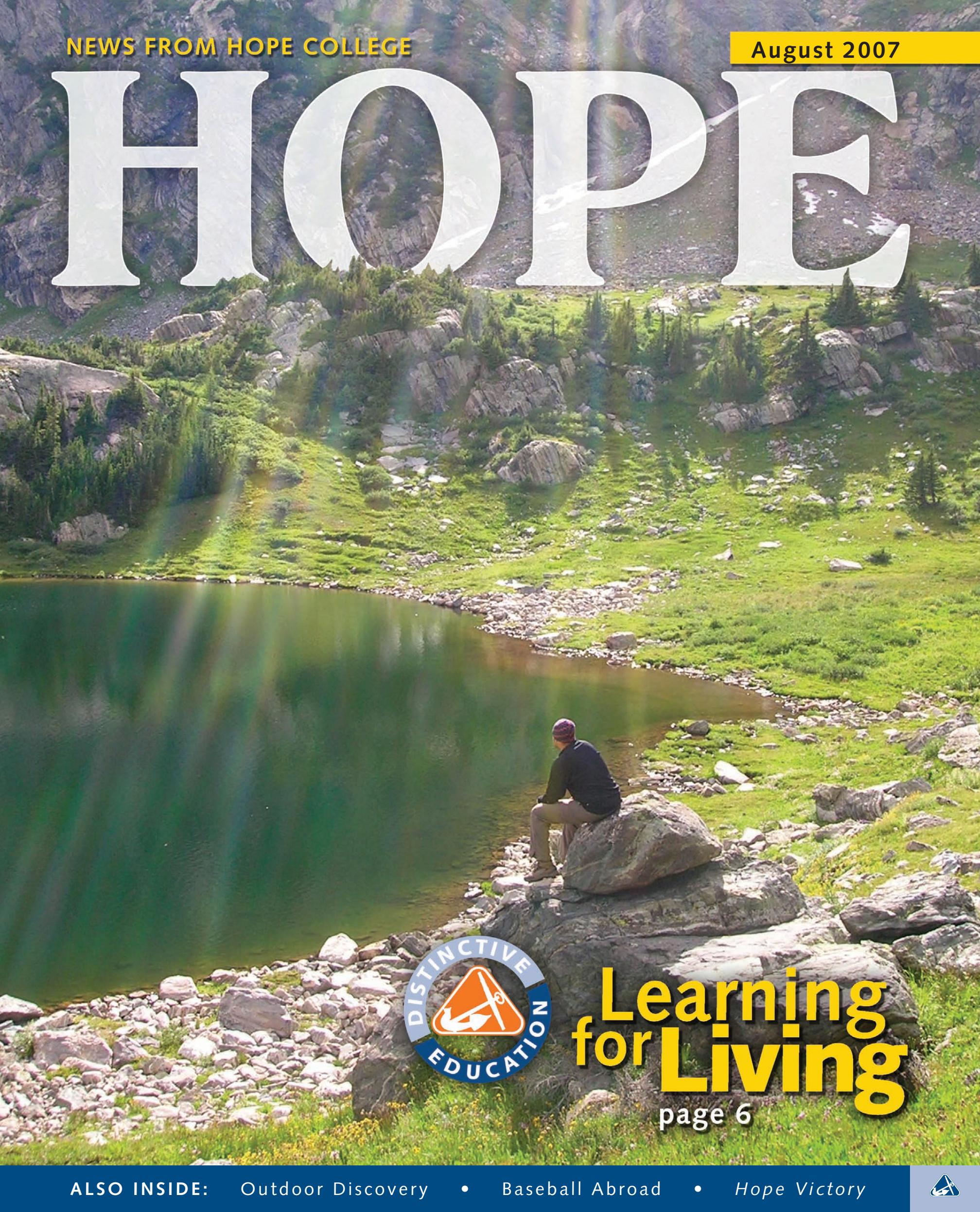


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A contemplative moment in the awe-inspiring beauty of the Colorado wilderness during the college's "Wilderness Politics" summer course. Photo courtesy of Dr. Jack Holmes.



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"Quote, unquote"

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



Across 2007-08, *News from Hope College* will examine distinctive and outstanding aspects of a Hope education, both within the classroom and beyond. As an introduction to each issue's theme, "Quote, unquote" will feature insights from a member of the campus community. First up, for our look at interdisciplinary education

through the lens of environmental issues, is Provost Dr. James Boelkins '66.

How do we educate students for today's rapidly changing, complex and flat world? In this issue of *News from Hope* you will learn about a key feature of a Hope education – the study of big issues using an integrated, interdisciplinary approach.

We want students to understand that to be an effective and contributing world citizen, they need to be educated and informed in multiple disciplines. To effectively understand and address environmental issues requires knowledge of science, economics, political science, ethics, religion, statistics, sociology, psychology and skills in oral and written communication. Students need to know how to read and evaluate the literature while applying skills of critical thinking and problem solving. Working across discipline boundaries often necessitates an understanding of cultural differences and other languages. These skills, knowledge and behaviors are embedded in a liberal arts education, the essential core of a Hope education.

The importance of the liberal arts is the focus of the recent report from the Association of American Colleges & Universities which highlighted four essential learning outcomes: knowledge of human cultures and the natural world; intellectual and practical skills, personal and social responsibility, and integrative learning. We embrace these outcomes at Hope.

A Hope education offers numerous opportunities for students to develop interdisciplinary perspectives. For example, this summer over 200 students are engaged in undergraduate research programs. In today's world, one cannot solve complex problems without using a multidisciplinary approach. This is why we created interdisciplinary programs in neuroscience, mathematical biology, environmental science, and computational science and modeling. Our most recent Howard Hughes Medical Institute grant enabled us to develop interdisciplinary learning modules in the majority of introductory science courses.

But, examples are not limited to the sciences. We have collaborative learning efforts between the arts programs, languages and dance, communication and computer science, and throughout the humanities and social sciences. The Critical Issues Symposium, Center for Faithful Leadership, CrossRoads Program, Campus Ministries, and Student Development sponsor programs that – along with international and cross-cultural experiences and internships – also foster integrative thinking across disciplines.

David Kearns, former CEO of Xerox Corporation, said, "The only education that prepares us for change is a liberal education. In periods of change, narrow specialization condemns us to inflexibility – precisely what we do not need. We need the flexible intellectual tools to be problem solvers, to be able to continue leaning over time." Our goal in the Hope academic program is to provide a rich soil in which to nurture passionate, knowledgeable world citizens.

The foundation of a Hope education is a liberal arts core curriculum providing multidisciplinary approaches to the arts, culture, science and mathematics, social sciences and the humanities. Add to this our Christian faith, the component that gives integrity to our soil, and a faculty committed to interdisciplinary learning, and you have an integrated holistic education that prepares students with the capabilities they will need in their working and civic lives.

So, read the articles and get a glimpse into a window of Hope's academic program. It's an exciting place to learn! 



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Opening Convocation—

Sunday, Aug. 26

DeVos Fieldhouse, 2 p.m.

The Pull—

Saturday, Sept. 29, 3 p.m.

Black River, near U.S. 31 and M-21



Critical Issues Symposium—

Tuesday-Wednesday, Oct. 2-3

Topic: "Immigration: Shaping and Reshaping America"

Nykerk Cup Competition—

Saturday, Nov. 3, 8 p.m.

Holland Civic Center,
150 W. Eighth St.

Christmas Vespers—

Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 1-2

Dimnent Memorial Chapel

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 2007-08 are:

Fri., Sept. 28	Mon., Oct. 8
Fri., Oct. 19	Fri., Oct. 26
Fri., Nov. 2	Fri., Nov. 9
Fri., Nov. 16	Mon., Jan. 21
Fri., Feb. 1	Mon., Feb. 18
Fri., Feb. 29	

Junior Days: Friday, March 28;

Friday, April 4; Friday, April 18

Pre-Professional Day:

Wednesday, May 21

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

dANCEpROJECT—

Thursday-Saturday, Oct. 25-27

Knickerbocker Theatre, 8 p.m.

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

DE PREE GALLERY

Artist/Designer—

Monday, Aug. 20-Friday, Oct. 5

There will be a reception on Friday, Sept. 7, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

New Works—

Friday, Oct. 19-Friday, Nov. 16

Work by Erin Carney and Jim Cogswell. There will be an opening reception on Friday, Oct. 19, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

During the summer, the gallery is open weekdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

During the school year, the gallery is open Mondays through Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sundays from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free.



GREAT PERFORMANCE SERIES

Koresh Dance Company—Friday-Saturday, Sept. 14-15: DeWitt Center, main theatre, 7:30 p.m.

Vienna Boys Choir—Thursday, Oct. 25: Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 7:30 p.m.

Concertante, string chamber ensemble—Friday, Nov. 9: Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 7:30 p.m.

Hot Club of San Francisco, jazz—Thursday, Jan. 24: Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 7:30 p.m.

Harlem Quartet, A Sphinx Ensemble, strings—Friday, Feb. 22: Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 7:30 p.m.

Rebecca Schull in Journey into the Whirlwind—Thursday-Friday, March 27-28: Knickerbocker Theatre, 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$17 for regular adult admission, \$12 for senior citizens, and \$6 for children under 18 and Hope students, and are available at the ticket office in the front lobby of the DeVos Fieldhouse. Season tickets are also available for \$58 for regular admission, \$47 for senior citizens and \$125 for families.

THEATRE

Second City Comedy Troupe—

Friday, Oct. 19

Knickerbocker Theatre, 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$17 for regular adult admission, \$12 for senior citizens and Hope faculty and staff, and \$6 for Hope students. Tickets are available at the ticket office in the front lobby of the DeVos Fieldhouse.

The Nina Variations—

Friday-Saturday, Oct. 5-6, and

Wednesday-Saturday, Oct. 10-13

By Steven Dietz

DeWitt Center, studio theatre,
8 p.m.

Ticket prices for Hope College Theatre productions are \$7 for regular admission and \$4 for senior citizens and students, and are available at the ticket office in the front lobby of the DeVos Fieldhouse.

MUSIC

Guest Artist—Tuesday, Sept. 11:

Beth Quimby-Hopkins '99, pianist, Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.

Student Scholarship Recital—

Thursday, Sept. 20: Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 6 p.m.

Admission is free.

Symphonette—Friday, Oct. 5: Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.

Wind Symphony—Wednesday, Oct. 10: Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.

Jazz Ensemble—Thursday, Oct. 11: Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.

Guest Artist—Tuesday, Oct. 23: Olivier Latry, organist, Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.

Orchestra—Friday, Nov. 2: with Dr. Huw Lewis, organist, Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.



TICKET SALES

For events with advance ticket sales, the ticket office in the front lobby of the DeVos Fieldhouse is open weekdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and can be called at (616) 395-7890.

VISITING WRITERS SERIES

Monday, Sept. 17—Cornelius Eady

Monday, Nov. 12—Marjorie Agosin

The readings will be at the Knickerbocker Theatre beginning at 7 p.m. Live music by the Jazz Chamber Ensemble will precede the readings at 6:30 p.m. Admission is free.



FALL SPORTS SCHEDULES

Please visit the college online at www.hope.edu/athletics/fall.html for schedules for the fall athletic season, including cross country, football, men's and women's golf, men's and women's soccer, and volleyball. Copies may be obtained by calling (616) 395-7860.

ALUMNI, PARENTS & FRIENDS

Regional Events

Grand Rapids, Mich.—

Thursday, Aug. 30

A Whitecaps baseball game at Fifth Third Ballpark.

San Diego, Calif.—

Sunday, Sept. 16

A gathering to view the Dead Sea Scrolls at the San Diego Natural History Museum.

Community Day—Saturday, Sept. 8

Highlights will include a 4:30-6:30 p.m. picnic at Windmill Island and a 7 p.m. football game with Central College at Holland Municipal Stadium.

Homecoming Weekend—

Friday-Sunday, Oct. 5-7

Includes reunions for every fifth class, '87 through '02.

Parents' Weekend—

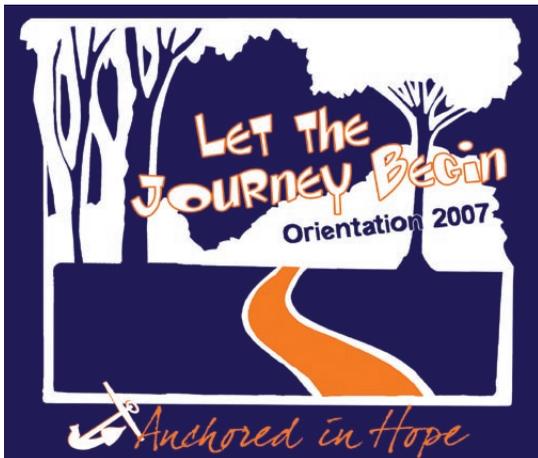
Friday-Sunday, Nov. 2-4

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/.

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.





NEW YEAR AHEAD: Hope's 146th academic year is nigh. Residence halls for new students will open on Friday, Aug. 24, at 10 a.m., with New Student Orientation beginning later that day and continuing through Monday, Aug. 27. Residence halls for returning students will open on Sunday, Aug. 26, at noon.

The school year will begin formally with the Opening Convocation for new students and their families on Sunday, Aug. 26, at 2 p.m. in the DeVos Fieldhouse, a change from the traditional chapel location because of the large size (about 820 students) of the incoming class.

The featured speaker will be Dr. F. Sheldon Wettack, dean of faculty emeritus and professor of chemistry emeritus at Harvey Mudd College of Claremont, Calif. Since retiring from Harvey Mudd in 2004, he has been a visiting professor of chemistry at Hope. He had previously been at Hope from 1967 to 1982, first as a member of the chemistry faculty and then as dean for the natural and social sciences.

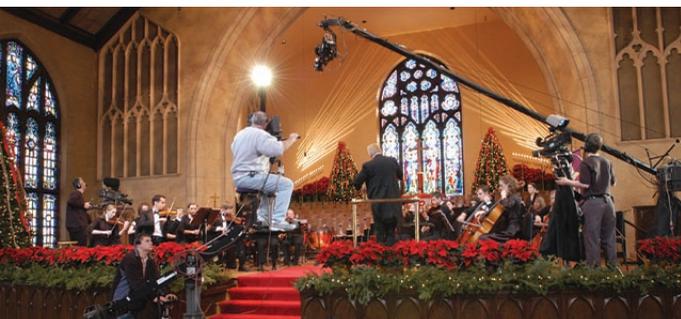
Fall semester classes will begin on Tuesday, Aug. 28, at 8 a.m.

