connecting with community groups, hoping to serve as a meeting place for activities such as Bible studies, film presentations and educational events. Their vision includes putting



A group of young alumni have continued their Hope friendship and opened the Beleza coffee shop in Pittsburgh, Pa., as a way to help a neighborhood in need. From left to right are: **Bottom Row:** Stephen Frey '04, Phil Johnson '04, Kimberly Walkenhorst '05 and Gavin Deming '04; **Top Row:** Joanna Wiens '04 Deming, Emily Wagg '04 Frey and Ashley North '05.

their profits into scholarship funds for inner-city children.

They're approaching their business operations with the same sensibility, using, for example, organic and fair-trade products.

"We're trying to be conscious of where food comes from and that it's natural, and that the workers are treated fairly where it comes from," Deming said.

"People in our group are passionate about social justice issues and environmental justice issues," she said. "All stemming from our Judeo-Christian faith."

Deming cited Dr. Steven Bouma-Prediger '79 of the Hope religion faculty as a significant influence on the group's outlook, but their professors weren't their only inspiration during their student

days. Deming noted that the group was also impressed by Lemonjello's Coffee LLC near the Hope campus. Appropriately, shortly before they opened Matt Scott '00, owner of Lemonjello's, visited them in Pittsburgh to help train them.

The seven make their business decisions by consensus. Stephen Frey and North are working in the shop full-time, and the others part-time. Gavin Deming also works as the office administrator for a Presbyterian church; Joanna Deming is a project and grants administrator, working with teen moms, for a faith-based non-profit agency; Emily Frey is a teacher with an after-school program; Johnson works at another coffee shop as a barista; and Walkenhorst is finishing her undergraduate degree at Pitt. ☞

ErgoQuest Inc., the company he founded in 1997, recently supplied the University of Michigan with 15 Ergopods. They are mobile computer workstations designed for people with disabilities, and can accommodate a sitting, standing or reclining user. The company now has desks in 25 states.

Annica Euvrard '92 Waalkes has safely returned from deployment in Iraq, and the family thanks you for your prayers. She and **Phil Waalkes '92** and their three children are moving from North Augusta, S.C., to Zeeland, Mich., this month. Annica and Phil will be joining Zeeland Family Medicine.

Daniel J. Schairbaum '93 of Ann Arbor, Mich., was recently elected a member of the Dykema law firm. He is part of the real estate practice group in the Detroit office and also has an office in Ann Arbor.

Todd Shugarts '93 of Grayslake, Ill., is regional manager for Maybelline NY.

Kurt Dershem '94 of Mankato, Minn., teaches at the Mankato campus of South Central College.

Brett Geier '94 of Bloomingdale, Mich., has been named superintendent of Bloomingdale Public Schools. He is currently principal of Pullman Elementary School in the same system and will assume his new duties in July.

Julie C. Philipps '94 of West Hartford, Conn., has received the PEN New England Susan P. Bloom Discovery Award 2006 for illustrations for her unpublished picture book, *Annabelle's Art*. The illustrations and other artwork, Juliecolor, can be viewed on her Web page.

Aaron Hoffman '96 of Fairbanks, Alaska, recently founded Scientific Outreach Media, a company

dedicated to improving communication between the scientific community and the public through the production of meaningful outreach and education videos.

Michelle Mojzak '96 Housenga of St. Louis Park, Minn., is the human biology program manager with the Youth Science Center at the Science Museum of Minnesota.

Larry G. Thompson II '96 of Traverse City, Mich., is a biological products specialist with Sanofi Pasteur Vaccines.

Afshin Afarin '97, currently stationed in Afghanistan as part of a Provincial Reconstruction Team in the Province of Farah, reports that he is hopefully on his last tour while a physician in the U.S. Navy. He welcomes snail mail or e-mail to help the yearlong deployment go faster.

Lora Clark '97 Kolean of Holland, Mich., played piano on Saturday, Feb. 18, at "A Grand Event," a celebration of the addition of a Steinway grand piano to the Joyce Petter Gallery of Douglas, Mich. Lora teaches piano at Hope and serves as festival facilitator for the Chamber Music Festival of Saugatuck (Mich.).

Trevor Starnes '97 of Charlottesville, Va., is doing his residency in orthopaedic surgery at the University of Virginia Medical Center.

Aimee Sterk '97 of Jenison, Mich., was recently promoted to program manager for the Michigan Disability Rights Coalition, where she has been employed since July of 2004. She reports that she was fortunate to have had the late **Corrie Listenberger '93 Bair** as a direct supervisor. Aimee works from a home office, supervising grants to sites around the state of Michigan and

coordinating all fundraising activities. The coalition is a state-wide network of individuals and organizations that advances the issues of Michigan's disability community through grassroots activism, public education and advocacy.

Ryan Sullivan '97 of Manistee, Mich., has successfully fulfilled the requirements for certification, including an extensive written examination, by the American Board of Internal Medicine. He is a member of the medical staff at West Shore Medical Center and practices at the Coastline Medical Specialties Clinic.

Bryan Boodt '98 of Spring Lake, Mich., was inducted into the Gobles (Mich.) High School Hall of Fame on Friday, March 3. He earned varsity letters in football, baseball and track at the high school.

Melissa Krolik '98 Brown of San Diego, Calif., reports that she is enjoying her time as a stay-at-home mom (please see "New Arrivals") and is getting ready for a big move to New London, Conn.

Tracy Datte '98 of Ann Arbor, Mich., has a new position as site manager/therapist at the Teen Health Center at Parkside in Jackson, Mich. She is working to set up a new school-based health program to serve adolescents 11-21 in Jackson County.

Angela de Forest '98 Houchin of Lexington, Ky., will finish her pediatric chief residency position on Friday, June 30, and will stay on as junior faculty at the University of Kentucky Department of Pediatrics.

Christie Eding '98 Klaasen of Holland, Mich., has coached the Hamilton (Mich.) High School varsity

volleyball team to four conference titles during her four years in the position. She also chairs the mathematics department.

Adam Osmun '98 of Gobles, Mich., was inducted into the Gobles (Mich.) High School Hall of Fame on Friday, March 3. He earned varsity letters in football and baseball at Gobles and is the school's football coach.

Andy Ponstein '98 of Hudsonville, Mich., is competing in the short track, stock car Champion Racing Association (CRA) Super Series. He finished second in the Anderson 150 in Anderson, Ind., on Saturday, April 15, and fifth in the All American 150 in Nashville, Tenn., on Saturday, March 18. Last year he entered six CRA races and posted one victory.

Sufjan Stevens '98 of New York City won the inaugural New Pantheon Music Prize for his album *Illinoise*. The prize, which includes a trophy and a cash award, recognizes the most creative, artistic album of the year released in the United States that has sold fewer than 500,000 units.

Matthew A. Brunson '99 of Flagstaff, Ariz., is a dentist with the U.S. Public Health Service at the Tuba City Indian Medical Center.

Jeremy Heavilin '99 of Grand Haven, Mich., was inducted into the Fennville (Mich.) Hall of Fame on Friday, Feb. 24. He earned eight varsity letters in football, basketball and baseball in high school. He is now teaching and coaching in the West Ottawa Public Schools.

Dan McCue '99 became associate director of alumni relations at Grinnell College in Grinnell, Iowa, on Monday, May 22. He and **Sara Eveland '01 McCue** are selling their condo in Henderson, Nev., and she will join him in August when she finishes teaching. Dan reports that although they will miss the sunshine, mountains and excitement of Las Vegas, they are looking forward to returning to small-town college life.

Shannon Lewis '99 Morgenstern of Tucson, Ariz., received her R.N. license in January. She is doing home infusion therapy and critical care nursing.

Andrew Norden '99 of Durham, N.C., will again serve as the head athletic trainer for USA Baseball this summer. This is his second season working with the national team, which will play in Cuba and throughout the U.S.

Jenny Passchier '99 of Denver, Colo., will be working as an assistant principal during the 2006-07 school year at Virginia Court Elementary School in Aurora, Colo.

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Meredith Arwady '00 of Chicago, Ill., performed on Thursday, March 16, with Mikael Eliason on piano at the American Philosophical Society, presented by the Philadelphia Chamber Music Society. Last fall she performed as one of the evil stepsisters in the Lyric Opera of Chicago production of Gioachino Rossini's "La Cenerentola (Cinderella)," and was reviewed as "clearly a singer to watch."

Philip Leete '00 of Traverse City, Mich., and a colleague launched the Michigan Dance Collective a year ago with the goal of educating audiences and generating enthusiasm about professional dance. The 11-member company presented a joint show with the InSync Dance Theater of Holland, Mich., on Saturday, Feb. 4, at the City Opera House in Traverse City. Philip also manages the City Opera House and teaches dance at Dance Arts Academy, West High School, and Ballet, Etc.

Kathleen Sine '00 Scheuerle of Grand Haven, Mich., is an instructor in social work at Hope.

Melissa Norris '00 Towne of Holland, Mich., and her husband have opened At The Diner, a restaurant in downtown Zeeland, Mich. They also run a catering business through the restaurant.

Jason Ziemer '00 of Chicago, Ill., is a social studies teacher at Proviso West (Proviso Township District 209).

Sheri Hartman '01 of El Cajon, Calif., is the owner of Hope Enterprises.

Jennifer Kaufmann '01 of Tiskilwa, Ill., is program director for Menno Haven Camp and Retreat Center.

Kyla M. Moore '01 of Shorewood, Wis., is a lecturer in English at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

Hilary Peterson '01 of Cape Girardeau, Mo., recently accepted a full-time dance instructor position at Southeast Missouri State University.

Lauren Seymour '02 of Chicago, Ill., is employed full-time as a staff physical therapist at Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Chicago.

Jeff Van Putten '02 of Plymouth, Mich., is pursuing a Master of Divinity degree at Michigan Theological Seminary in Plymouth.

Rand Arwady '03 of Pennington, N.J., has been promoted to junior project analyst with Merrill Lynch. He is working for a small team that deals with strategy and support for the company branches around the country.

Kimberly Jacobsen '03 of Boston, Mass., recently earned an advanced degree (please see "Advanced Degrees") and plans to begin attending the Wayne State University School of Medicine in August.

Emily Snyder '03 of Lawrence, Mich., works as a registered nurse with Lakeland Regional Healthcare Systems of St. Joseph, Mich.

Mitch Wacksman '03 reports that he moved to Portland, Maine, to take a job, go mountain biking, downhill skiing and fishing, and perfect his "lobstah" cooking techniques. He is an environmental risk assessor with ARCADIS, a global environmental engineering firm.

Jill DeVries '04 of Madison, Wis., is an account representative with InterVarsity Christian Fellowship.

J. Layne Shoaf '04 Fuller of Hudsonville, Mich., is a project manager with The Image Group in Holland, Mich.

Heather L. Hahn '04 of Milford, Ohio, is volunteer and special events manager at the Cincinnati Nature Center.

Tim Heck '04 of Libertyville, Ill., was professional guest choreographer for the Libertyville High School Orchestral annual dance concert, "Patterns in Motion," presented Thursday-Friday, March 2-3. His work was also presented at a benefit concert for the Dance for Life Fund and The Children's Place Association on Sunday, March 5. Tim is a professional dancer with the contemporary company Thodos Dance Chicago.

Scott Jeschke '04 of Three Rivers, Mich., is a physical education teacher and assistant varsity football coach at Three Rivers High School.

J. David Mackinnon '04 of New York City is a Bible and history teacher at The Geneva School of Manhattan.

Brad Norden '04 of Grandville, Mich., is a practicing RN in the critical care department at Spectrum Health's Meijer Heart Center.

Denisa Alexandrescu '05 of Zeeland, Mich., is a graduate assistant in the Community Research Institute/Grand Valley State University.

Lisa N. Bauer '05 is employed in pharmaceutical sales (specialties ophthalmology) for Allergan Pharmaceuticals. She manages the company's Quad Cities (Iowa) territory.

Kate Herron '05 of Alexandria, Va., is a graphic design specialist at Corporate Executive Board in Washington, D.C.

Jonathan B. Johnson '05 of Royal Oak, Mich., is a crew member at Trader Joes.

Abbie Matthews '05 of Lansing, Mich., is the full-time director of music ministries at Immanuel Community Reformed Church. She is also an independent Christian recording artist, and released her first solo CD, *Asking for Answers*, in 2005. Information about her music is available on her Web site.

Andrea Kaffka '05 of Naperville, Ill., is a pediatric ICU nurse at Children's Memorial Hospital in Chicago, Ill.

Julia M. King '05 of Glen Ellyn, Ill., is an online content producer for Christianity Today International.

Octavia Reese '05 of Detroit, Mich., shared her experiences as Miss Michigan and performed on the cello as the keynote event of Alumni Weekend on Saturday, May 6, in Wichers Auditorium of Nykerk Hall of Music.

Carrie Reif '05 of Ithaca, N.Y., is an administrative assistant at the Cornell University School of Law.

Daniel G. Schofield '05 of Richland, Mich., is a pharmaceutical sales representative for Boehringer-Ingelheim.

Kathryn Weller '05 Schulte of Grand Rapids, Mich., is an admissions counselor at Hope.

Class of 2006

Brandon Alleman '06 received an award through the Fulbright U.S. Student Program sponsored by the U.S. Department of State to conduct research in Hungary. He ultimately plans to pursue a career in medicine.

Amy Back '06 has a job teaching art, grades one-eight, at Mt. Carmel School in Cedar Grove, Ind.

Daniela Banu '06 will begin a Ph.D. program in mathematics at the University of Wisconsin at Madison this fall.

Anne Bast '06 will move to Ann Arbor and begin a Master of Library and Information Services degree program at the University of Michigan School of Information in the fall.

Lindsay Best '06 will begin veterinary school at

Michigan State University in East Lansing, Mich., in August. She plans to become a large-animal veterinarian.

Ryan Beuschel '06 will be working as a catalog coordinator at Universal Music Publishing Group in Nashville, Tenn.

Emily Blauw '06 will attend Western Michigan University's graduate school for speech and language pathology. She will pursue a master's degree and receive certification to work in a medical practice or educational facility.

Laura Borovsky '06 will begin working in audit services for Deloitte & Touche LLP in Detroit, Mich., in September.

Jill M. Bramos '06 has accepted a job at Hamilton (Mich.) High School teaching mathematics and will be living in Holland.

Caralyn Burdick '06 plans to enroll in a graduate program at Grand Valley State University and pursue a master's degree in education.

Courtney Clum '06 will attend the University of Michigan this fall to pursue a master's degree in structural engineering.

Jesse DeBoest '06 is going to enlist in the U.S. Air Force to become a member of the Tac-P unit, and will most likely make the Air Force his career.

Nicholas DeKoster '06 has been accepted for an Americorp position in Zeeland, Mich., at Bridge Youth Ministries.

Jamie DeVries '06 is working as a business office administrator at Edward Jones in Zeeland, Mich.

Anna Diaz '06 will pursue a master's degree in social work at Western Michigan University.

Ann Durham '06 will be moving to Qatar to teach middle school special education at the American School of Doha.

Lauren M. Engel '06 will attend Roger Williams University (Ralph R. Papitto) School of Law in Bristol, R.I. She intends to study international and maritime law.

Shawn Evers '06 has taken a financial advising position with Waddell and Reed in Orland Park, Ill.

Kelsey Guisbert '06 will attend the University of Virginia for graduate work in athletic training. She has a graduate assistantship to work with a UVA team for the 2006-07 year and will finish next summer.

Stefanie Haba '06 will attend Auburn University in Alabama to pursue a master's degree in animal behavior.