More ONLINE www.hope.edu/pr/nfhc

VESPERS HONORED: The television production of the 2006 Hope College Christmas Vespers received two honors this spring.

The program was produced by WGUV-TV in Grand Rapids in cooperation with the department of music at Hope. In June, the television production received a Third Place Certificate for Creative Excellence from the International Film and Video Festival's 40th Annual Awards Competition. In April, the production received an Award of Excellence in the TV Programs – Other category of the Videographer Awards.

More ONLINE www.hope.edu/pr/nfhc



INTERNATIONAL ACCLAIM: Hope College is the top Baccalaureate school in the nation for having the largest number of students enroll in long-term study-abroad programs.

A survey by the Institute of International Education ranked Hope first among four-year colleges for the number of students it sent on long-term study-abroad programs during 2004-05. The college also placed sixth nationwide on the same measure among colleges and universities of any type.

Titled "Meeting America's Global Education Challenge: Current Trends in U.S. Study Abroad and The Impact of Strategic Diversity Initiatives," the report was released in May by the Institute for International Education (IIE).

The report emphasizes the importance of study abroad, noting "To succeed and prosper in a global economy and interconnected world, U.S. students need international knowledge, intercultural communication skills, and global perspectives."



The report defines long-term study as a program running an entire academic year. The program also provided information concerning mid-term (single-semester) and short-term (eight weeks or less) programs.

During 2006-07, 134 Hope students spent either the academic year or a semester in 27 different countries.

(In the photo above, students travel while participating in the college's London May Term.)

UNIQUE GRANT: Hope is one of only 11 colleges and universities nationwide chosen to participate in "Deliberation about Things That Matter," an initiative sponsored by Phi Beta Kappa to encourage the teaching and learning of deliberative skills through the discussion of major issues of meaning or value.

Through the support, Hope is developing a program with an academic focus for incoming freshmen in conjunction with New Student Orientation that will also link with campus-wide events scheduled for later in the school year, including the Critical Issues Symposium.

The freshmen have each received a copy of *Stealing Buddha's Dinner* by Bich Minh Nguyen, which they will discuss in small groups during New Student Orientation. The book focuses on Nguyen's experience growing up in Grand Rapids, Mich., as a Vietnamese immigrant and the challenges she faced as she struggled to fit into American culture.

More ONLINE www.hope.edu/pr/nfhc



EMMY AWARDS: *Come On Over!*, the children's television program filmed at Hope, has won six Emmy Awards from The Michigan Chapter of The National Television Academy.

Come On Over! is the brainchild of Joel Schoon Tanis '89 and the creation of Enthusiastic Productions LLC, a venture between Schoon Tanis and the Grand Rapids Children's Museum. The program features Schoon Tanis as a stay-at-home artist with a great imagination, and is set primarily in his backyard and studio—both of which were built in the studio of the college's Martha Miller Center for Global Communication.

The six Emmys are: "Musical Composition/Arrangement," Chad Dykema '90, song-writer and performer, and Paul Chamness '90, song-writer and performer, and music engineer; "Graphic Arts-Animation," Keith Himebaugh '96, animator; "Graphic Arts-Art Direction," John A.C. Despres; "Graphic Arts-Set Design," Bob Phillips; "Lighting-Studio," Keith Oberfeld, with Erik Alberg '90, assistant lighting director and key gaffer; and "On-Camera Talent-Performer/Narrator," Joel Schoon Tanis '89.

More ONLINE www.hope.edu/pr/nfhc

EXAMINING IMMIGRATION: Immigration and its role in the United States will be the focus of this year's Critical Issues Symposium, scheduled for Tuesday-Wednesday, Oct. 2-3.

The college's annual Critical Issues Symposium provides an intensive look at a single topic. This year's symposium is exploring "Immigration: Shaping and Reshaping America," and will feature two keynote addresses, three blocks of concurrent focus and departmental sessions, and a closing wrap-up conversation featuring U.S. Congressman Pete Hoekstra '75. A variety of activities are also being scheduled in anticipation of the symposium.

More ONLINE www.hope.edu/pr/nfhc

HOPE IN PICTURES

Please visit the college online to enjoy extensive photo galleries organized by topic and chronicling a variety of events in the life of Hope. Pictured is a moment from New Student Orientation '06.



More ONLINE www.hope.edu/pr/gallery



Living Lessons

By Greg Olgers

The wide range of departments exploring environmental issues reflects a strength of the liberal arts: the ability to bring many perspectives and varied insights together in addressing complex topics.

It's a philosophy that fits well at Hope.

The consensus among faculty at the college is that addressing the world's environmental issues will require contributions from multiple disciplines. The challenges, they say, are too big and too complex for a single field to handle alone.

Appropriately, Hope students can explore environmental questions from many perspectives, with courses available in every academic division. Some are even team taught by faculty from different programs, a cooperative approach also taken by a variety of faculty-student research efforts in the natural and physical sciences.

What makes Hope work well as a venue in which to study environmental issues, though, lies at the heart of the institution academically. A liberal arts college since its earliest days, Hope makes a multi-disciplinary approach to knowledge a fundamental assumption, and the big-picture perspective that informs the way that environmental issues are taught serves Hope students well no matter what their interest. Other topics are pursued with the same mind-set, the goal being to produce graduates that are well prepared for the 360-degree, interconnected world beyond college. It's not just a degree, it's a way of life.

Dr. John Lunn, who is the Robert W. Haack Professor of Economics, team teaches "Environmental Public Policy" with Dr. Jack Holmes of political science and Dr. Jon Peterson '84 of the geological and environmental sciences. He sees lessons beyond any specific topic students might choose to study.

"There are too many significant issues out there to take classes in all of them," he said.

"One of the things I hope students get out of Hope, regardless of what they major in, is an ability to critically read claims that are made, especially in newspapers and magazines and so forth," he said. "That's why science is important. They have to know how science works-and the same with economics."

"A student who never took anything about environmental issues would still be able to read materials, explore issues and have the ability to find answers or at least be able to reject simplistic answers that would be provided by people," Dr. Lunn said.

Integrative learning is at the heart of the GEMS (general education mathematics and science) course focused on climate change that Dr. Joanne Stewart of the chemistry faculty developed through support she received as one of only 21 college-level faculty members nationwide



Complex issues need the insight of multiple disciplines to be addressed effectively. With its liberal arts perspective and emphasis on integrative learning, the Hope model prepares students for such complexity well. Above, students enjoy the beauty of Colorado while learning about local environmental issues through the college's long-running "Wilderness Politics" course. (Photo courtesy of Dr. Jack Holmes.)

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named a Carnegie Scholar for 2005-06. The students explore a region and topic that interests them, and then gather and analyze data to inform their understanding.

"With integrative learning, we're more explicit about helping students to integrate, to help them make connections," Dr. Stewart said.

"It's not easy for them," she said. "They've never been asked to use both book knowledge and their personal beliefs and knowledge, and then to bring those together in decision-making and to articulate their perspective."

Beyond his role in the course he teaches with Drs. Holmes and Lunn, Dr. Peterson is multi-disciplinary in his research, an approach that he believes not only serves his research well but demonstrates an important point.

"From a science and professional standpoint, it's important for students to see that environmental issues are not solved by one person," he said. "Collaboration is important. Here I am in the GES department, and my research student is in biology."

Dr. Peterson's ongoing interest in ground water is currently focusing on the microscopic insect *collembola*, comparing the DNA of *collembola* in Holland's groundwater to counterparts at the Mohonk Preserve in New York, with which Hope has been developing a student-internship and research relationship. He has been working this summer with Dr. Terrence Sullivan and senior Austin Dreyer of Holland, Mich., who are both in the laboratory of biologist Dr. Thomas Bultman '78, including spending several weeks at the



Hope is making a difference in its hometown of Holland as researchers at the college contribute to understanding of the Lake Macatawa watershed. From left to right are seniors Alex Behm and Morgan Willming, and area high school teachers Jennifer Soukhome and Carl Van Faasen '91, who visited the Outdoor Discovery Center to collect mud samples from a pond for testing.

preserve early in the summer.

"Research so far has definitely been interesting enough that I could see myself doing it for a while," Dreyer said. "And I think going to the preserve was a great opportunity."

Down the hall, Dr. Graham Peaslee is managing a variety of projects of his own. Since the late 1990s, he has conducted research on the local Macatawa watershed, work for which he received the "Stakeholder of the Year" award from the Macatawa Watershed Project in 2005. He appreciates the chance to contribute to the community.

"I feel like I'm doing something applied with my science. I feel like I'm giving back to my community," Dr. Peaslee said. "It's better than the 'Me Generation.' It's the 'Us Generation' and the idea that we should care about our neighbor, and that fits with Hope's mission."

Among other projects in Dr. Peaslee's lab, senior Alex Behm of Ann Arbor, Mich., is helping a Zeeland dentist deal with heavy metals produced as waste by his office, while senior Morgan Willming of South Haven, Mich., is investigating the effects of copper sulfate used to treat algae in local ponds. Dr. Peaslee is also hosting two area high school teachers: Carl Van Faasen '91 of Holland High School and Jennifer Soukhome of Zeeland West High School, who not only have been able to use their work with him through the years in their classroom but are currently developing publications related to the experience.

"Hopefully at the end of the summer we'll have completed a manuscript that will become a book on the history of the Macatawa area watershed and a lab manual," Van Faasen said. "As a teacher, doing something that's intellectually stimulating in the science area, along with the people that we meet here on campus, brings a lot back to our classroom."

Hope students can make the study of environmental issues a formal part of their degree program through two different interdisciplinary minors.

Offered for about 10 years, the college's environmental science minor is designed for science students, and correspondingly has an intense science emphasis and requires a major in one of the natural or physical sciences.

It turns out to be a practical combination. Dr. Peterson, who directs the minor, noted that graduates of the environmental science program have found themselves in high demand.

"Every spring, I'm made aware of more job opportunities than we have students to fill them," he said.

Established more recently, the environmental studies minor is open to all students but geared especially toward those not majoring in the natural or physical sciences, and includes a mix of courses from departments including English and religion as well as the GEMS and interdisciplinary studies programs.

"It's the 'Us Generation' and the idea that we should care about our neighbor... fits with Hope's mission."

- Dr. Graham Peaslee

The minor's director, Dr. Steven Bouma-Prediger '79 of the religion faculty, developed it out of what is arguably the best of all scenarios: nearly all of the courses were already offered at Hope, reflecting extant interest.

"It occurred to me looking at the course catalog that nobody was coordinating anything but these courses started showing up," he said. "We had a *de facto* minor."

Dr. Bouma-Prediger has been interested in environmental issues for several years. His courses in his department range from the introductory "Earth and Ethics" to the upper-level May Term course "Ecological Theology and Ethics" that includes camping in the Adirondacks, and he has written several scholarly articles and books on faith and the environment. (More about Dr. Bouma-Prediger and his work can be found in the feature accompanying this article.)

The longevity of individual environmentally themed courses at Hope varies widely. Dr. Jack Holmes of the political science faculty has taught the late-summer "Wilderness Politics" course for some three decades. Students stay in a cabin in the Holy Cross wilderness in Colorado and learn about how environmental issues and the local, state and federal governments interact.

"The big issue in Colorado is the water," Dr. Holmes said. "There's just not enough of it out there."

For many years, the students took a focused look at an ongoing battle over a specific plan to divert water from the wilderness area where the course takes place. They even contributed to the dialogue themselves.

"The students actually did some of the research that helped point the environmental community and others to what needed to be further researched," Dr. Holmes said.

After nearly 20 years that particular conflict was resolved in favor of the preservationists, but the general issues remain. Dr. Holmes also sees an opportunity for the students to learn more broadly from the experience. Indeed, offered as one of the college's Senior Seminar options, the course is designed that way.

"They write their life view and then apply it to how they would address an issue like this," he said.

In contrast to the long history of "Wilderness Politics," the course "Managing for Environmental Sustainability" taught by Professor Vicki Ten Haken '73 debuted this past year. An associate professor of management, she sees the topic of environment only growing in importance.

"Business is seeing the environment as one of the 'macro' issues," she said, which she noted ranks the topic alongside globalization, technology and work-force diversity. "Our majors, in order to enter into the world of business, need to be aware of it."

The course examines leading companies in the area of environmental sustainability, exploring practices that they are implementing successfully.

"Too often business and the environment are seen at odds with each other," Professor Ten Haken said. "I don't think they need to be that way."

Senior Beula Pandian of Kuwait noted that the course has even inspired her post-Hope plans.

"This course definitely opened my eyes to things I would have never paid attention to as a management major," she said. "I graduate in a year, and I am looking at moving to the Middle East, which is where I was born and where my family lives, to work in organizations that use environmentally sustainable methods or start one if there aren't any."

Beyond the long-running courses and the new courses, there are also the initiatives still to come. Through an exploratory grant from the National Science Foundation, the college is investigating how to more effectively utilize the 55-acre biological field station that Hope has owned for the past 30-40 years.

"Hope students have access to a gorgeous piece of the natural world just five miles from campus," said Dr. Kathy Winnett-Murray, professor of biology. "It is about as pristine a natural dune forest in this area as you're ever going to find."

Located near the Lake Michigan coast just southwest of Holland, the site has hosted some individual research projects, but members of the faculty see much greater potential, not only for faculty and students but for Hope as an institution to play an enlarged role in contributing to environmental understanding. The vision includes integrating the site more effectively into the curriculum and the life of the college, including, potentially, through construction of a small classroom/research center for a variety of uses.

"We'd like to see more people across campus use it, and we'd like to have the facilities and instrumentation out there to enhance our research and program," Dr. Winnett-Murray said.

Such improvements would also give Hope a new way to contribute on a national and even international level to scientific inquiry and understanding. One goal is to contribute data collected at the site to national databases to enhance understanding overall concerning phenomena and events ranging from global climate change to the migration of birds.

"The more data you have from a variety of geographic sites, the better you can document patterns and major changes," Dr. Winnett-Murray said. "We foresee huge potential to use the site to do that." 🐦



A growing relationship with the Mohonk Preserve in New York is leading to new research opportunities for students. Above, biology major Austin Dreyer studies the DNA of the microscopic insect *collembola* in a project headed by geologist Dr. Jon Peterson '84.



Time together in the wilds of Colorado. (Photo courtesy of Dr. Jack Holmes.)





A Call to Stewardship

By Greg Chandler

In an age in which Christians often disagree about the environment and their role in it, Dr. Steven Bouma-Prediger '79 believes his discipline has a great deal to offer.