Sonya Heerema '06 will attend Grand Valley State University to pursue a second baccalaureate in nursing.

Katie Hinkle '06 will attend the Ferris State University College of Pharmacy this fall to pursue a Pharm.D. degree.

Brian Holda '06 is going to China for the next school year to teach English to university students and minister the Gospel.

Natalie Hoogveen '06 will attend the University of Wisconsin-Madison to obtain a Ph.D. in the environmental chemistry and technology program.

Brad Houzenga '06 is enrolled at the University of Illinois in Champaign and will pursue a master's degree in structural engineering.

Brian Isherwood '06 will study for a doctorate in physical therapy at Washington University in St. Louis, Mo.

Ryan A. Jackson '06 will be working full time with Young Life in Big Rapids, Mich.

Bryan Johnson '06 will return to Hope to finish two classes and then look for a job teaching mathematics.

Beth Jorgensen '06 will attend the University of North Carolina at Charlotte in the fall and work toward a Master of Social Work degree.

Christina Judson '06 (B.Mu. with a double major in music performance for trumpet and fine arts composite for elementary education) will be substitute teaching next year while auditioning for ensembles and graduate schools to pursue a master's degree in trumpet performance.

Lindsey Kennedy '06 is director of business operations for Annabelle Noel Designs in Grand Rapids, Mich.

Linnæe Klompemaker '06 will begin the Doctor of Physical Therapy program at Grand Valley State University in August.

Stephanie Koenke '06 will attend Temple University in Philadelphia, Pa., in the fall to begin work on a Doctorate of Physical Therapy (DPT) degree.

Jessica Kragness '06 will be working full-time as a mental health assistant in the inpatient behavioral health unit of Holland (Mich.) Hospital and continuing studies in the field of healthcare.

Mike Litteral '06 will be working as a staff auditor at Abraham & Gaffney in East Lansing, Mich., a CPA firm specializing in governmental and not-

for-profit audits.

Lauren Lochner '06 will attend the University of Michigan to pursue a graduate degree in social work in September.

Dana Long '06 will be attending Southern Illinois University's Behavior Analysis and Rehabilitation Program in the fall.

Cathy A. Martyn '06 will pursue a master's degree in social justice at Loyola University's Institute of Pastoral Studies in Chicago, Ill.

Bethany Metters '06 plans to attend the University of Michigan School of Social Work in Ann Arbor, Mich., to earn a Master's Degree in Social Work.

Emily Mills '06 will attend graduate school at the University of Denver for international administration or move to Washington, D.C.

Catlin Morrill '06 will be working in Petoskey, Mich., at Northern Michigan Hospital as an R.N. on three units (oncology, orthopaedics and cardiovascular).

Kimberly Mosley '06 will study industrial engineering at The Ohio State University, working toward a master's degree.

Patrick Nolan '06 will finish his B.A. in chemistry next year and plans to begin undergraduate medical education in 2008.

Amy Lynn O'Connell '06 plans to stay in Washington, D.C., and leverage connections from her Washington Honors Semester internship at the office of Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton from N.Y. Issue-related public relations and consulting are her areas of focus.

Meagan O'Neil '06 will be working in the surgical ICU at the Meijer Heart Center in Grand Rapids, Mich.

Erica Oosting '06 will attend the Michigan College of Optometry in Big Rapids, Mich., to pursue a degree in optometry, specializing in pediatrics, for

the next five years.

Emily Owens '06 has a summer job as a nurse extern at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., and will complete her last semester doing a nursing internship in Chicago this fall.

Allison L. Pawlowski '06 begins a full-time job coaching position this month at Hopewell, a private special needs school in Joliet, Ill.

Leah Post '06 will be student teaching in Illinois this fall to earn special education certification.

Kurt Pyle '06 will attend Michigan State University and pursue a Ph.D. in political science.

Sarah Quesada-Lubbers '06 will teach English for a year in South America (either Peru or the French Guinea) and apply to graduate school the following year.

Katie Randa '06 will attend Miami University (Ohio) in the fall to pursue a two-year master's degree in college student personnel.

Nathan Reed '06 will begin chiropractic college in January.

Maureen Rosner '06 will attend the University of Illinois at Chicago in the fall to pursue a master's degree in social work.

Chiara Savage '06 will attend California State University at Long Beach to pursue a Master in Music Performance degree in harp.

Angela Saxton '06 will work as a community organizer with the DART Institute. This month she began four months of training, after which she will be placed in a community.

Anne Schuster '06 will attend the college student personnel master's program at Miami University with an assistantship in residence life.

Keirsten Schwabeck '06 will attend Penn State University this fall to obtain a Master of Music degree in cello performance.

Jenny Slager '06 will begin graduate school in the

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"They're outstanding teachers," he said. "I couldn't understand what they were saying, but I could see how effective they were with students."

"We learned a lot about the kind of dedication they have, the compassion they have and how generous they are with their time," he said.

From Monday, May 1, through Thursday, May 4, half a dozen visitors from the school in Turkey were in Holland and the broader West Michigan region, spending time on campus and observing a variety of sites in the area to see first-hand how children and adults with special needs receive help in the U.S.

Faculty Kudos:

Charles Green has been named recipient of the college's seventh annual "Vanderbush-Weller Development Fund" award for strong, positive impact on students.

The award recognizes and supports the efforts of Hope faculty and staff who make extraordinary contributions to the lives of students. Dr. Green was honored during a luncheon held on Friday, May 5, in conjunction with the spring meeting of the college's Board of Trustees.

Dr. Green, a member of the Hope faculty since 1983, is a professor of psychology and director of the college's Phelps Scholars Program and First-Year Seminar program.

He was appointed director of the Phelps Scholars Program in 1998. The Phelps Scholars Program is an academic program for first-year students interested in learning about issues of race and culture. They take one course together each semester, live in the same residence hall, participate in discussions and workshops, take part in service projects and engage in various social activities.

He has directed the First-Year Seminar program since 2002. Established in 1997, the program is designed to provide an intellec-

tual framework for pursuing college with an emphasis on class discussion that is geared toward making the students become active participants in their learning. Every Hope student enrolls in one of the seminars during his or her first year at the college. In the fall of 2005, Hope offered some three dozen First-Year Seminars on a variety of topics.

Jenny Everts Powers, associate professor of religion, is one of 11 biblical scholars selected to serve on the Board of Advisors of the newly formed Foundation for Pentecostal Scholarship (TFFPS).

According to Robert Graves, president and co-founder, the officers of the foundation sought leading Pentecostal scholars in the field of biblical studies to serve as advisors. The scholars represent a number of Pentecostal denominations and come from Africa, Europe and North America.

The foundation was founded to advance biblical scholarship within the global Pentecostal family. The purpose of TFFPS is to remove financial barriers that impede Pentecostal scholarship by funding doctoral- and post-doctoral-level research projects focusing on Pentecostal theology; enabling Pentecostal scholars to participate in worthwhile conferences, symposiums and conclaves; and contributing to sabbatical funding for working scholars. It will also encourage the publishing of Pentecostal scholarship by recognizing the best works of Pentecostal biblical scholarship through annual Declaration of Excellence Awards; seeking out essays, theses, dissertations, conference papers and out-of-print works worthy of wider circulation and assisting their authors in procuring it; and subsidizing the publication, promotion or dissemination of academic works that advance the Pentecostal faith.

Dr. Powers has been a member of the Hope faculty since 1985. She is an ordained minister whose area of expertise is the New Testament. ↗

fall at Tufts University's Boston School of Occupational Therapy in Medford, Mass.

Rachael Smith '06 will be working for the Target Corporation in the Grand Rapids, Mich., area.

Sona Smith '06 is enrolled as a full-time Master of Social Work degree student at DePaul University in Chicago, Ill.

Rebecca Strutt '06 will be teaching elementary school in the Houston (Texas) Independent School District with Teach for America.

Johanna Swanson '06 is doing an internship with WWMT, Channel 3, this summer in Kalamazoo, Mich.