Dr. Bouma-Prediger, a professor of religion at Hope and director of the college's environmental studies program, cites passages throughout Scripture as evidence that humans are to protect and care for the earth, not exploit it.

"The Bible is an ecological book, if one only has the eyes to see it," said Dr. Bouma-Prediger, whose scholarship is on environmental theology and ethics, and includes multiple books. "From Genesis to Revelation, the Bible is a book of ecological wisdom and a book that calls us as humans to care for the earth."

Dr. Bouma-Prediger teaches those lessons not only in the classroom, but also in nature, as he has led a May Term course in the Adirondack Mountains in upstate New York throughout his career at Hope.

Ryan Atwell '00, who is now pursuing his Ph.D. at Iowa State University, says that Dr. Bouma-Prediger's teaching strongly influenced the way he reads Scripture.

"I started to read the Bible as a different book, a book about the whole world, not just about my own faith life," Atwell said.

Dr. Bouma-Prediger believes one of the most misquoted passages of Scripture is Genesis 1:26-28, which describes how God has given humans dominion over the earth. He believes many Christians have taken that passage as a license to do whatever they want to the earth. However, he looks at the word "dominion" from a much different perspective.

"To exercise dominion is not to dominate, but to serve," he said.

Dr. Bouma-Prediger points to another verse in the next chapter of Genesis (2:15), in which God directs humans to work and to care for the earth.

Dr. Bouma-Prediger's path to becoming a teacher, theologian and environmentalist was not a straight one. As an undergraduate at Hope, he was a mathematics major with an emphasis on computer science.



Theology and ecology are a major focus of Professor Steven Bouma-Prediger '79's teaching and scholarship alike. His popular May Term course in the Adirondack Mountains in upstate New York provides students with an opportunity to consider biblical perspective on environmental theology and ethics while experiencing the natural world first-hand. (Photos above and at lower right courtesy of Dr. Steven Bouma-Prediger '79.)

However, over the final two years of his studies, he found himself drawn to classes in religion, philosophy and psychology.

"What I came to realize was that in my physics courses, what truly interested me was the philosophy of science – interesting philosophical questions arising from relativity theory and the like," Dr. Bouma-Prediger said. "It was the same in mathematics – what was interesting to me was the philosophy of mathematics, not so much solving problems."

"From Genesis to Revelation, the Bible is a book of ecological wisdom and a book that calls us as humans to care for the earth."

– Steven Bouma-Prediger

Along the way, Dr. Bouma-Prediger had begun leading wilderness trips as a camp counselor to such places as the Boundary Waters region in northeastern Minnesota.

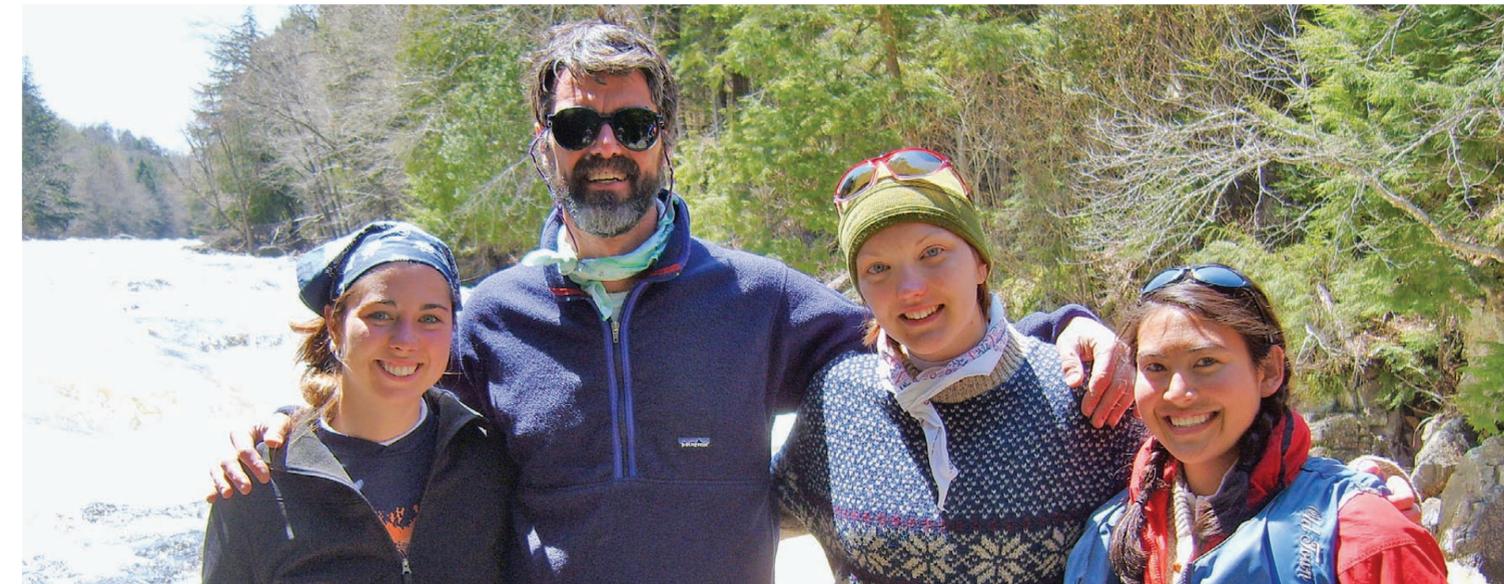
After graduating from Hope, Bouma-Prediger taught mathematics and coached football for one year at DeWitt High School, near Lansing, Mich. "While I loved teaching, I didn't see myself growing old and gray teaching high school math and coaching football," he said.

So Dr. Bouma-Prediger enrolled at the Institute for Christian Studies, in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, in 1981 to begin work on a master's degree in philosophy. While most of his colleagues had an academic background in the humanities, he was one of the few whose background was in the sciences. He credits the well-rounded education he received at Hope with helping him make the transition.

"It would not have been easy to do had I not had a good broad liberal arts education at Hope," Dr. Bouma-Prediger said. "It would not as been as seamless. It would have been much more difficult."

Dr. Bouma-Prediger later earned a master's in theology from Fuller Theological Seminary in California and a doctorate from the University of Chicago, the latter after writing a 440-page

thesis that became the basis for his first book, *The Greening of Theology*. That book examined the way three theologians – Rosemary Radford Ruether, Joseph Sittler and Jurgen Moltmann – view nature and its connection to faith.



After teaching for four years at North Park College in Chicago, Dr. Bouma-Prediger joined the Hope faculty in 1994. He says his teaching style is less based on lecture and more on class discussion, and that he likes to keep students guessing as to what's coming next.

"It could be pairing students up randomly, it could be groups of three or four, it could be a large group discussion," he said.

Sometimes, Dr. Bouma-Prediger sets the tone for class with movies, poetry or music – the Canadian singer-songwriter Bruce Cockburn and the Irish rock group U2 are two of his favorite musical performers.

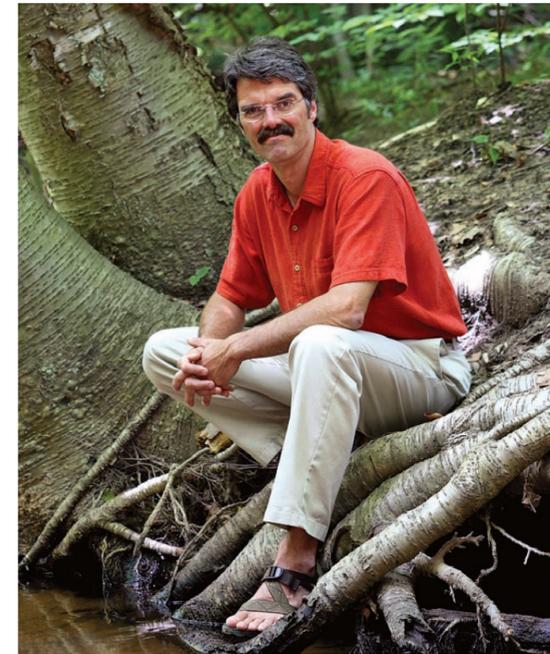
Ryan Atwell says that one of Dr. Bouma-Prediger's greatest strengths is his ability to bridge gaps between academic disciplines, and between academic study and the real world.

"Steve was a professor who demanded a great deal of engagement with the course material and with other students," Atwell said. "I wanted to be prepared."

Dr. Bouma-Prediger's dynamic teaching style has made him a favorite among Hope students. In 1998, graduating seniors voted to have him present the commencement address. The following year, he was named the recipient of the H.O.P.E. (Hope Outstanding Professor Educator) award.

In 2001, Dr. Bouma-Prediger was voted the favorite teacher by Hope students. Two years later, he became the first holder of the John H. and Jeanne M. Jacobson Endowed Chair, named for the late Hope president and his wife.

Dr. Bouma-Prediger is quick to credit his colleagues in the Hope academic community for encouraging his teaching.



"I teach in an institution with a lot of good teachers," he said. "We shamelessly steal each other's good ideas. The passion my colleagues have for teaching rubs off."

Dr. Bouma-Prediger is about to release his fifth book, *Beyond Homelessness: Christian Faith in an Age of Displacement*, which he wrote with University of Toronto professor Brian Walsh. The book, to be published by Grand Rapids, Mich.-based Eerdmans Publishing, is scheduled for release early next year.





Exploring the Natural World

By Heather Vander Plaats

As a child, Travis Williams '98 spent hours outdoors near his hometown of Hastings, Mich. – exploring wooded areas, searching for snakes and collecting insects. Today, he's at the helm of an organization that encourages the same kind of inquisitiveness in the natural world.

Williams is executive director of the Outdoor Discovery Center of Wildlife Unlimited, a non-profit wildlife preserve and outdoor education center just south of Holland. The 120-acre site, visited by an estimated 40,000 people last year, is home to hundreds of species of plants and animals. Many are viewable by the public along several miles of walking paths that meander through the property. Set among the variable landscape of wetlands, dunes, forests and meadows is a seven-acre deer and elk enclosure, as well as a handful of educational buildings, including a spacious interpretive center and a birds-of-prey facility.

Williams was hired to run the Outdoor Discovery Center in 2000, shortly after a local conservation group, Wildlife Unlimited, purchased the land. While one major objective was to create a place where wildlife and natural habitats would flourish, Wildlife Unlimited also envisioned the site as a learning center for the general public as well for as local schools and organizations. The group partnered with the Ottawa Area Intermediate School District to develop a long-range plan for the site, bringing in Williams to help with its creation and implementation.

"Having the chance to be one of the front-line creators of a place like this and to work with all kinds of tremendous people to make it happen has been such a rewarding experience," Williams said. "It allows you a lot of perspective when you look back, because you know how it started. That makes you appreciate every little piece that's been added along the way."

When Williams began, the property housed only a former township hall and a few vehicle tracks. Today, the public can enjoy its walking paths, wildlife enclosures and educational buildings free of charge seven days a week, dawn to dusk. A newly completed "sensory

"...the more children become aware of the environment and understand the interconnections of ecosystems, the better educated they'll be as adults about the impact of their choices."

– Travis Williams

trail" gives people with disabilities access to many of the property's highlights via a hard-surface trail. The facility also offers a wide array of inquiry-based, hands-on educational programs – both on and off site – to the general public, schools and local organizations. Nine staff members have joined the center in recent years to meet the growing demand for the center's resources. Last year alone, approximately 23,000 children participated to some degree in its programs.



As executive director of the Outdoor Discovery Center, Travis Williams '98 lives out daily his childhood interest in the natural world and his Hope training in biology and environmental science. In addition to serving as an educational resource for the community, the center is a haven for injured birds such as the great horned owl pictured above.

"Not everyone needs to be an environmentalist," Williams said, "but the more children become aware of the environment and understand the interconnections of ecosystems, the better educated they'll be as adults about the impact of their choices."

As a student at Hope, Williams pursued a degree in the sciences, majoring in biology and earning minors in environmental science and geology. In addition to playing on the football team and working as a lab assistant, he also was one of the first students to take an interest in improving the educational displays and developing protocol for animal care in the college's Science Museum, a popular destination for local school groups, said Dr. Kathy Winnett-Murray, professor of biology. Williams also volunteered to develop and present some programs on reptiles, amphibians and predators to local elementary school children, she recalled.

"He was always around to lend a hand with the projects we had going on in the department," she said. "If you offered an optional field trip or outing, he was the first to sign up."

Biology professor Dr. K. Greg Murray

described Williams as a student who studied biology for its own sake. "Travis was one of those people who had a real interest in organisms. He didn't seem focused on any one career at that point; his main focus was loving to learn about living things," he noted.

Williams has nothing but praise for the education he received at Hope. "It was an incredible place to study science," he said. "I have to give a lot of credit to Dr. Murray and Dr. Winnett-Murray, who both really lit my fire in terms of encouraging me to go outdoors and study. Hope also offered all kinds of opportunities for study through travel. I went on several field-type biology trips while I was there – to the Bahamas, the Colorado Rockies, southern Indiana, and Kentucky."

Following graduation, Williams worked as an environmental engineer and then as a biology instructor, simultaneously earning a master's degree in education at Aquinas College. He also served as a naturalist with the DeGraaf Nature Center in Holland. In 2003, he received his master's degree in strategic management at Davenport University. He now lives on site at the Outdoor Discovery Center with his wife, Stephanie Jones '99 Williams, and their children, Joshua and Megan.

educational programs under the supervision and tutelage of the center's staff. Additionally, students and faculty from Hope use the center as a site for ecological research projects, including taking biological inventories.

"They gather data that helps us track things like what organisms are living here and whether they're increasing in numbers," Williams explained. "All of that information is important because it helps us in the management of our preserve."

The center also hosts several Hope interns each year, providing an interdisciplinary model that gives students experience not only in biology, but also in management, land use, public relations and teaching. Anna Brownson, a Hope senior who intends to work in outdoor education, is an intern at the center this summer. She has been helping out with educational programs at local libraries and assisting Williams with an off-site beetle study along the banks of the Kalamazoo River.

"I've learned more about teaching kids about wildlife, and my skills at handling wildlife, including birds of prey, have improved," she noted.

For his part, Williams is excited to wake up each day and share his passion for the natural world with adults and children alike.

"As an educator at heart, my favorite moments happen when visitors to our center – whether they're adults going on an eco-tour or children in one of our wetlands programs – get smiles on their faces because they've connected the dots and realized the intricate layers you find in the environment," he said. www.OutdoorDiscoveryCenter.org



Thousands of area school children visit the Outdoor Discovery Center annually, benefiting from the opportunity to experience and learn from nature in a hands-on way. (Photo courtesy of Travis Williams '98.)



A Record for the Books



Retirement from the religion faculty in 1992 was only an interim step for Dr. Elton Bruins '50. In the years since, he has continued his decades-long interest in area and Hope history through his work with the A.C. Van Raalte Institute, starting in 1994 as the organization's founding director and more recently, after retiring from that position in 2002, as the Philip Phelps Jr. Research Professor.

Earlier this summer, on the eve of his 80th birthday, he retired a third time (although he will continue to work with the program informally).

In celebration of his career, friends, colleagues and former students came together to produce the festschrift *A Goodly Heritage: Essays in Honor of the Reverend Dr. Elton J. Bruins at Eighty*, planned and edited by Dr. Jacob E. Nyenhuis, who is director of the A.C.



Dr. Jacob Nyenhuis (right), director of the A.C. Van Raalte Institute, presents Dr. Elton Bruins '50 with a copy of the festschrift in his honor during

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Reformed Church in America, was presented as a surprise during a dinner held in his honor on June 6 and then announced publicly during the opening of the biennial conference of the

Association for the Advancement of Dutch-American Studies held on campus beginning the next day.

The book's 15 essays fall into three categories, all reflecting different aspects of Dr. Bruins's career. The first 10 essays concern church history and theology, the next two focus on different aspects of the life of the Rev. Albertus C. Van Raalte, and the final three deal with local history. The topics range from religious conflict in the 19th century, to the Civil War, to Hope College history, to the effort to create the Joint Archives of Holland, to recent ideological conflict in the field of Reformation history, to contemporary issues in the Reformed Church in America.

More about the book and Dr. Bruins's service and research activities can be found on the college's Web site as directed by the "More Online" link that appears elsewhere on these pages. In the remainder of *this* space, we wanted to honor him in a manner consistent with his contributions to the life of the college: by giving him a chance to share with the Hope family a "Top-Dozen" listing of interesting, little-known and/or maybe even surprising facts about Hope that he has enjoyed during his more than 40 years with the college.

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A GOODLY HERITAGE

ESSAYS IN HONOR OF THE REVEREND
Dr. Elton J. Bruins AT EIGHTY

EDITED BY **Jacob E. Nyenhuis**

A Hope College Top-12

A dozen interesting, unusual or significant ideas and events in the history of Hope College



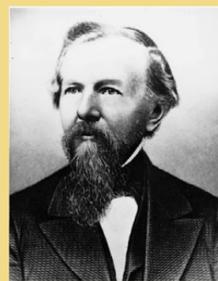
1. As more research is conducted in early Hope College history, it is becoming clear that Philip Phelps Jr., the first president of Hope College, needs to be given the credit for founding the college.

2. Dr. Albertus C. Van Raalte, the founder of the Holland Colony, must be given the credit for laying the groundwork in that he founded the Holland Academy that Phelps developed into Hope College.

3. Pres. Charles Scott, the second president, put the college on a good financial footing that guaranteed its future.

4. The college's chapel program began at the start of the college and attendance was required until about 1970.

5. Sports had a slow beginning at Hope College because the faculty opposed sports activity in any athletic league. [Gordon Brewer's histories of sports give the full story.]



6. Due to the fact that Hope College never moved to another site during its history, the campus has a great variety of architecture, going from Victorian to Gothic to Richardsonian to Modern to modern Flemish [i.e. the Van Wylen Library].

7. The 1940s were crucial in the history of the college because Hope went from a very low enrollment of about 250 during World War II to 1,300 in just a year after the end of that war.

8. Following the building of Van Raalte Hall in 1903, when the college had its first academic laboratories, the science program began to make great gains that have continued to the present day.



9. International education began with the arrival of Japanese students who were invited to come by Pres. Philip Phelps Jr. in the early 1870s. (Pictured is Kimura Kumaji, Class of 1879)

10. The mission program of the Reformed Church in America made a great impact on students as early as the 1870s and continued in strength for a century, resulting in scores of students entering mission service in China, Japan, India, and Arabia.

11. The academic program finally garnered much better funding beginning with the reception of the Sloan and Mellon grants in 1960s and 1970s under the leadership of Pres. Calvin Vander Werf.

12. Under the direction of Pres. Gordon J. Van Wylen, Hope College made a recovery of its Christian vision with which it began under Pres. Phelps in the 1860s.



Faculty Kudos

FULBRIGHT AWARD: Vicki Ten Haken '73, associate professor of management, will spend the fall and winter teaching and conducting research in Krakow, Poland, through an award from the Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program.

She will be teaching management classes at the Krakow University of Economics in the university's MBA and international business studies programs. She will participate in an orientation program in Warsaw during the latter half of September and then be in Krakow from October through the end of the university's first semester in February.

Professor Ten Haken is the fourth member of the Hope faculty to receive one of the awards in the past four years, and it is the second year in a row that a member of the economics, management and accounting faculty has received one. Dr. Victor Claar, associate professor of economics, spent the 2006-07 school year teaching at the American University of Armenia in Yerevan, Armenia, through a Fulbright award. In 2004, Dr. William Cohen, professor emeritus of history, and Dr. David Klooster, professor of English, received Fulbright awards to teach in Japan and Austria respectively.

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PERFORMING RECOGNIZED: Pianist Andrew Le of the music faculty performed in New York as part of the prestigious Bosendorfer Artist Series on Tuesday, April 24.

Bosendorfer was the official piano sponsor for the Hilton Head International Competition, which Professor Le won in 2004. Later that year he gave his Carnegie Hall debut performance to critical acclaim.

In addition to the Hilton Head Competition, Professor Le was also a prizewinner in the 1997 Junior Gina

Bachauer International Competition and the 1993 MTNA-Baldwin Competition.

CAREER HONORED: Donald H. Williams, professor emeritus of chemistry, received a Distinguished Service Award from his undergraduate alma mater, Muskingum College of New Concord, Ohio.

Dr. Williams, who retired from the Hope faculty in 2002 after 33 years at the college, is a 1960 Muskingum graduate. He received the award during Muskingum's Alumni Weekend in June.



Sponsored by the Muskingum College Alumni Council, the Distinguished Service Award recognizes and honors alumni who have distinguished themselves through their professional endeavors and exemplary service to mankind, and is Muskingum's highest alumni honor. (Photo by Josh Franzos, courtesy of Muskingum College.)

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POEMS PUBLISHED: Jackie Bartley, adjunct assistant professor of English, is the author of *Ordinary Time*, a collection of poems published by Spire Press Inc. of New York City.

The collection has been published as the winner of an annual competition sponsored by Spire Press Inc. for collections of poetry.

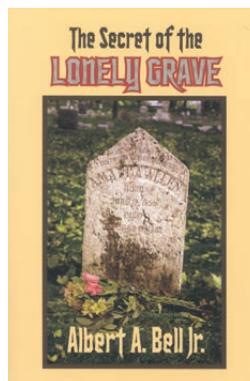
"Jackie Bartley's 'Ordinary Time' is a collection of extraordinary poems: each one shimmering in metaphoric richness; each one unwavering in its quiet sense of truth," author Linda Nemece Foster has written. "There are no casual observations in Bartley's universe where every single event is infused with wonder and grace—whether it occurs in an exotic village in Bolivia or the familiar landscape of a Midwest plain."

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MYSTERY NOVEL: A mystery leads to history in the children's book *The Secret of the Lonely Grave* by Dr. Albert Bell Jr. of the history faculty.

The story centers on two 11-year-old friends, Steve and Kendra, when they notice that someone has taken an interest in the long-neglected



grave of a young girl who died in the 1860s. Their investigation leads them not only to discover her story, but to lessons on the Civil War, slavery and the Underground Railroad.

Although the story is fictional, its setting in southern Kentucky is real. It was inspired by Dr. Bell's visits to see his wife's family in the area, and a tombstone that he had noticed set off by itself while walking through an old cemetery.

The Secret of the Lonely Grave has been published by Claystone Books, an imprint of Ingalls Publishing Group Inc. of Boone, N.C.

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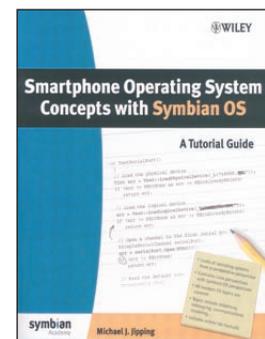
SMARTPHONE BOOK: Dr. Michael Jipping of the computer science faculty is author of a new book that demonstrates operating system concepts with experiments on smartphones.

The book, *Smartphone Operating System Concepts with Symbian OS*, has been published by John Wiley and Sons as part of Symbian Press.

Smartphones are mobile phones with expanded capabilities usually found on desktop computers. These capabilities include Internet and e-mail access, the ability to read documents and scheduling software. Mobile phone manufacturers that use the Symbian operating system include Nokia, Sony Ericsson, and Samsung.

The book is part of the Symbian Academy Series. Symbian Academy is a series of materials designed support institutions wishing to teach the knowledge and skills associated with software development on Symbian OS smartphone platforms.

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LIBERAL ARTS FOCUS: The American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (ASBMB) has appointed Dr. Rodney Boyer, who is the Drs. Edward and Elizabeth Hofma Professor Emeritus of Chemistry, as a member of a study group to evaluate how the disciplines of biochemistry and molecular biology support and contribute to the broad goals of liberal arts education.

The project is funded by a \$75,000 grant to ASBMB from the Teagle Foundation.

Since 1992, ASBMB has endorsed a recommended curriculum for a bachelor's degree in biochemistry and molecular biology. The curriculum has recently been modified to emphasize the skills necessary for students to develop, rather than just a recommended list of courses which may vary from institution to institution.

Dr. Boyer was a member of the chemistry faculty at Hope from 1974 until retiring in 2000.

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Extra Innings in Prague

Any notion that a language barrier might exist when baseball players from six different countries, including Hope College, gathered in June for an international tournament in The Czech Republic dissipated with the game's first pitch. The Flying Dutchmen quickly learned that sport brings cultures together, regardless of what language is spoken.

The baseball team enjoyed its first international trip by competing in the acclaimed Prague Baseball Week tournament against teams from The Czech Republic, Russia, Australia, Sweden and Slovakia.

It was a week of many firsts for the players such as understanding "you're out" in a foreign language and swinging only wooden bats. One of the games was televised nationally and announced in Czech. The 10-day trip was also a time to become immersed in a new culture.

The opportunity for Hope athletes to travel

abroad is an extension of the college's desire that students have lifetime experiences that extend beyond the campus. International trips by athletic teams started with the men's basketball program in the 1980s. This summer, in addition to baseball, the men's golf team traveled to Scotland and the volleyball team will prepare for their season with a trip to Brazil.

The United States ambassador to the Czech Republic threw out the first pitch at one of the games. "That was the point that it really hit me that we weren't just playing to represent Hope College, we had the chance to represent the United States of America in our country's national past time...baseball," observed pitcher Anthony Pastrick '07.

For a gallery of additional images and coverage of the team's time in Prague, please visit Hope in cyberspace.

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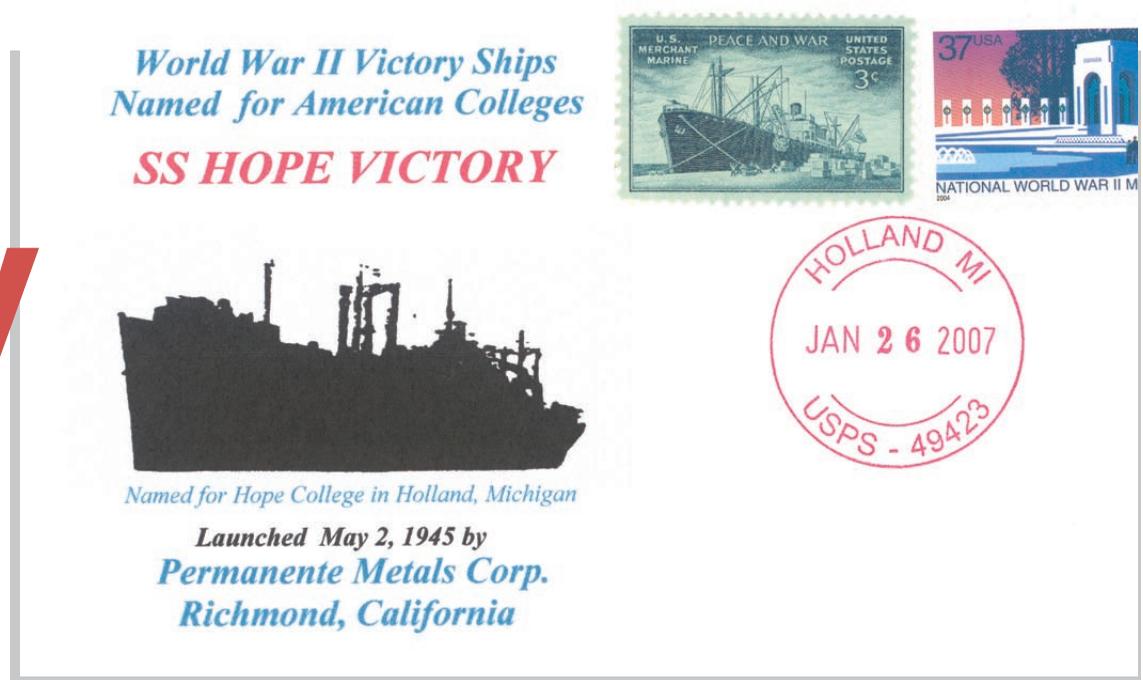


Hope and Victory

A recent sale on eBay has brought alive a bit of wartime Hope history.

In the course of collecting materials related to the college, archivist Geoffrey Reynolds sets his eBay account to notify of him when items mentioning Hope College go on sale. He can't buy them all, of course—it wouldn't be the best use of institutional resources—but every once in a while something shows up that just can't be resisted, like the commemorative card celebrating the *SS Hope Victory*, a merchant ship launched in the college's name during World War II.

"We've been collecting information on the *Hope Victory* for several years," Reynolds said. "We have newspaper clippings, photographs—even a copy of the program from the day the ship was launched. I thought the card would be an interesting addition."