Amy TerHaar '06 will teach fifth grade at Pine Ridge Elementary School in Holland, Mich.

Audrey Tetro '06 will attend Loyola University in Chicago, Ill., in the advance standing master's degree in social work program with a focus in medical social work. She will have a year-long internship at the Rehabilitation Institution of Chicago on the pediatric floor while taking classes.

Allison Trotter '06 is working as a camp nurse at Camp Geneva in Holland, Mich., this summer, and in the fall will move to Chicago to complete a semester-long nursing internship.

Joe Turbessi '06 is working for Hope Summer Repertory Theatre this summer. In the fall he will attend the Boston Conservatory to seek a master's degree in piano performance.

Melissa Turner '06 will be working with AmeriCorps in Charleston, S.C. for a year before attending graduate school for physical therapy.

Shea Tuttle '06 will attend Candler School of Theology at Emory University pursuing a Master of Divinity degree.

Danae VanderLaan '06 plans to get a job working with children and/or youth in the social work field and also attend graduate school.

Megan VanderVeen '06 is planning to go to Nicaragua through the Peace Corps in August.

Jeff Vandlen '06 will attend The Ohio State University to pursue a Master's Degree in Labor and Human Resources beginning in September.

Laurelin VanGinhoven '06 will attend Northeastern University in Boston, Mass., for a graduate degree in school psychology.

Abigail Van Kempen '06 will attend the University of DePaul College of Law in Chicago, Ill., to study health care law and policy.

Stephanie K. Van Stee '06 will attend the University of Kentucky in Lexington for two years to obtain a master's degree in communication. She has received a teaching assistantship from the university and a full tuition remission.

Julia Vargas '06 continues to work in the behavioral health unit of Holland (Mich.) Hospital as a mental health assistant. In August she will be moving to Ann Arbor to attend graduate school in clinical social work at the University of Michigan.

Mary VerHeulen '06 will attend Michigan State University in the fall, pursuing a Master of Science degree in epidemiology.

Megan Vivian '06 will attend Michigan State University to pursue a master's degree in structural engineering.

Lindsey J. Vugteveen '06 will be working at DeVos Children's Hospital on the general pediatric floor as an R.N.

Lisa Walters '06 has joined Wycliffe Bible Translators to begin training to work as an ethnomusicologist. Beginning in July 2006, she will attend the Graduate Institute of Applied Linguistics in Dallas, Texas, to receive linguistic and musical training for her future service with Wycliffe.

Katie Wright '06 will be teaching secondary English in Baltimore, Md., with Teach for America.

Jennifer Yarmer '06 is going to work at Holland (Mich.) Hospital as a nurse.

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.

Jack Millard '61 and June Veldheer '62, Oct. 15, 2005.

Jane Wezeman '61 Smith and Robert J. Smit '66, June 19, 2004, Holland, Mich.

Ruth Meyer '66 Nienhuis and Anthony M. Fazzari, Oct. 16, 2004, Wilmington, N.C.

Todd Adams '91 and Jill Adams, March 5, 2005, Tallahassee, Fla.

Shawn Callaghan '93 and Cameron Tulloch, Oct. 1, 2005, Mesa, Ariz.

Wendy Schroeder '93 and Alex R. Hyde, March 2, 2006, Kapalua, Maui, Hawaii.

Karen Poore '95 and Joshua Ward, April 29, 2006, Dayton, Ohio.

John Housenga '96 and Michelle Mojzak '96, July 15, 2005, Grand Rapids, Mich.

Jeffrey Kin '96 and Kristen Moreland, May 7, 2005, Denver, Colo.

Josh Danek '01 and Carrie Williams '03, July 15, 2005, Spring Lake, Mich.

Kevin Gingras '01 and Katharine Dalman, June 11, 2005, Holland, Mich.

Nicole Kuhn '01 and Peter Hatfield, Feb. 11, 2006, Indianapolis, Ind.

Martin Van Oort '01 and Melissa Malik '03, Sept. 10, 2005, Holland, Mich.

Jodi DeHaan '02 and Brian Geerlings, Dec. 30, 2005, Holland, Mich.

Jason Hathaway '02 and Meghan Gratkowski, July 30, 2005, Mt. Pleasant, Mich.

Sara Maile '02 and Erich Shoemaker '02, March 19, 2005, Galesburg, Mich.

Kara Eisenbrandt '03 and Randy Jeffery, May 21, 2005, St. Joseph, Mich.

Timothy Folkert '03 and Sara Bondurant, April 15, 2006, Santa Cruz, Calif.

Kristen Post '03 and Kyle Morrison '04, July 23, 2005, Douglas, Mich.

Chris Clark '04 and Sarah Hogge, Oct. 29, 2005, Lexington, Ky.

Sarah Keenan '04 and Ira Woodring, June 25, 2005, Lenoir, N.C.

Monica Merkley '04 and Christopher Lininger '05, June 18, 2005.

J. Layne Shoaf '04 and Joshua H. Fuller, March 18, 2006, Midland, Mich.

John Siehling '04 and Jennifer Folkert '05, July 29, 2005, Holland, Mich.

Rachel Tableman '04 and Andrew Laarman, June 24, 2005, Grand Rapids, Mich.

Daniel Schulte '05 and Kathryn Weller '05, March 25, 2006, Joliet, Ill.

New Arrivals

Kathy Wichnal '90 Estes and John Estes, Jacob McKendree, March 7, 2006

Randy Pierson '90 and Sarah Sheben '94 Pierson, Connall Isaac, April 28, 2005.

Dirk Dykstra '91 and Julie Norman '94 Dykstra, Katherine Elizabeth, March 27, 2006.

Julie Wilcox '91 Strople and Peter Strople, Riley Lynne, Dec. 19, 2005.

Ben Opipari '91 and Kelly Opipari, Nicolas Salvatore, March 6, 2006.

Andrew Stewart '90 and Lynn Stewart, Margaret Layton, April 11, 2006.

Marshall Michmerhuizen '92 and Marcelynn Van Dyke '94 Michmerhuizen, William Eric, Feb. 8, 2006.

Kristen Penner '93 Bullard and Blair Bullard, Karley Marie, Feb. 9, 2006.

Shalom Sonneveldt '93 Jaconette and Bill Jaconette, Charles (Charlie) Lamont, May 11, 2005.

Sheila Sherd '93 Johnson and Jeff Johnson, Chloe Mackenzie, Feb. 17, 2006.

Todd Shugarts '93 and Shelley Shugarts, Kate Edith, March 13, 2006.

Ali Kooistra '94 Breen and Sean Breen, Daniel Christian, March 26, 2006.

Gregory Brown '94 and Jodi Braxmaier '94 Brown, Ryan Albert, Feb. 21, 2006.

Malachi Gallegos '95 and Amy Gallegos, Malachi Brody, May 5, 2005.

Alison Clark '95 LoPresti and Nick LoPresti '97, Julian Nicholas, April 3, 2006.

David T. Evans '96 and Angela Evans, Ryan David, Dec. 9, 2005.

Annette Daniels '96 Harvey and Ryan Harvey '96, Sarah Annette, April 3, 2006.

Christian VerMeulen '96 and Kara Doezema '96 VerMeulen, Alexandra Wilhelmina VerMeulen, Nov. 29, 2005.

Michelle Rhoades '97 Buist and Trent Buist, Maylie Ann, March 7, 2006.

Leigh Ann Goodin '97 Gaul and David Gaul, Faith Elizabeth, Feb. 3, 2006.

Trevor Starnes '97 and Danielle Imborek Starnes, Sydney Alexis, Sept. 26, 2005.

Corrine Downing '97 Timmer and Mark Timmer, Brynn Marie, Jan. 6, 2006.

Jennifer Wuchter '98 Brown and Robert Brown, Elly Grace, Jan. 8, 2006.