A commemorative card recently found on eBay offered a reminder of a bit of Hope's World War II history: a ship named in the college's honor. At lower left the *Hope Victory* is launched in May 1945. At lower right is a side view of another vessel in the class. (Photographs courtesy of the Hope College Collection of the Joint Archives of Holland)

And the price was good—just a few dollars, which Reynolds paid himself.

The Victory-class merchant ships were introduced in the latter part of the war as an improvement upon the better-known Liberty Ships. Like the Liberty Ships, they were designed to be mass produced, part of the prodigious output of materiel that in combination with a generation's sacrificial effort helped the U.S. win the war.

Of the more than 500 Victory Ships that were built, 150 were named for educational institutions. A total of five were named for MIAA schools—Albion, Alma, Calvin, Hillsdale (no longer in the MIAA) and Hope.

The *Hope Victory* was launched on May 2, 1945, at the Richmond, Calif., shipyards of the Permanente Metals Corporation. Hope was represented at the occasion by Dr. James Muilenberg '20, who was a professor in the Department of Old Testament Literature and Semitic Languages at the Pacific School of Religion at Berkeley, Calif. Invited to speak during the ceremony, Dr. Muilenberg briefly recounted the college's history and emphasis on sound learning in the context of faith, and then linked the tradition to the occasion.

"For many decades men and women have streamed from the doors of the little college into the thoroughfares of the world. They have ventured forth into the far corners of the earth to express in their own way what the college symbolized and proclaimed," he said. "This launching of *Hope Victory* is not

merely a tribute to the college; it is a sign and symbol of her very self. May this ship, like the college whose name she bears, sail forth, steer for the deep waters only, and return from her voyaging crowned with honor, and victory, and peace."

The *Hope Victory* not only survived the war but stayed afloat for another 45 years, first owned by the U.S. Maritime Administration and then in private hands. It was sold for scrap and dismantled in India in 1990.

(Editor's Note: Of course, the best way for historical Hope materials to get into the archives is for those with documents and photos related to the college to donate them rather than sell them or, worst of all, throw them away. Reynolds noted that he recently had to regretfully pass on a couple of Hope sorority scrapbooks that were listed for sale online. Like others that the archives has received as gifts they might have contained a treasure trove of Hope photos and keepsakes that could have been preserved as a part of the Hope story.) ✍️





FIELDWORK: Major progress has been made this summer on the renovation of the college's baseball and softball fields.

Work started shortly after the conclusion of classes and will continue during the coming school year. The projects will be completed in time for the 2008 season.

The softball stadium has been named in honor of Karla Hoesch Wolters, longtime Hope softball coach, and her husband Tom. Both are graduates of the Class of 1973.

The baseball stadium has been named in honor of Ronald Boeve '60, an assistant baseball coach for nearly a quarter of a century, and his wife Sonya (Sunny).

The project includes the installation of permanent stands for fans, new press boxes and dugouts. The softball seating will accommodate approximately 250 fans and baseball will have seating for about 300. Each area will have a patio suitable for tailgating.

MULTINATIONAL CONSORTIUM: Hope is one of nine colleges and universities from Canada, Mexico and the United States participating in the North American Mobility Project, a consortium focused on the study of ethics and public policy issues in the sciences in North America.

Through the consortium, students from any of the nine participating institutions will have an opportunity to spend a semester at an institution in one of the other two nations represented. The program includes three institutions each in Canada, Mexico and the U.S.

The program has been funded through a three-year, \$203,021 grant from the U.S. Department of Education's Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE) that will continue through August of 2010. In addition to Hope, the participating U.S. institutions are Howard University in Washington, D.C., which is the U.S. lead for the project, and the University of Texas at El Paso. The participating Canadian institutions are Concordia University in Montreal, Quebec; Université de Montréal; and St. Paul University in Ottawa, Ontario. The participating institutions in Mexico are the Universidad Autónoma de Querétaro; the Universidad Popular Autónoma del Estado de Puebla; and Universidad Anahuac.

The programs of study for the participating students will be multidisciplinary in nature, including not only science coursework and research experience but also work in disciplines such as philosophy, religious studies and public policy.

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Mary Van Dis '80 Bauman



Arwa Haider '91



Dr. A. Paul Schaap '67



Carol Joelson '61 Sytsma

TRUSTEES APPOINTED: Hope has made four new appointments to its Board of Trustees.

Newly chosen to serve four-year terms on the board are Mary Van Dis '80 Bauman of Grand Rapids, Mich.; Arwa Haider '91 of Miami, Fla.; Dr. A. Paul Schaap '67 of Grosse Pointe Park, Mich.; and Carol Joelson '61 Sytsma of Newcastle, Wash.

The college has also re-elected five trustees to four-year terms on the board: Sandra K. Sissing '64 Church of Traverse City, Mich.; Thomas H. Claus '75 of East Grand Rapids, Mich.; Brian W. Koop '71 of Holland, Mich.; the Rev. Stephen M. Norden '74 of Powell, Ohio; and Richard L. Postma of Grand Rapids.

Retiring from the board are Ralph E. Jackson Jr. '64 of Naples, Fla., and Donald E. Miller '53 of Bellevue, Wash.

Joel G. Bouwens '74 of Holland has been elected to a second four-year term as chairperson. Koop has been elected vice-chairperson, succeeding the Rev. Peter C. Semeyn '73 of Traverse City, who is continuing to serve on the board. Lynne Walchenbach '73 Hendricks of Holland is continuing to serve as secretary.

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Anita Van Engen '98 Bateman



Lisa Bos '97



Lori Visscher '83 Droppers



Brett Kingma '09



Elias Sanchez '78

ALUMNI BOARD MEMBERS: During its May meeting, the Alumni Association Board of Directors chose its officers for 2007-08 and appointed five new members.

Karen Gonder '81 Navis of Grandville, Mich., is continuing her two-year term as president and Mark VanGenderen '90 of Cedarburg, Wis., is continuing as vice president. Dr. Sara Van Anrooy '82 of Castle Park, Colo., has been appointed secretary, succeeding the late Dr. John Witte '54 of Vero Beach, Fla. Dr. Witte died on May 8 shortly after marking the conclusion of his six-year term on the board, having served the last two years as secretary.

The board's new members are: Anita Van Engen '98 Bateman of Austin, Texas; Lisa Bos '97

of Washington, D.C.; Lori Visscher '83 Droppers, Maitland, Fla.; junior Brett Kingma of Grand Rapids, Mich.; and Elias Sanchez '78 of Hinsdale, Ill.

Jason Cash '07, formerly Senior Class Representative, was appointed representative of the most recent graduating class. Sarah Oosterink '08, formerly Junior Class Representative, was appointed Senior Class Representative.

In addition to Dr. Witte, the board members who have concluded their service to the board are: Leah Sunderlin '79 Haugneland of Katy, Texas; Kristin Tichy '92 Pagenkopf of Glenview, Ill.; Allison Pawlowski '06 of Pinckney, Mich.; and Beth Snyder '94 of Arlington, Va.

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**Mary Boelkins '96
Remenschneider**
Alumni Director

In this issue of *News from Hope College*, we are introducing the new members of the Alumni Association Board of Directors. I am excited to welcome Lisa Bos, Eli Sanchez, Anita Bateman, Lori Droppers, and Brett Kingma to the board as they work to serve you and the college.

We are also saying goodbye to a number of board members who have volunteered between three and seven years on behalf of the alumni in their communities. Beth Snyder, Kristin Tichy Pagenkopf, Allison Pawlowski, and Leah Haugneland Sunderlin all completed their terms this year.

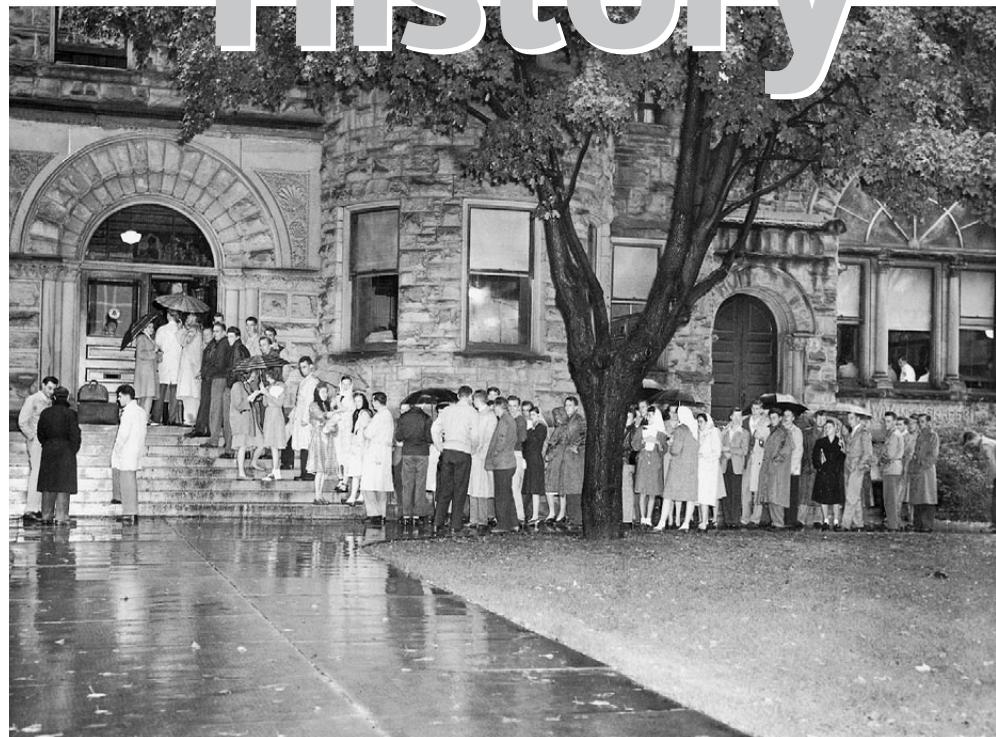
Another board member, John Witte, was also completing his sixth and final year of service this year. John attended the meeting in May; he shared his suggestions and insight, he represented the college during Alumni Weekend activities, he gave us all hugs and smiles when he left for home, and two days later we learned that John had passed away. As the shock was replaced by sadness I knew that we had lost an advocate for Hope and a dear friend. John and his wife, Sandra, shared of themselves to better the college and he will be truly missed.

John made a difference at Hope. He was a champion for alumni, a supporter of Hope employees and fellow board members, and an advocate for change. He embraced his role as a volunteer leader and made a lasting impact on Hope.

We would all do well to emulate John's commitment to service. Whether it is volunteering for a favorite organization, financially supporting a worthy cause, or offering wisdom and insight, we should share our lives. We have the potential to accomplish great things if only we make a priority of taking the time and opportunity to do them.

Many of you already volunteer in these ways, and some of you do them for Hope. We appreciate all of you for the commitments you make to better your communities, your college, and yourselves. May we all lead lives that reflect a generous spirit, an open heart, and a commitment to each other.

Window to Hope's History



In the fall of 1946, returning GIs eager to resume their civilian lives after serving in World War II filled the campuses of colleges and universities around the nation, including Hope. Here, campus stalwart Graves Hall hosts a long line of students waiting in the rain to register. (With the new school year beginning later this month, it's perhaps worth offering reassurance that computerization and advance registration have made such waits an artifact of the distant past.) Although he's not pictured in this photograph, Dr. Elton Bruins '50, who is featured on pages 14-15, happened to be among the returning servicemen the year this image was taken, enrolling at Hope after a stint in the U.S. Navy. (Photo courtesy of the Hope College Collection of the Joint Archives of Holland)

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Young Grads Honored

Two Chicago-area alumnae involved in the arts have been named the inaugural recipients of the college's newest alumni honor.

Meredith Arwady '00 and **Jodi Kurtze '01** are the first recipients of the new Young Alumni Award presented by the Alumni Association. Arwady was honored during a reception on campus on May 20, and Kurtze during a regional event in Chicago, Ill., on June 16.

Meredith Arwady '00 is a contralto and member of the Ryan Opera Center of the Lyric Opera of Chicago, and in 2004 was one of only three winners in the New York Metropolitan Opera National Council Auditions.

She graduated from Hope with majors in music and English, and was active in performing through the department of music, including as a member of the Chapel Choir and departmental recitals and concerts, as well as with the department of theatre in musical theatre productions. Her additional activities ranged from varsity soccer, swimming and diving, and track; to intramurals; to volunteering with the Children's After School Achievement (CASA) program; to serving as a resident assistant; to serving on Student Congress. She traveled abroad every summer—to Europe with the Chapel Choir, and to Africa, India and Austria through Hope academic programs.

From Hope, Arwady won admission to the master's program in opera at the prestigious Curtis Institute in Philadelphia, Pa., to which the acceptance rate is about one in 100.



Meredith Arwady '00 pictured at right with Alumni Director Mary Boelkins '96 Remenschneider and Alumni Board member Gene Haulenbeek '72.

Among other honors in addition to her National Council Auditions award, Arwady won the 2002 Astral Artistic Services National Auditions, the 2002 and 2004 Licia Albanese competitions, the inaugural Marian Anderson Prize for Emerging Classical Artists in 2002 and the 2005 George London Foundation/Kirsten Flagstad Award, and received a 2002 Sara Tucker Grant and a 2007 Richard Tucker Career Grant. She has performed nationwide, including with New Orleans Opera, San Francisco Opera, the Opera Company of Philadelphia, the New York Philharmonic, the Toronto Symphony, the Baltimore Symphony and the Pittsburgh Symphony, and in 2006 returned to Hope to present a recital. She has been with the Lyric Opera of Chicago since 2005.

Jodi Kurtze '01 is a principal dancer and teacher with Jump Rhythm Jazz Project and associate director of special gifts with the American Diabetes Association in Chicago, and among other volunteer activities is executive director for the Miss Chicago Scholarship Program. She was formerly general manager of the Chicago Human Rhythm Project and director of development for Lexington College in Chicago.

She graduated with majors in dance performance/choreography and communication, and is currently pursuing a Master of Management degree at North Park University.

While a student Kurtze performed with Aerial Dance Theatre, the Strike Time Dance Company and InSync Dance Theater. In addition to performing in dance productions at the college, her activities included the Sigma Omicron (dance) and Mortar Board honorary societies, the Delta Phi sorority, the Nykerk Cup competition and Pull tug-of-war, Habitat for Humanity, the student-organized Dance Marathon fund-raiser for Helen DeVos Children's Hospital, the WTHS student radio station and serving on the Greek Judicial Board.