Melissa Krolik '98 Brown and Joe Brown, Joseph Timothy, Aug. 2, 2005

Brian Dykhuis '98 and Rebecca Hollenbeck '98 Dykhuis, Lucinda (Lucy) Claire, Nov. 30, 2005.

David Herweyer '98 and Kate Lintemuth '99 Herweyer, William Klein, March 21, 2005.

Angela de Forest '98 Houchin and Timothy Houchin, Audrey Diane, Sept. 11, 2005.

Loreal Parent '98 Madison and Cory Madison, Sienna Rayne, Feb. 23, 2006.

Mindy Moffat '98 Warren and W. Wesley Warren IV, Hadley Jud, Jan. 18, 2006.

Jill Bostelaar '99 Beltman and Joel Beltman, Eliana Joy, April 24, 2006.

Becky Timmer '99 Benson and Tim Benson, Caleb Daniel "Cade," Feb. 27, 2006.

Bethany Rathbun '99 Bruns and Eric Bruns '01, Grayson Paul, March 4, 2006.

Margaret Graske '99 Collins and Tim Collins, Aidan Xavier, Jan. 11, 2006.

Michelle Haiduc-Dale '99 and Noah Haiduc-Dale '99, Asher Elkins, Jan. 24, 2006.

Emily LaLonde '99 MacNellis and Scott MacNellis, William Steven, March 22, 2006.

Russell Metcalf '99 and Maryellen Ward '00 Metcalf, Samuel Alan, March 12, 2006.

Shannon Lewis '99 Morgenstern and Stephen Morgenstern, Sebastian Tyler, Jan. 15, 2006.

John Vertalka '99 and Lindsay Vertalka, Audrey Corinne, April 20, 2006.

Joshua Brugger '00 and Jennifer Linton '01 Brugger, Kaiden Monteith, Dec. 25, 2005.

Megan Clapp '00 Gorton and Jeff Gorton, Alyssa Jane, April 10, 2006.

Laura Hahn '00 Macartney and B.J. Macartney, Jonah Bruce, Aug. 10, 2005.

Katie Ergang '00 Meyering and Kevin Meyering, Anne Hope, Feb. 25, 2006.

Charles Mixer '00 and Kristina Bell '02 Mixer, Charles Jr., Sept. 6, 2005.

Chanda Wenger '00 Slenk and Joe Slenk, Taryn Rebekah, March 23, 2006.

Kate Hoesch '01 DeWys and Troy DeWys, Lauryn Elizabeth, April 6, 2005.

Avonlea Sarver '01 Krueger and John Krueger, John Findlay Paul Krueger, March 20, 2006.

Rob Bradford '02 and Sharon Konopka '02 Bradford, Taye Robert Nesta Bradford, March 29, 2006.

Jon Kucinski '02 and Jordan Scholz '02 Kucinski, Nora Ellis, Nov. 4, 2005.

Kerstin VanderVen '03 Kyes and Ryan Kyes, Chase Landon, March 2, 2006.

Advanced Degrees

Jerrianna van Gessel '76 Boer, master's degree in education and administration, 2004.

Becky Eldrenkamp '78 Ganis, Juris Doctor, University of Dayton School of Law, May 2006.

Glennye Russcher '79 Grindstaff, M.Div., Christian Theological Seminary, May 2006.

Jennifer Straley '88 Larson, D.D.S., University of Michigan, May 2006.

Ben Opipari '91, Ph.D. in English language and literature, with a specialization in 20th century American theatre, Colgate University.

Kurt Dershem '94, Ph.D., Bowling Green State University, 2004.

Megan Carpenter '95, MBA with a focus in marketing and management, Eastern Michigan University, April 2006.

Aaron Hoffman '96, Ph.D. in zoology, Colorado State University.

Kate Lintemuth '99 Herweyer, Master of Education degree, Grand Valley State University, 2005.

Stephanie Stiegler '99, Pharm.D., Ferris State University, Aug. 10, 2005.

Anne Houseworth '01, M.Ed. in educational leadership, DePaul University, March 18, 2006.

Erin Van Dyken '02 Magers, master's degree in public administration, Western Michigan University.

Kristina Bell '02 Mixer, M.D., Loyola University-Stritch School of Medicine, June 2006.

Kristin Schneider '02 Phillips, Educational Specialist (Ed.S.) degree in school psychology, Michigan State University, May 2006.

Lauren Seymour '02, Doctor of Physical Therapy degree, Northwestern University, December 2005.

Kimberly Jacobsen '03, M.A., Boston University School of Medicine, September 2005.

Kjersti Teachman '03, M.A. in Spanish, Northern Illinois University.

Mitch Wacksman '03, master's degree in aquatic ecotoxicology, Southern Illinois University.

Deaths

Gertrud Van Peurse '35 Bell of Saratoga Springs, N.Y., died on Tuesday, March 29, 2005. She was 91.

She worked as a registered nurse and retired in 1974.

She was a member of Burnt Hills United Methodist Church, where she had been a Sunday school teacher, children's accompanist, and member of the choir and the Wednesday morning group, which she founded.

She was preceded in death in 1993 by her husband, Philip Bell.

Survivors include her children, Margaret Mason of Fairfax, Va., Susan Bollwerk of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Philip Bell Jr. of Sandy, Utah; and several grandchildren.

Word has been received of the death of **Helen Bleecker '44** of Orange, Calif., who died on Monday, May 16, 2005. She was 83.

Marjorie De Neut '52 Boone of Grand Haven, Mich., died on Saturday, April 1, 2006. She was 75.

She had been a biology teacher in Grand Haven for 15 years.

She was a member and former deacon of First

Parents in Prayer

Parents and families are invited to include the Hope College community in their personal prayers.

Subscribe, and you will receive prayer requests via email through the Campus Ministries office.

Please send your name and email address to parents@hope.edu.

"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer." (Romans 12:12)

Reformed Church, where she belonged to Women's Bible Study.

She served on the Grand Haven City Council from 1973 through 1981, when she was elected the city's first female mayor and served for eight years. Other community involvement included the advisory board of the Salvation Army, Counterpart, Grand Haven Rotary Club, League of Women Voters, Michigan Municipal League, National League of Cities and Tri-Cities United Way.

Survivors include her husband of 49 years, Maurice Boon '51; her children, Cristine Boon-Hinga '79 (Marvin Hinga '80) of Zeeland, Mich., Amy (Fred) Gadsby of Holland, Mich., and Dennis (Dawn) Boon of Grand Haven; five grandchildren; her brother, Earl De Neut of Grand Rapids, Mich.; and several nieces and nephews.

Jack H. Borr '56 of Douglas, Mich., died on Saturday, May 13, 2006. He was 72.

He was a veteran who served in the U.S. Army.

He had been a self-employed builder for 45 years and was a member of Holland Heights Christian Reformed Church.

Survivors include his wife of 46 years, Helen; two daughters, Lori (Randy) Richardson of Holland, Mich., and Connie Whitehouse of Hamilton, Mich.; five grandchildren; sisters, Barbara Borr Veurink '82 of Holland, Mary (Don) Nienhuis of North Carolina, and Kathy (Dave) Prince of Oklahoma; in-laws, Ann Brummels of Holland, Lewis and June Geurkink of Wisconsin, Gerald Geurkink of California, and Bob and Bernice Strain of Virginia; and nieces, nephews and cousins.

Jan Rottschafer '57 Bos of Blacksburg, Va., died on Monday, April 10, 2006. She was 71.

Since 1979 she had resided in Blacksburg, where she worked as an artist in her home studio. She created watercolors, pastels and acrylics of landscapes inspired by Virginia's mountains and valleys, and florals of scenes in the Leelanau Peninsula of Michigan.

Survivors include her husband, Ronald Bos '53; her daughters, Karrie of Charlottesville, Va., and Darcia of Fort Collins, Colo.; and her brother, L. Dyke '60 (Connie Shroyer '61) Rottschafer of Denver, Colo.

Hilda Baker '50 Bryan of Higginsville, Mo., died on Friday, April 21, 2006. She was 82.

She was a veteran who served in the U.S. Navy Waves as a bookkeeper from 1945 until 1946.

She was a teacher in schools in Michigan, California and Missouri, and was the secretary at Lexington First Baptist Church for 26 years, retiring in 1997.

Survivors include her husband, John; three children, William (Anna) Bryan of Fort Worth, Texas, Robert (Karen) Bryan of Union, Mo., and Ruth Bryan of Overland Park, Kan.; her sister, Helen Baker '50 of Willow Street, Pa.; and one granddaughter.

Word has been received of the death of **Hermine Becker '36 Buys** of Holland, Mich., who died on Saturday, May 27, 2006. More information will appear in the next issue.

Dorothy Shramek '42 Carley of Mill Creek, Wash., died on Monday, Feb. 6, 2006. She was 86. She taught elementary school for 33 years.

She was a member of Hope Church for 40 years, a member of the church circle, and a Sunday school teacher for 13 years. In addition to working with children, she enjoyed gardening, the theater, music, traveling and volunteering.

She was preceded in death by her sister-in-law, Paula Jean Twigg '52 Shramek, in 2005.

Survivors include her brother, James F. Shramek Jr. '49 of Mill Creek, three nieces and one nephew.

Word has been received of the death of **Robert A. Ciampa '75** of Huntingdon, Pa., who died on Friday, April 29, 2005. He was 52.

E. Dale Conklin '64 of Holland, Mich., died on Thursday, March 30, 2006. He was 64.

He had been a lifelong resident of Holland and taught in the West Ottawa Public Schools for 43 years.

Survivors include his brother, Ronald (Pat) Conklin of Zeeland, Mich., and aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Caron Noggle '75 Crumley of Greenback, Tenn., died on Sunday, April 17, 2005, after a long struggle with multiple sclerosis. She was 53.

She had been an English teacher and counselor in the Kalamazoo (Mich.) Public Schools, active in debate, drama and forensics. She retired in 2000.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Lawrence and Connie Noggle, and a brother, Tom Noggle.

Survivors include her husband of 25 years, Dan; her daughters, Danielle and Sarah Crumley; two granddaughters; five sisters and one brother, Nancy Noggle '69 (Tom) Musk, Judy (Rodger) Stortebloom, Suzi (David) Baker, Diane (Harold) Slater, Jim (Karen) Noggle, and Kathy (Chris) Slocum; and several nieces and nephews.

Abbott G. Davis '76 of Maylene, Ala., died on Thursday, March 23, 2006. He was 76.

After high school, he attended Hope for two years. Then he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served for 20 years until retiring in 1971 with the rank of senior chief hospital corpsman. His service included 13 months in Vietnam. After serving as a medical research assistant at the University of Alabama in Birmingham for the next three years, he returned to Hope, completed his degree and began a career with the U.S. Post Office. He retired as postmaster of Burnips, Mich., in 2001.

Survivors include his wife of 44 years, Sherrie; a sister-in-law, Mary (Bob) Rigney of Alabaster, Ala.; and a brother-in-law, Stanley (Pam) Hendrix of Vestavia, Ala.

Joyce Droppers '63 DeWitt of Spring Lake, Mich., died on Sunday, Feb. 26, 2006. She was 64.

She was a nurse who had served in doctors' offices, as director of nursing at Mercy Glenn, and in rehabilitation at Mercy Hospital until retirement.

She formerly sang with a ladies' sextet, taught Sunday school and Good News Clubs, worked with Pioneer Girls, and attended Bible Study Fellowship. At the time of her death, she had been teaching Bible studies, working in AWANA, making quilts for Canadian Sunday School Mission, and occasionally playing organ and piano at Lakeshore Baptist Church, where she was a member.

Survivors include her husband, Jerry; three daughters, Janet (Michael) Bronson of Jackson, Mich., Julie (Michael) Emmons of Ferrysburg, Mich., and Jill Mueller of Ferrysburg; three grandchildren; her mother-in-law, Gertrude DeWitt; her brother, Arlan Droppers of Grand Haven, Mich.; and three sisters- and brothers-in-law, Charles (Lou) DeWitt of Birmingham, Ala., Alan (Marlene) DeWitt of Ferrysburg, and Glen (Gail) DeWitt of Fruitport, Mich.

Leonard Dick '49 of Holland, Mich., died on Thursday, March 20, 2006. He was 80.

He was a veteran of the Army Air Corps who served during World War II.

He taught for 30 years in the Holland Public Schools until his retirement and was a member of First United Methodist Church.

He was preceded in death in 1994 by his wife, Betty Jean Ten Have '46 Dick.

Survivors include his children, Jennifer and Jack Vander Broek of Saugatuck, Mich., and David and Jetta Winstrom of Grand Haven, Mich.; three grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and a cousin.

Harold J. Dykstra '51 of Gilman, Ill., died on Saturday, Dec. 17, 2005. He was 86.

A retired elementary teacher, he had taught in Chatsworth, Ill., and Hazelcrest, Ill., and had also been a crossing guard for many years in Danforth, Ill.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Francis Dykstra, a sister, Caroline Kohlman, and a sister-in-law, Anita Wells '50 Dykstra.

Survivors include two brothers, George Dykstra '43 of Pompton Lakes, N.J., and Gerald (Dorothy) Dykstra of Primghar, Iowa; a sister-in-law, Mayneen Jellema '45 Dykstra of Holland, Mich.; and many nieces and nephews.

Louise Fabiano '36 of Lansing, Mich., died on Sunday, March 12, 2006. She was 91.

She had owned a beauty salon in Lansing, later worked for the Federal Selective Service, and sold real estate in retirement.

She belonged to St. Casimir Church.

Survivors include her sisters, Esther Fabiano-Young and Virginia Fabiano-Bonfiglio; her sister-in-law, Jane Fabiano; and many nieces and nephews.

Paul E. Fell '60 of Quaker Hill, Conn., died on Thursday, Dec. 1, 2005. He was 68.

He earned a Ph.D. in 1967 and joined the

department of zoology at Connecticut College, where he taught and conducted research from 1968 until his retirement in 2003. The results of his research with students in the estuaries and tide-lands of Long Island Sound were published in dozens of papers in a number of scientific journals. He remained active in research in retirement, earning grants and involving undergraduates in his work. He was recognized with a Coastal America Partnership Award in 2004 for his contribution to the restoration of tidal marshes, and with the Sears Roebuck Foundation Award in 1990 for excellence in teaching.

He was an active member in Christ United Methodist Church of Groton, Conn., and a long-time volunteer with Habitat for Humanity of Southeast Connecticut and the New London Community Meal Center.

Survivors include his wife, Ruth; his children, Allison Solecki of Middletown, Conn., and Stephen (Toshiko Oda) Fell of Roslindale, Mass.; two granddaughters; his twin sister, Elizabeth Fell '60 (Eugene J. '59) Boelte of North Carolina; two nephews; and many extended family members.

Jeanette Van Beek '42 Frissel of Holland, Mich., died on Sunday, March 19, 2006. She was 84.

After raising her family, she taught math at E.E. Fell Junior High School for more than a decade.

She was an active member of Third Reformed Church, helped found Young Life of Holland, and was a charter member of HASP (Hope Academy of Senior Professionals). She was also an avid birder, taking numerous birding trips with her husband around the country and around the world in retirement.

She was preceded in death in 2000 by her husband, Harry Frissel '42, a professor of physics who taught at Hope from 1948 to 1985.

Survivors include her daughters, Jeanne Frissel '66 (James E. '65) Van Til of Grand Rapids, Mich., Paula Frissel '70 (Lawrence) Bone of Orchard Park, N.Y., and Jan (Timothy) York of Appleton, Wis.; eight grandchildren; one great-grandson; and two brothers, Chris Van Beek and Lester Van Beek, both of Iowa.