She has returned to campus numerous times since graduation, adjudicating student

dance concerts, attending dance and theatre productions, teaching master classes, and supporting the Odd-Year Pull teams. In September 2006 she performed on campus with Jump Rhythm Jazz Project through the college's Great Performance Series.

The summer after graduation, Kurtze competed in the Miss Indiana Scholarship Program as a regional winner, and in 2002 she was named Miss Chicago.

In addition to her continued involvement with the Miss Chicago Scholarship Program, her community involvement and volunteer activities include the Urban Gateways Jr. Board, the Metro Achievement Center for Girls, the Midtown Educational Foundation, Think/Dance Collective, Blewt! Productions, the Lincoln Lodge and Chicago Tap Theatre.



Jodi Kurtze '01



Criteria for the Young Alumni Award include having been a member of the college's Alumni Association for 15 or fewer years; notable prominence through professional endeavor, research, volunteerism, and/or involvement with the local or global community or the college; and demonstrating significant initiative by starting innovative service projects, research, businesses or other original enterprises.

The Alumni Association invites members of the Hope family to nominate eligible alumni for the award. Additional information and forms are available online, as are information and forms for the Distinguished Alumni Award and Meritorious Service Award and for the Alumni H-Club's Hope for Humanity Award.

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Class Notes

News and information for class notes, marriages, advanced degrees and deaths are compiled for *News from Hope College* by Kathy Miller.

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All submissions received by the Public Relations Office by Tuesday, July 3, have been included in this issue. Because of the lead time required by this publication's production schedule, submissions received after that date (with the exception of obituary notices) have been held for the next issue, the deadline for which is Tuesday, Sept. 18.

1940s

Lois Hinkamp '44 Boersma and Vern Boersma '44 of Holland, Mich., were honored for their service to Resthaven Care Community by having a new retirement cottage named for them. Ten residents are provided with care in the home-like setting of the Vern and Lois Boersma Cottage. Both of the Boersmas have served Rest Haven in a variety of capacities, including several terms as members of the board, and Lois's father, Rev. Paul E. Hinkamp 1907, was its founder.

1950s

Norma Hoffman '52 Richardson of Mount Pleasant, Mich., reports that she is still teaching at Central

Michigan University and that her career as a Spanish professor is because of Hope College and Hope Spanish professor Dr. Donald Brown. In her first year of graduate study at the University of Michigan, Dr. Brown contacted her to say that the University of Iowa was offering teaching assistantships to those accepted to pursue a master's degree in Spanish and that he would recommend her. She completed that degree in 1954 and taught for three years at Pella College in Pella, Iowa, before returning to graduate studies and eventually completing her Ph.D. at Michigan State University in 2001.

Warren R. Westerhoff '53 of El Cajon, Calif., reports that he is now sailing throughout the U.S. East, Caribbean and Mediterranean.

Earl A. Laman '54 of Holland, Mich., has published *Those Acts of Engagement*, a stand-alone sequel to his first novel, *A House Beyond Expectations*. The new story continues to trace basic life discoveries of an unrecognized kind of prodigal person in a West Michigan setting. It is published through AuthorHouse.

Ken Woltman '58 of Benton Harbor, Mich., is semi-retired. He owned Woltman Insurance Agency from 1968 until 2003, when he sold it to Insurance Management Service. He continues to work with customers for the company.

Paul Elzinga '59 of Holland, Mich., is serving as a board member of the Holland Board of Public Works. His term began last January and runs through June 2009.

1960s

George Boeriger '61 of Albuquerque, N.M., is chairman and CEO of SoundOff Signal, the company named 2007 "World Trader of the Year" by the West Michigan World Trade Association. The business, based in Hudsonville, Mich., manufactures emergency LED light systems, siren speakers and switches for police and fire vehicles, and warning and signal lights for school buses and commercial vehicles. The firm does business in 16 countries.

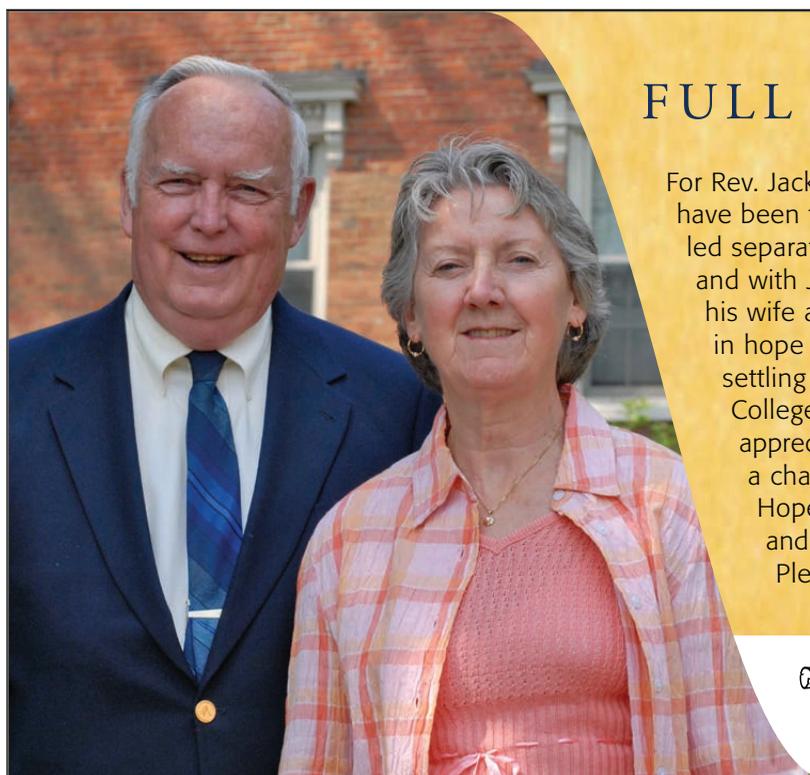
Joan Ten Cate '63 Bonnette of South Haven, Mich., received the Lifetime Achievement Award for her many years of service and art instruction at the South Haven Center for the Arts. Presently she is exhibits coordinator and drawing instructor. She has served as artist in residence, chair of a major fundraising event for several years, and president of the board for the art organization. Joan also teaches drawing at the Holland (Mich.) Area Arts Council, and her art is represented by Uptown Gallery in Holland.

Ellen Whitaker '65 Conrad of Salem, Ohio, received the A. Margaret Boyd Fellowship from Delta Kappa Gamma International to study at The Apricius Culinary School in Florence, Italy, during June and July of 2005. This past July, she retired after teaching culinary arts at Mahoning County (Ohio) Career and Technical Center for 10 years. She is currently the 2006-08 president of the Gamma Pi chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma. She



Dick Huff '52 of Holland, Mich., received the Second Century Presidents' Award at Hope on Thursday, June 21. The award is presented annually to an individual or couple who are Second Century members and devoted to Hope and Hope's mission. The citation celebrated his service-oriented character, and highlighted his active involvement with Hope which has ranged from hosting students in the Baker Scholars program while he was working in New York City, to helping more recently to support and coordinate efforts between Hope researchers and the Mohonk Preserve in New York. Dick is pictured at center with this year's co-presidents, Jim '63 and Ginger Huizenga '64 Jurries of Holland.

is also a member of Tapestries of Ohio, a Madrigal group of 12 that performs in Northeast Ohio during the month of December. This October she will



FULL CIRCLE

For Rev. Jack Millard '61 and Mrs. June Veldheer-Millard '62, the last three years have been full of life-changing events. After initially meeting at Hope, Jack and June led separate lives with Jack as an RCA minister and raising a family in New York and with June teaching and raising a family in West Michigan. After the death of his wife and with retirement pending, Jack took the bold step of contacting June in hope of reestablishing their friendship. Shortly after marrying in 2005 and settling in West Michigan, Jack and June found that by partnering with Hope College through a Charitable Gift Annuity, they would be able to convert highly appreciated property to a life-long income stream, reduce potential taxes, obtain a charitable income tax deduction, and fulfill a philanthropic goal to support Hope College. For over 30 years, planned gifts from donors such as Jack and June have helped shape the character of Hope College and its supporters. Please let us help you create your Hope legacy.



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Several members of the class of 1961 enjoyed a mini-reunion in Germany and Austria in May. The group included **Dorothy Welch '61 Bennink** and **Carroll Bennink '59, James Betke '61** and his wife, **Bonnie Beyers-Bruins '61** and **Cal Bruins '61, Judy Eastman '61 Faber** and **Jack Faber '59, Ruth Ausema '61 Hofmeyer** and **Terry Hofmeyer '61, Roger Mulder '61** and his wife, **Jane Wezeman '61 Smit** and **Robert Smit '66, Carol Joelson '61 Sytsma** and her husband, and **Adina Yonan '61 Van Buren** and **Wally Van Buren '61**.

travel to China and visit Beijing, Xi'an, Shanghai, Hangzhou, Guilin and Hong Kong.

David C. Bergner '67 has been granted retired status by the North Central New York Conference of the United Methodist Church. He and his wife, **Carolyn Hart '68 Bergner**, live in Stanley, N.Y.

Adrian Slikkers '67 has retired to South Haven, Mich., after 30 years as a regional manager with the Ross division of Abbott Labs. He and his wife live in a home with a view of the lake and lighthouse.

1970s

Jody Byland '70 of Fremont, Mich., retired this year after working for 37 years in the Fremont Public Schools. For the last 25 years, he has been principal of Daisy Brook Elementary School.

Tamara Cooke '73 Henry has been appointed as assistant professor in the School of Communication at American University in Washington, D.C. This past academic year, she worked at Morgan State University in Baltimore, teaching everything from Media Writing to Introduction to Communication Research Methods. She also serves on an advisory board at The Hechinger Institute on Education and the Media, at Teacher's College, Columbia University, New York City. This year marks her fourth summer working in the Maryland-District of Columbia Scholastic Press Association Summer Journalism Program.

Glenn "Gene" Miller '71 and his wife live in Philadelphia, Pa., where he is an art teacher in the public school district.

Cal VanHolland '71 of Casper, Wyo., recently became exploration manager of the Wyoming district for Ur-Energy Inc., a junior mining company completing the work to bring two uranium deposits in Wyoming into production by 2009.

Ryan Mathews '72 will have his third book, *What's Your Story?: Storytelling to Move Markets, Audiences, People, and Brands*, released by FT Press this month. He lives in Royal Oak, Mich.

Richard Weigle '72 of Basking Ridge, N.J., was promoted to lieutenant with the Mountainside, N.J., Police Department in January. He is commander of patrol officers and IT officer for the department. In May 2006 he appeared on the ABC News show *20/20* in "Myths, Lies, and Downright Stupidity."

Nicholas Augustine '73 of Northville, Mich., will retire in September from the U.S. Marine Corps after 31 years of service in the active and reserve components. He was mobilized in 2005 and sent to the Horn of Africa, where he was the director of future operations for the Combined Joint Task Force. He returned to his civilian job last March with Cooper Standard Automotive in Novi, Mich., and was promoted to director of financial systems and processes. **Doug Edema '73** of Howell, Mich., has been chief operating officer of Saint Joseph Mercy Livingston Hospital in Howell since 2004.

Kenneth Lobb '77 of Bethlehem, Pa., recently graduated from seminary (please see "Advanced Degrees") and was presented the James Eelman Award for Best Preacher of the Class of 2007 (out of 45 students).

Michael Drahos '78 of Sherburne, N.Y., recently finished his first year

She graduated from the University of Maryland, Philip Merrill College of Journalism in December 2005 with a Ph.D. While at Maryland three-and-a-half years, she was a Scripps Howard Foundation Doctoral Fellow. She was a national education writer at *USA TODAY* for 10 years before coming to College Park and won several national and local awards for her work. She was a Pulitzer Prize nominee in 2000. She started her career at United Press International in 1975, following her graduation from Columbia University's Graduate School of Journalism, and later became the national education writer at The Associated Press in Washington, D.C.

as superintendent of schools at Morrisville-Eaton Central. In May the high school was included on *Newsweek's* list of the top five percent of schools in the nation, recognizing its commitment to having students in challenging Advanced Placement courses. The elementary school was recognized at the same time as one of New York's "rapidly improving schools."

Nancy Clair '78 Otterstrom of Bethel, Conn., has taken the position of director of global grant and contract administration at the International Rescue Committee in New York City after 23 years at Save the Children. She oversees grants and contracts out of the U.S. and U.K. offices. She launched her new position at a meeting in Tanzania in April and traveled to Ghana in July. Her daughter, Ryan, will be attending Hope in the fall as a freshman.

Ronald W. Heiby '79 of Champaign, Ill., is a Linux OS technical lead with Motorola Mobile Devices.

1980s

Gwen Kitchens '81 Auwerda of Holland, Mich., is a member of the board of directors of the Holland Chamber of Commerce. She is director of human resources at Johnson Controls Inc.

Carol Bechtel '81 of Holland, Mich., has been elected vice president of the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America for the next year. She is professor of Old Testament at Western Theological Seminary, and has served on the Commission on Christian Worship and as General Synod professor of theology. She preaches and teaches widely and has published three books and four Bible studies. This year's General Synod was held at Central College in Pella, Iowa, on June 7-12, and next year's synod will take place at Hope on June 5-10.

Joan Warden '81 Cox of Stephenville, Texas, is working at Tarleton State University as a marketing coordinator for the Chartwells Dining Service, a subsidiary of Compass Group NAD. She reports that after 24 years of teaching elementary students, it is a pleasant challenge.

Lori Moore '81 Miller of Lawton, Mich., was honored for her 25 years in radio broadcasting by Michigan Governor Jennifer Granholm, who declared Friday, Nov. 16, "Lori Moore Day." Lori was recently awarded The Michigan Association of Broadcasters' top award for community service for her WKZO Radio holiday fundraiser, which has raised nearly a quarter of a million dollars for Kalamazoo charities.

Tim McGee '82 of Flemington, N.J., is a director in market research for the pharmaceutical company Sanofi-Aventis. He reports that he still plays soccer.



Eugene Sutton '76 of Washington, D.C., delivered the 26th annual Charles H. Hackley Distinguished Lecture at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Muskegon, Mich., on Monday, April 30, an event that marked a return to a community that he had served early in his career. After he graduated from Western Theological Seminary in 1981, his first call was to serve as co-pastor at Covenant Community Reformed Church in Muskegon Heights, during which time he was also a chaplain and instructor at Muskegon Community College. Eugene is a canon pastor of the Washington National Cathedral and director of the Cathedral Center for Prayer and Pilgrimage.

Scott D. Broekstra '83 of Grand Rapids, Mich., has joined Mika Meyers Beckett & Jones PLC as a member. His practice focuses on environmental law, including complex environmental litigation and regulatory work related to Superfund, RCRA, the Clean Air Act and the Clean Water Act. He also practices in the area of complex commercial litigation, including product liability, warranty, contract and banking law.

Susan Wiseman '83 Browder-DuBois has taken a job in Uijongbu, Korea, working for the U.S. Army. Her new husband (please see "Marriages") will join her there. Her son, Kevin Browder '09, remained in Massachusetts for the summer and will continue with his junior year at Hope in the fall.

Janna Rynders '83 McLean of Pueblo, Colo., began her duties as interim dean of the College of Science and Mathematics at Colorado State University-Pueblo on Saturday, July 7. She has been associate professor of biology and chairwoman of the department since 2003, and she is involved in genetic research focused on the fruit fly.

James Karsten '84 of Ada, Mich., is senior pastor of Cascade Fellowship Christian Reformed Church in Grand





Paul Burmeister '79, pastor of Lighthouse Community Church in Allendale, Mich., was called to active duty last fall as a U.S. Navy reserve chaplain. He is assigned to the Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Germany, a facility where seriously wounded troops from the Middle East are taken for medical treatment and recovery.

Rapids, Mich. He previously served at Grant (Mich.) Reformed Church.

Robert Karel '85 of Grand Rapids, Mich., is lead pastor of Orchard Hill Reformed Church. He previously served as pastor of youth and families at Calvary Christian Reformed Church in Holland, Mich.

Sara Blomeling DeRoo '86 of Holland, Mich., reports that she and her husband (please see "Marriages") are raising 12 children (ages four-18). They live in a large, old, core city house that Sara completely rehabilitated last year. When she earned her MSW (please see "Advanced Degrees"), she received the outstanding graduate award in community and public service. She is a medical social worker for Spectrum Health.

Bradford Ballast '88 of Chicago, Ill., is vice president and director of community investments for Harris, an integrated financial service organization. He is responsible for directing and managing the bank's philanthropic activities in the communities it serves.

Todd Cioffi '88 earned a Ph.D. (please see "Advanced Degrees") and is now an assistant professor of theology at Whitworth University in Spokane, Wash. He was previously a Catherine of Siena Fellow at Villanova University.

Kirsty Jones '88 DePree of Zeeland, Mich., is the new coordinator for discipleship for the Reformed Church in America. She works with churches, classes and regional synods to enhance and support Christian discipleship throughout the denomination. Formerly she served as pastor of engagement at Orchard Hill Reformed

Church in Grand Rapids, Mich.

Thomasine (Tammy) Flanders '88 of Pinole, Calif., is a junior high science teacher at El Sobrante (Calif.) Christian School.

Doug Bixby '89 of Washington Depot, Conn., is senior pastor of Salem Covenant Church. He recently published a book with the Alban Institute titled *The Honest to God Church: A Pathway to God's Grace*. The book is about God's grace and the need to be more honest with God and self.

Brian M. Breen '89 of Lansing, Mich., is project manager for business development at Canada Dry Bottling Co. of Lansing, Mich. He focuses on brand development, e-commerce and marketing. Previously he was sales manager for the grocery division. The company is a specialty beverage distributor founded in 1933, selling more than 30 brands in nine Michigan counties.

Rolf Timmerman '89 of Hamilton, Mich., is the new principal of Hamilton Elementary School. He was previously principal of Blue Star Elementary School.

1990s

Norman "Chip" Duford '90 spent the winter in Milwaukee, Wis., at the Milwaukee Repertory Theatre where he recreated the role of Dr. Benjamin Fleets in a new musical by Malcolm Hillgartner, Jhanna Beecham (the writers of the 1995 hit Hope Summer Repertory Theatre Musical *CHAPS!*) and Michael J. Hume called *They Came From Way Out There*. In March he made a career move and went to New York City, where upon arrival he was cast as Chicago gangster Sal Andretti in a production of *Victor/Victoria* at the Gallery Players. He spent the summer in Holland, Mich., where he celebrated his 14th season at Hope Summer Repertory Theatre and also filmed new episodes of the new children's TV program *Come On Over!* He plans to return to New York in the fall.

David Chapple '91 of Grand Blanc, Mich., was a featured artist in a Thursday, June 7, article in the *Flint Journal*. A color image of his triptych "Paradise" illustrated the article.

Peter Ellsworth '92 of East Greenwich, R.I., has been working for a British software firm in Providence, R.I., for the last three years. The main office is in London, with additional offices in South Africa and Australia. He reports that he gets to use his French language fluency often and that he enjoys being by the ocean.

Melanie Cook '92 Salamone of Caledonia, Mich., has been appointed to the Public Safety Advisory Committee in Caledonia Township. She is employed as a branch manager with Mercantile Bank.

Toby Gruppen '93 of Holland, Mich.,

recently graduated from seminary (please see "Advanced Degrees") and has accepted a call from Christ Memorial Church to plant a church on the north side of Holland.

Liz Haag '93 Schroeder of Laurel, Md., is a special education-academic life skills teacher in the Howard County (Md.) Public Schools.

Shelly Woolman '93 of Alpena, Mich., was chosen as one of 70 social studies teachers from across the U.S. to travel and study in Germany with the Goethe Institut this summer. For two weeks she studied the reunification of Germany after the Cold War, comparing it to the reunification of the U.S. after the Civil War. Then she traveled throughout Europe for an additional two weeks. On Saturday, May 26, she completed her first marathon, The Bayshore Marathon in Traverse City, Mich., in four hours and seven minutes.

John Nowak '94 of Scottsdale, Ariz., has moved from the bicycle retail industry to working in finance and commerce for JP Morgan Chase Bank. He also works part time as a coach at a local gym owned by a co-worker. He continues to maintain a competitive level of fitness, racing for a team in Arizona in addition to being one of the

team's coaches and advisors.

Jeanne Kuhajek '95 and **Brian "Lami" Grant '98** are living in Wakefield, New Zealand, where they are avid cyclists. Jeanne placed 17th earlier this year in the New Zealand Elite Nationals Road Cycling Champs, competing in a field that included a former Olympic gold medalist, and was only one short of selection for a National Team. Lami placed sixth in his age group, competing against several former Olympians, in a four-day tour at the start of the year. They also spent a week in South Australia as winners of a trip to watch the Tour Down Under men's international bike race.

Kristen Thomason '96 Abbas left her position in July 2006 as company and tour manager with The Wooster Group, a world-renowned, avant garde theater company in New York City. After an eight-month break, she took a job with The Young Presidents' Organization, where she works as a network administrator from home. She and her husband, **Geoff Abbas '99**, are still living in Brooklyn with their son, Ben (age four), and are expecting their second child in November.

Cam Gatrell '96 of Mount Pleasant, Mich., who has been varsity boys'

Melissa Wolter '90 Jaeger of Grand Haven, Mich., has received recognition for her effective emphasis on environmental education.

A teacher at Lakeshore Middle School in Grand Haven, she was featured in the May 2007 newsletter of the Michigan Science Teachers Association as an MSTA grant winner for the unit she teaches her eighth graders on energy and energy conservation.. The students develop plans for saving energy at home and at school, and collect and evaluate data on energy usage at the school, contributing to the district's comprehensive energy saving program. Resources available to her classroom even include solar panels that she had installed at the school through previous grant support to help demonstrate the sun's potential as an energy source even in West Michigan.

"There's a big push district-wide to save energy and to teach kids about conserving energy," she said. "This class gives them the basics about what energy is, natural resources, the environmental impact of having energy available to us, and alternative energies and



conservation. I give them all the background information, and then we do an ad campaign for energy savings around the Lakeshore."

As a Hope chemistry major she had conducted research with Dr. Joanne Stewart, experience that has guided her in establishing projects for her own students. "Doing the research with Joanne made it easy to set up the parameters and the variables—that foundation of studying the variables that we need to keep into account and making sure that we're making good decisions based on the information," Jaeger said.



William Charles Crowley '92 of Bay Harbor Islands, Fla., is lecturer of dance in both the Department of Fine Arts at Barry University in Miami Shores and the Department of Dance at the University of Miami in Coral Gables. He is also artistic director of Next Step Dance, a modern dance company based in Miami Beach. In June the company presented the "4th Annual Next Step Dance Series: Celebrating the Male Dancer" at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts in Fort Lauderdale to sold-out audiences. The program showcased three generations of male dancers and included the premier of "The Stable" (2007) and also featured two works performed by Professor Steven Iannacone of the Hope dance faculty. "Celebrating the Male Dancer" was also the focus of a feature story in South Florida's *Sun Sentinel*.

basketball coach of Montabella (Mich.) High School for the past six years, coached the team to the Class C regional semifinal last spring. He teaches sixth-grade science at Montabella and has also been defensive coordinator for the high school football team for the past four years.

Amy R. Grasman '96 of Arlington, Va., is an attorney with the Department of Veterans' Affairs Board of Veterans' Appeals in Washington, D.C.

Jeff Van Fossan '96 of Holland, Mich., is the new West Ottawa High School boys' varsity basketball coach. In addition to teaching in the school district, he has been coach of the freshman basketball team for the past eight seasons.

Daniel Cwik '97 lives in a condo in Hoffman Estates, Ill. Next year he will finish a master's degree in information systems, with concentrations in database design and data mining, at DePaul University in Chicago. He has been working for nine years at HSBC Finance Corporation in the records administration department.

Peter DeYoung '97 and **Megan Hicks '99 DeYoung** have moved to San Antonio, Texas, where Peter has joined Pediatrix Medical Group as a neonatologist. They plan to be very active with Rock Hills Church, a new RCA church plant in the area. Megan spends most of her time caring for their three daughters, Amy, Sophie and Abigail, and singing.

Dennis S. Ahmad '98 of Livonia, Mich., recently graduated from

medical school (please see "Advanced Degrees") and began a residency in anesthesiology at Detroit Medical Center/Wayne State University in Detroit.

Alison Beukelman '98 Barat of Jacksonville, Fla., is a special education teacher with the Duval County Schools.

Anthony Bull '98 formerly of Vienna, Austria, recently relocated to California to work as a front-end engineer with Yahoo! He blends design and technology skills to create dynamic interfaces for tools used to monitor high-traffic Yahoo Web sites.

Tracey Rynsburger '98 Crane recently left her teaching position to stay home with her son (please see "New Arrivals"). She had taught middle school Spanish for nine years while also taking her students to Wyldlife (Young Life) camps around the state of Colorado. She and her husband of four-and-a-half years live in Colorado Springs.

Christie Eding '98 Klaasen of Holland, Mich., will teach geometry part time and coach the varsity volleyball team at Hudsonville (Mich.) High School in the upcoming school year. Previously she taught mathematics and coached at Hamilton (Mich.) High School.

Kara McGillicuddy '98 of New York City has a new job as the assistant director of Alumni Clubs and Global Outreach at Columbia Business School in New York City.

Anna Patmos '99 DeYoung of Hudsonville, Mich., and her husband are awaiting the arrival of their first child, whom they are adopting from South Korea.

Angela Brown '99 Schelter of Holland, Mich., recently completed her first year of teaching full time as a pharmacy technician instructor at the Careerline Tech Center in Holland.

2000s

Betsy Gibbs '00 of Grand Haven, Mich., has returned to school full time and will begin coursework in the Master of Science in Occupational Therapy program at Grand Valley State University this fall.

Janet Librizzi '00 Kucek of Chicago, Ill., will begin working as a reading specialist in Riverside School District 96 this fall.

Matthew Scott '00 and **Lindsey Leder '07 Scott** live in Holland, Mich. Matt is the owner of Lemonjello's Coffee near Hope's campus and Lindsey is a framing consultant for downtown's Lake Effect Gallery.

Ryan Klingler '01 of Holland, Mich., will coach both the boys' and the girls' varsity basketball teams this winter at Fennville (Mich.) High School. Until last spring, the teams played in

different seasons in Michigan. Ryan previously coached the boys for five seasons and the girls for three.

Sara Eveland '01 McCue of Grinnell, Iowa, will begin teaching band in grades five through eight at Pella Christian Grade School in Pella, Iowa, in August.

Sara Richmond '01 of Washington, D.C., recently earned a master's degree (please see "Advanced Degrees"), and her thesis won the Myra Sklarew Award for Poetry. Her writing appears in current or upcoming issues of *Good Foot Magazine* and *Poetry Midwest*. She works as a script writer for a software company in Maryland, where she writes interactive dialog for the characters in their simulations.

Rachel Barone '02 Brandenburg and her husband (please see "Marriages") are moving from Florida to New Jersey so Rachel can begin her doctoral internship in clinical psychology at Trenton Psychiatric Hospital.

Matthew Cook '02 of Newton Upper Falls, Mass., was named assistant managing editor of the *Daily News Transcript*, south of Boston. Also, he recently won second place for a feature



Jeff Pestun '96 of Zeeland, Mich., is the 2007 Balloon Federation of America (BFA) Michigan State Champion. He earned the title as winner of the Michigan Challenge Balloonfest held in Howell, Mich., on Friday-Sunday, June 22-24.

More than 50 hot-air balloon pilots from Illinois, Indiana, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Tennessee and Michigan flew during the event. Jeff was introduced to ballooning in 1983 at age nine and has been an FAA-licensed hot air balloon pilot since 1999. He is assistant director of computing and information technology at Hope.



Jeff Brown '07 will begin teaching music this fall in kindergarden through eighth grade at Belmar Elementary School in Belmar, N.J.

(Editor's Note: In May, Jeff became the college's first seventh-generation graduate. In the June issue we incorrectly identified the family members standing with him. He is flanked by his grandfather the Rev. James Neevel '56 and his mother Kay Neevel '82 Brown.

story in the New York Press Association's "2006 Better Newspaper Contest."

Andrew Vanover '02 and his wife moved to Chicago, Ill., in February. He is working in the World Mission office of the Evangelical Covenant Church. He will pursue an M.Div./MBA dual-degree program starting in the fall at North Park University & Theological Seminary.

Karen Clark '03 Bovid of Brighton, Mich., is a resident physician in the department of orthopaedic surgery at the University of Michigan Hospitals.

Matt Bradley '03 of Zeeland, Mich., coached the West Ottawa boys' tennis team for the first time this year, and the Michigan High School Coaches Poll ranked the team third in Division 1.

Amber Beeson '03 Cox and **Ryan Cox '03** have moved from Chicago, Ill., to Grand Rapids, Mich., where Ryan is a resident physician at DeVos Children's Hospital.