Robert S. Hall '49 of Prescott, Ariz., died on

Monday, May 1, 2006. He was 81.

He served in the U.S. Naval Reserve from 1942 to 1946.

He had a 30-year career in education, teaching in high school in Boyne City, Mich.; in high school and college in Benton Harbor, Mich.; at Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff, Ariz.; and at Yavapai College in Prescott, where he was a member of the founding faculty. He was also an accomplished violinist.

He was a member of First Congregational Church.

Survivors include his wife of 57 years, Evelyn; a son, Bruce Hall of Harrison, Ark.; a daughter, Mary Hall of Alexandria, Va.; and one grandson.

Word has been received of the death of **Thomas R. Hill '49** of Dallas, Texas, who died on Friday, Jan. 28, 2005. He was 78.

Lester Kieft '34 of Lewisburg, Pa., died on Friday, April 14, 2006. He was 93.

He earned a Ph.D. in chemistry and spent his career at Bucknell University from 1942 to 1981. In addition to teaching, he had at various times served as chairman of the chemistry department, secretary of the faculty, and acting provost.

He served as an elder and Sunday school teacher and on numerous committees at St. John's United Church of Christ.

He was a member of the Lewisburg Lions Club for more than 60 years, and had served as president and District 14G Governor. He also served many years as chairman of the Pennsylvania Lions Sight Conservation and Eye Research Foundation, which honored him with the establishment of the Lester Kieft Endowment.

He was also involved in Lewisburg civic affairs, AARP, charities and the Boy Scouts of America, and he received many awards and honors for his volunteer service.

He was preceded in death in 2001 by his wife of nearly 60 years, Norma.

Survivors include three sons, John (Connie) Kieft of Colorado Springs, Colo., Richard Kieft of Monmouth, Ill., and James Kieft of Charlotte, N.C.; and three grandchildren.

John J. Knapp '62 of Holland, Mich., died on Thursday, Oct. 13, 2005. He was 65.

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He was a member of Trinity Reformed Church.

Lillian Landhuis '31 Koerselman of Sheldon, Iowa, died on Monday, Jan. 30, 2006. She was 93.

She taught at a country school in Iowa prior to her marriage in 1934, after which she and her husband raised eight children.

She was a longtime member of Ebenezer Presbyterian Church, where she taught Sunday School and served in women's organizations. She also served in community organizations and enjoyed spending time with her family and quilting.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Herman, in 2004, and by six brothers and two sisters.

Survivors include eight children, Bernard (Darlene) Koerselman of Arizona, Joyce Oatey of Sheldon, Herbert (Arlene) Koerselman of Kentucky, Mary (Les) Roberts of Minnesota, Linda (Cliff) Slykhuis of Nebraska, Les (Nancy) Koerselman of Florida, Vern (Linda) Koerselman of Minnesota, and Nancy (Jim) Zattler of New Hampshire; 17 grandchildren; and 22 great-grandchildren.

Robert L. Kraai '39 of Fremont, Mich., died on Sunday, March 26, 2005. He was 88.

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

He began his teaching career with the Fremont Public Schools in 1947 as a high school teacher. He later served the school district as curriculum coordinator, transportation manager, assistant principal of the high school, and principal of the middle school, retiring in 1980.

He had served as director of the Newaygo County Veterans Institute and as a member of the Fremont Library Board. He was a member of First Reformed Church.

He was preceded in death by a daughter-in-law, Fran Kraai.

Survivors include his wife of 63 years, Magdaline; his children, Scott Kraai of Greenville, Mich., Todd (Debra) Kraai of New Era, Mich., and Tam (Mike) Tubergen of Fremont; eight grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Wesley H. Kraay '40 of Ventura, Calif., died on Thursday, March 2, 2006. He was 89.

He was a veteran of World War II. He earned a Doctor of Dental Surgery degree, married and enlisted in the U.S. Navy as a lieutenant, serving as a dentist in the 119th Seabee construction battalion in the Philippines, as well as in New Guinea. After the war, he remained in the Naval Reserve until 1950.

He was in private practice dentistry for six years in Denver, Colo., and 13 years in Peoria, Ill.

He also served for 17 years as a missionary dentist in Nigeria, West Africa, under the Board of the Sudan Interior Mission. He retired from the mission in 1969 and from active dentistry in 1983 in Sebring, Fla.

In retirement in California, he married Jewel McNeel in 1987 and they traveled extensively.

Survivors include his wife of 18 years; his children, Jan Kiefer of St. Louis, Mo., Kenneth Kraay of Bangkok, Thailand, and Robert (Patricia) Kraay of Hickory, N.C.; three grandchildren; one great-grandchild; brothers, Russell '49 (Gwen Lemmen '48) Kraay of Fort Myers, Fla., and Louis '50 (Ruth) Kraay of Zeeland, Mich.; a sister, Florence Holleman of Holland, Mich.; and sister-in-law, Marjorie Kraay of Watseka, Ill.

Philip C. Maines '69 of Wyoming, Mich., died unexpectedly on Thursday, Feb. 16, 2006. He was 59.

He taught for 30 years at Fountain Elementary School in Grand Rapids, Mich., retiring in 2000.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Philip and Mary Maines.

Survivors include his former wife, Ann Maines of Wyoming, Mich.; a daughter, Carrie Maines '98 (Todd '95) VanderVeen of Arlington Heights, Ill.; a son, Matt Maines '01 and Garon Reen of Byron Center, Mich.; and sisters, Dorothy Maines '58

Pearson of Holland, Mich., and Barbara VandenBroek of Durham, N.C.

Kayleen E. Slater '83 Merry of Rochester, Minn., died on Friday, March 10, 2006, after a long battle with leukemia. She was 44.

The daughter of a missionary surgeon and nurse, she was born in Ivory Coast, West Africa, and came to the U.S. to attend Hope in 1979. She did graduate studies in educational anthropology and missions at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary and was a secondary school teacher for seven years in Buffalo, N.Y., and Midland, Mich. She served the poor for a number of years in Africa with her husband, and was a full-time mom to her five children.

Survivors include her husband, Steve Merry '83; her five children, Matthew and Marielle (both age 12), Karston and Katianna (both age five), and Benjamin (age three); her parents, Dwight M and Barbara Slater of Eckerman, Mich.; her sister, Linnea Boese of Ferkessedougou, Ivory Coast; and four brothers, Dwight E. '76 and Debbie Herzog '76 Slater of Southfield, Mich., Bruce Slater '79 of Northville, Mich., Brent Slater '80 of Southfield, and Kirk '90 and Laura Greij '91 Slater of Kabale, Uganda, Africa.

Carroll Norlin '33 of Holland, Mich., died on Tuesday, April 18, 2006. He was 97.

He taught at Federal Elementary School and E.E. Fell Junior High School, and was principal of Jefferson Elementary School at the time of his retirement in 1975.

He had served as coach of the Holland High school baseball, football and basketball teams, and served on several school boards and organizations. He was a member of St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mildred, in 2003, and by his son-in-law, Douglas Harmon.

Survivors include his daughter, Connie Harmon of Avon Lake, Ohio; five grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Bruce E. Pearson '58 of Holland, Mich., died on Wednesday, March 29, 2006. He was 69.

He taught in the West Ottawa Public Schools for 34 years and retired in 1994.

He was a member of Fellowship Reformed Church, where he was the building groundskeeper and a member of the consistory. He served on the executive committees of the Synod of the Great Lakes and the Holland Classis of the Reformed Church in America. He also served as a member of the steering committee for the formation of Haven Shores Community Church.

He was a member of the Michigan Council of Teachers of Mathematics, the Michigan Education Association and the National Education Association.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy Maines '58 Pearson; his children, Mark (Tamara) Pearson of Grand Rapids, Mich., Sue (Andy) Sklansky of Wilmette, Ill., and Kristi Pearson '90 (Todd) Austhof of Kalamazoo, Mich.; seven grandchildren; and a sister, Sandra Mannion of Freedom, N.Y.

Alan J. Sweet '50 of Zeeland, Mich., died on Sunday, May 14, 2006. He was 80.

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

He retired from the West Ottawa Public Schools after 23 years of teaching upper elementary classes.

He was a member of Community Reformed Church.

Survivors include his wife of 57 years, Lois Meulendyke '47 Sweet; his sons, Timothy (Laurie) Sweet of Zeeland, Randal (Laura) Sweet of Midland, Mich., and Joel (Robin) Sweet of Holland, Mich.; seven grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; his mother, Mary Sweet of Rochester, N.Y.; a brother, Alvin (Nancy) Sweet of Rush, N.Y.; and a sister-in-law, Jean Meulendyke '47 (Howard '50) Millard of Zeeland.

Word has been received of the death of **Harold Wood Sr. '34** of Fairfax, Va., who died on May 26, 2005. He was 93.

Leonora Zonnebelt '32 of Holland, Mich., died on Friday, May 5, 2006. She was 96.

She taught in the Holland Public Schools for many years.

She was a member of Pillar Christian Reformed Church.

Survivors include a niece, Judith Morehouse of Conklin, Mich.; and several cousins.

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A journey with the birds

It was a required project for a class during his senior year that changed everything.

Dr. Donald Kroodsmas '68 is widely regarded as the nation's foremost expert on bird song. His book *The Singing Life of Birds*, the culmination of more than 30 years of observations of 33 species of bird, recently received the prestigious John Burroughs Medal Award presented to the author of a distinguished book of natural history. In 2003, he received the prestigious Elliott Coues Award from the American Ornithologists' Union, for his outstanding contribution to ornithological research. A professor emeritus of biology at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, he is much in demand as a speaker—for example, he was the keynoter during the 2006 Annual Conference of the Michigan Audubon Society in East Lansing in March, and this month is presenting a workshop during the 2006 American Birding Association Convention in Bangor, Maine.

"He has produced an incredible amount of very good work that's recognized by biologists around the world," said Dr. Eldon Greij, who is the Edward A. and Elizabeth Hofma Professor Emeritus of Biology and, an ornithologist himself, founder of *Birder's World* magazine. "He cleverly went from one question or problem to the next, all the while weaving a coherent path through the world of avian singing behavior. Everything he did was well done and resulted in significant information."

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— Dr. Donald Kroodsmas '68

Ironically, Dr. Greij was on a three-year leave completing his graduate degree while Dr. Kroodsmas was attending Hope, so they never connected through a class. "He's the best student I never taught," Dr. Greij joked.

As a Hope freshman back in the fall of 1964, it was chemistry and not biology that Dr. Kroodsmas had chosen as his field. As he delved more deeply into the discipline as a summer student researcher, however, he decided that it wasn't for him.

"That's what Hope does so well—they involve students in research," Dr. Kroodsmas said. "And so much good comes of it. But the good that came from that summer was that I discovered I didn't want to do chemistry the rest of my life."

He thus decided to major in biology as well, and as a second-semester senior enrolled in the course that showed him how he really wanted to spend his time professionally.

"So many good things in life happen by chance and they're totally beyond your

control, and that's what happened," he said. "It was a required project in vertebrate zoology. I went to the Windmill Island marsh and I monitored the migration of birds through the marsh. That's when I just got totally hooked on birds."

"It was one of those things that was forced on me," Dr. Kroodsmas said. "I think that's so often the case, that a student might not know what to do, but if forced to do *something* you discover a whole world that you didn't realize was there. You had no way of knowing it was there."

"And one thing leads to another, and before you know it almost four decades have gone by and I'm still in love with what I discovered way back then," he said.

Dr. Kroodsmas can appreciate the importance of unexpected discoveries on multiple levels. As a supportive member of the Class of '68, he decided to visit Pull practice during his sophomore year. A friend introduced him to another classmate, Melissa Parker, an avid photographer who was there with camera in-hand.

It was a good first meeting. They started dating, and have been married since shortly after graduation. They have three grown children, two daughters and a son.

Thanks to Melissa, Dr. Kroodsmas even has an enduring record of the way the relationship started. "I have a picture of myself of the minute we met," he said.

Having discovered his interest in ornithology fairly late in his undergraduate career, Dr. Kroodsmas did coursework at the University of Michigan field station at Pellston after graduation, as additional training before the start of his graduate program at Oregon State in the fall.

The responsibilities that accompanied the fellowship he'd received to participate in the summer program helped push him a bit closer toward his life's work: he was asked to record birds as they sang. As with the class at Hope, he was enthralled. "There's something about aiming a powerful microphone at a bird and slipping the headphones over your ears and hearing what's really going on," he said.

At Oregon State he needed to develop a research project of his own, and although his experience at Pellston had him thinking in terms of bird song, he struggled to come up with an idea. Then, at home one day, he listened.

"I had driven all over creation looking for something to do—hundreds of miles I put on the car looking for this research project, and there it was in the back yard," he said.

He had heard the Bewick's wren, and as it sang the question came to mind that has guided him ever since: how do singing birds acquire their songs?

He has found the answers fascinating. Even within the single species such as Bewick's wren, for example, there are multiple dialects—something as relatively small as a cut through a forest for power lines can result in differences on either side. The young birds learn from their fathers (the females don't sing), but as they move to other locations they adopt the songs of the other males in the new neighborhood. "The males at each location interact with each other by using the same songs, matching each other at times with identical songs, so



A senior-year course at Hope led to an abiding interest in ornithology for Dr. Donald Kroodsmas '68, who is now widely regarded as the nation's foremost expert on bird song.

that they can, more or less, 'talk to each other,'" he said.

And they learn to sing much as a child learns to talk. In fact, to demonstrate that idea the CD that accompanies *The Singing Life of Birds* features not only examples of bird song, but a recording of Dr. Kroodsmas's daughter at age one-and-a-half as she experiments with talking—a mix of random syllables and definite words, all en route to language. A young bird's song efforts are included for comparison.

"Once you hear it, I think you listen to birds in a different way," he said. "You realize that, 'Wow, they and we have hit on the same thing.' They babble like we do. They have dialects like we do. They have to hear, of course, in order to learn."

He captures what he hears not only on audio recordings, but through sonagrams that display the birds' song in printed form. One element might show up as a mass of shading, another seem akin to heavy dots, another appear as a series of narrow vertical lines close together. Listen for a bit while looking at the charts, and the symbols begin to take on meaning much like notations on a musical score or words on a page.

Dr. Kroodsmas's work is well known within the academic community. He has edited three scholarly volumes on acoustic communication among birds, and has written more than 100 articles—in both scholarly journals and in popular magazines.

It's the popular audience that he is particularly interested in reaching now, so that a wider segment of society can enjoy experiencing birds more richly. It's a primary

reason that he wrote *The Singing Life of Birds*—and is also his motivation for the next two volumes on which he is working which, like the first book, will include audio CDs.

"I want to try taking bird song and explaining it in such a way that anybody could grasp the magic of what's going on around them," he said. "So that's my goal for the next five or 10 years."

The second book of the trilogy he has planned will follow a year in bird song, since there are important differences not only by region but by season. "It's a series of stories beginning in January and taking you all the way through December, through a full cycle of bird sounds—picking good species that tell good stories," he said.

The third book will be built around his travels with his son as they bicycled from Virginia to Oregon in 70 days in 2003. The book will include not only bird song, but the dialects of local people, and everyday sounds of the regions they visited as well. "It becomes a narrative of that travel from east to west, of listening to the continent sing," he said.

Dr. Kroodsmas's interest in sharing bird song included speaking at Hope on Friday, March 3, through a biology seminar sponsored by the college's chapter of the Tri-Beta honorary society. He addressed a full house, a mix of faculty and students as well as community members.

He was clear from the beginning about what he hoped would happen for them. "My single goal is to have you leave here ready to listen in a different way than when you entered this room," he said. 🐦