Susan DeLange '03 of Arlington, Va., recently returned from a month in Guatemala working in rural clinics and hospitals. She graduated from medical school (please see "Advanced Degrees") and has begun an internal medicine residency at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C.

Katie O'Neill '03 of Grand Rapids, Mich., has been accepted into a graduate program in environmental science at American University in Washington, D.C.

Jeremy Brieve '04 of Holland, Mich., recently graduated from law school (please see "Advanced Degrees") and began working this month in the Holland office of Ronald Blue & Co. as a full-time associate.

Emily Cronkite '04 of Owings Mills, Md., has a position in social work at Johns Hopkins Hospital. She was previously employed at Oakwood Hospital and Medical Center in Dearborn, Mich.





Kathryn Ewing '05 Davis, a graduate student in chemistry at the University of Pittsburgh, was selected by the National Science Foundation as one of 20 outstanding research participants to attend the 57th Lindau Meeting of Nobel Laureates and students in Lindau, Germany, on July 1-6. The Laureates lectured on the topic of their choice in the mornings and participated in less formal, small-group discussions with the students in the afternoons and some evenings. Kathy double majored in chemistry and German at Hope.

Abby Kulick '04 deRoo of Grand Rapids, Mich., began her job as the first marketing director of the city of Zeeland, Mich., in May. She will work with a marketing firm to devise a marketing campaign for the city, and will also work to create a commercial rehabilitation district to attract new business.

Abby Timmer '04 Kleinheksel of Grandville, Mich., will join the Grandville High School girls' basketball program next season as an assistant coach.

William Norden '04 was ordained as Minister of Word and Sacrament in Powell, Ohio, on Sunday, June 10, and will be serving as associate minister at the Wyckoff Reformed Church in Wyckoff, N.J.

Abby Rogers '04 of Springfield, Pa., is a production assistant for the television show *It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia*.

Lacey Carr '05 of Fort Gratiot, Mich., began coursework in the doctor of chiropractic program at Palmer College of Chiropractic in July.

Eric J. De Boer '05 of Philadelphia, Pa., recently accepted a fifth-grade teaching position at Spruce Hill Christian School in West Philadelphia.

Darrin Fatter '05 of Baroda, Mich., teaches high school social studies in the New Buffalo Area Schools. He also coaches the varsity baseball team and the junior varsity basketball team.

William Guy '05 of Adrian, Mich.,

will begin doctoral studies in clinical psychology at the University of Detroit Mercy in the fall.

Julie King '05 of Grand Haven, Mich., is the new girls' cross country coach at Spring Lake High School.

Melissa DeYoung '06 of Kalamazoo, Mich., works at an animal testing/pharmaceutical company in Mattawan, Mich.

Ashley Rea '06 of Saugatuck, Mich., served as event liaison for the Holland, Mich., location of "Girls On the Run," a program for more than 800 pre-teen girls from 30 elementary schools in Allegan and Ottawa counties. The 10-week program prepares girls in third through fifth grades for a five-kilometer run, and also teaches and promotes healthier living and maximizing personal potential.

John R. Rodstrom '06 is working as a research technician in the state of Washington.

Lindsey Schaap '06 of Holland, Mich., has been hired to coach Zeeland (Mich.) East High School girls' varsity volleyball. She also teaches English and social studies at Cityside Middle School.

Joanne M. Stewart '06 of Big Rapids, Mich., is a group ticket sales account executive for the Grand Rapids Griffins, an American Hockey League team.

Danielle Constantin '07 is pursuing a master's degree in athletic training at the University of South Carolina in Columbia.

Jacki Gazan '07 Deiter of Bartlesville, Okla., will be teaching special education in the ninth and 10th grades.

Briana Galbreath '07 will begin coursework in the master's degree program in education, focusing on human sexuality, at Widener University in Pennsylvania in September.

Anna Marshall '07 of Holland, Mich., is an ICU/medical-surgical nurse at Zeeland Community Hospital.

Renee Mantua '07 O'Connor of



Recent graduates **Lisa Smith '07** and **Ryan TerLouw '07** have been awarded postgraduate scholarships by the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA). In addition, Ryan has been named to the ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America first team in track & field.

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Byron Center, Mich., is a registered associate at Smith Barney, a subsidiary of Citigroup, in Grand Rapids, Mich.

Tara Raub '07 Stob will be teaching in a middle school self-contained special education classroom in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Allison Van Drie '07 is a sales representative for Universal Forest Products in Sacramento, Calif.

Teresa M. Withers '07 is a registered nurse on the cardiac/thoracic surgical floor at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor, Mich.

Marriages

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

Tricia Paarlberg '82 and Joe DiMatteo, March 26, 2007.

Susan Wiseman '83 Browder and Tad DuBois, Feb. 10, 2007, Hanscom Air Force Base Chapel in Massachusetts.

Sara Hooker DeRoo '86 and Jaime Blomeling, May 6, 2007.

Todd H. Schierbeek '90 and Susan Redmond, Nov. 18, 2006, Kalamazoo, Mich.

Valery Barrett '92 and Paul Fisher, May 26, 2007, Grand Rapids, Mich.

Chris Lambert '92 and Karie Shoskey, Feb. 11, 2007, Traverse City, Mich.

Juliane Klopp '96 and Christopher Newman, June 10, 2007, Holland, Mich.

Christa L. Stern '96 and Bradley A. Lubahn, Dec. 16, 2006, Big Rapids, Mich.

Stephanie Toering '96 and Scott Peters, March 3, 2007, Waverly, Iowa.

Allison Boling '99 and Shane Bies, June 2, 2007.

Megan Radcliffe '99 and Joel Mills, June 2, 2007, New York City.

David Uyl '99 and Kristin Hays, Sept. 30, 2006, Naperville, Ill.

Douglas Richter '00 and April Wheeler, July 22, 2006, Chicago, Ill.

Matthew Scott '00 and Lindsey Leder '07, May 19, 2007, Holland, Mich.

Carl Bussema III '01 and Stephanie Korterling '05, April 28, 2007, Zeeland, Mich.

Rachel Barone '02 and Kyle Brandenburg, Feb. 17, 2007, Miami Beach, Fla.

Brian Showman '02 and Katie Sherron '03, May 5, 2007, Florida.

Steven Uyl '02 and Payshence Erb, July 1, 2006, Charlevoix, Mich.

James M. Grosse '03 and Alison N. Fineout '07, May 19, 2007, Holland, Mich.

Susan Nichols '03 and Kofi Aikins Ogoe, June 16, 2007.

Andrea Brani '04 and Frank Marietta, May 4, 2007, Traverse City,

Mich.

Shannon Dykema '04 and Justin Schamback, June 30, 2006, Holland, Mich.

Liz Foster '04 and Dave Steenwyk, June 16, 2007, Holland, Mich.

Eric Jongekryg '04 and Kelli Zoellner '06, May 11, 2007.

Tim S. Kirkman '04 and Nina Healy '05, June 30, 2007, Northfield, Minn.

Brad Norden '04 and Heather Tobert '06, May 25, 2007, Grand Rapids, Mich.

Jack Klunder '05 and Jodi Winkels '06, July 8, 2006, Holland, Mich.

Walter Nelson '05 and Lydia Riddell '05, April 14, 2007, Holland, Mich.

Sarah E. Stowell '05 and Lee C. Cole, June 22, 2007, Petoskey, Mich.

Meg Barlow '06 and Nick Bartlett, Jan. 6, 2007.

Jacki Gazan '07 and Brandon Deiter, May 19, 2007.

Renee Mantua '07 and Andrew O'Connor, May 12, 2007, Warren, Mich.

Tara Raub '07 and Scott Stob, July 14, 2007, Carmel, Ind.

New Arrivals

Sue Looman '89 Dittmar and Russell Dittmar '91, John Anthony, April 5, 2007.

Heidi Short '92 Hansing and Jim Hansing, Zachary Wilson, Feb. 26, 2007.

Renee Porter '92 Russo and Tom Russo, Victor Anthony, March 29, 2007.

Jamie Crooks '93 Bosch and Greg Bosch, Case Benjamin, Jan. 17, 2007.

Jennifer Hand '93 Walter and Daniel Walter, Kobe James, June 20, 2005.

Kerri-Sue De Witt '94 Smits and James Smits '96, Kierea Faith, Jan. 24, 2007.

Christine Cox '94 Wynne and Billy Wynne, Eleanor Rose, Oct. 24, 2006.

Rob Royer '95 and Jennifer Royer, James Finlay, May 28, 2007.

Joy Black '96 Pinkerton and Luke Pinkerton '97, Meg Liliana, Feb. 25, 2007.

Steve Sanders '97 and Beth Volkers '99 Sanders, Finn Alexander, May 8, 2007.

Thomas "TJ" Achatz '98 and Christina Achatz, Caleb, March 10, 2007.

Alison Beukelman '98 Barat and Shawn Barat, Emerson Jo, May 4, 2007.

Tracey Rynsburger '98 Crane and Rob Crane, Cooper Robert, Nov. 15, 2006.

Sarah Stielstra '98 Groenheide and Tim Groenheide, Luke Timothy, May 4, 2007.

Tonia Bruins '98 Gruppen and Kevin Gruppen, Reese Lynn, May 16, 2007.



Greg Vlietstra '98 and Christine Vlietstra, Jenna Noel, May 14, 2007.
Erin Frazer '99 Nagrant and Andrew Nagrant, Isaiah Roger, Dec. 13, 2006.

Christa Murphy '99 Shepard and Ryan Shepard, Avery Eden, May 7, 2007.

Stacey Vander Molen '00 DeWeerd and Mark DeWeerd, Mitchell David, April 5, 2007.

Heather Hofman '00 Gordillo and Mike Gordillo, Colton Thomas, Sept. 1, 2006.

Leslie Merriman '00 Kortess and Jeffrey Kortess, Audrey Burke, March 27, 2007.

Kathleen Sine '00 Scheuerle and John Scheuerle, Megan Marie, June 16, 2007.

Deanna Lebar '01 Reeves and Casey Reeves, Rebekah Alice, Nov. 23, 2006.

Karen Olson '02 Benson and Dan Benson, Keira Jaine, Jan. 22, 2007.

Joshua Carstens '02 and Lena Carstens, Chloe Hope, June 15, 2007.

Rodney Cobb '02 and Katie Stephan '03 Cobb, Rory Simon, May 7, 2007.

Brad Garling '02 and Katie Garling, Emily Faith, April 8, 2007.

Gracie George '03 Weiss and William "Will" Weiss '03, Madison Makay, May 17, 2007.

Julie Maxwell '04 Leeson and Mark Leeson '04, Kya Elizabeth, Feb. 9, 2007.

Advanced Degrees

Kenneth Lobb '77, Master of Divinity degree, New Brunswick Theological Seminary, May 2007.

Sara Blomeling DeRoo '86, MSW, Grand Valley State University, April 2007.

Todd Cioffi '88, Ph.D., Princeton Seminary, May 19, 2007.

Toby Gruppen '93, M.Div., Western Theological Seminary, May 2007.

Bill A. Boerman '94, Master of Arts in Teaching degree, Colorado College, 2007.

Dennis S. Ahmad '98, Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree, Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine, May 3, 2007.

Rebecca de Velder '99, M.B.A. with a concentration in health care management, University of Phoenix, April 30, 2007.

Anna Patmos '99 DeYoung, master's degree in elementary education, Grand Valley State University, 2007.

Nicholas E. Knebl '00, Master of Divinity degree, Western Theological Seminary, May 14, 2007.

David A. Rataj II '00, D.V.M., Oregon State University College of Veterinary Medicine, June 10, 2007.

Sara Richmond '01, MFA in creative writing, American University, December 2006.

Annemarie Ervin '02 Ratke, Master of Education degree in curriculum

studies and a certificate in diversity and disabilities issues, University of Hawaii, May 2007.

Treasure Givan '02 Samuel, Master of Library and Information Science degree, University of Washington, June 2007.

Karen Clark '03 Bovid, Doctor of Medicine degree, University of Michigan Medical School, May 11, 2007.

Ryan Cox '03, Doctor of Medicine (M.D.) degree, Loyola University Stritch School of Medicine, June 2, 2007.

Susan DeLange '03, M.D., Loyola Medical School, June 2007.

Jaclyn Timmer '03, Master of Education degree in higher education administration, Loyola University Chicago.

Jeremy Brieve '04, J.D., *cum laude*, Valparaiso University School of Law, May 2007.

Julie Brownell '04, Master of Science degree, Midwestern University, March 2007.

Travis Jager '04, Doctor of Physical Therapy degree, Grand Valley State University, August 2007.

William Norden '04, Master of Divinity degree, Western Theological Seminary, May 2007.

Kara Sayger '04, Doctor of Physical Therapy degree, Indiana University, May 13, 2007.

Walter Nelson '05, Master of Arts degree in political science, West Virginia University, December 2006.

Deaths

Gordon D. Albers '42 of Indiana died on Tuesday, May 29, 2007. He was 86.

He was a veteran who served in the U.S. Air Force during World War II in the India-China-Burma Theatre.

He worked for more than five years as an FBI agent and then in various marketing and sales positions.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 44 years, Elizabeth Albers; two brothers, Gilbert Albers and Millard Albers '40; a sister, Sylvia Swope; an infant sister; and a son-in-law, Ronald E. Settles.

Survivors include three children, Daniel Albers, Prisca (Christopher) Maier, and Louisa Jane Settles; 15 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; three great-great grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Kevin D. Boerman '75 of Holland, Mich., died on Thursday, May 10, 2007. He was 54.

He had been a chef at Billie's Boathouse in Saugatuck for 18 years, and for the past 10 years he worked in the food service department at Evergreen Commons.

Survivors include his wife of 29 years, Marjorie DeKam '75 Boerman; his sister, Kristi Cole; his brother, Kurt (Laurie) Boerman; his mother-in-law, Ann DeKam; sisters-in-law, Joanne (Larry) Woodward and Patricia DeKam '73 (Robert '73) Zilinski; and aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Evelyn Welmers '29 Bott of Los Angeles, Calif., died on Friday, June 29, 2007. She was 100.

Following a long association with Pan American Airlines and retirement in the San Francisco area, she moved to Los Angeles more than 30 years ago.

She was preceded in death by her husband, George R. Bott, and cousins, including Everett T. Welmers '32.

Survivors include her niece and nephew, Marina Welmers and Thomas E. (Cecily) Welmers.

Carol A. Brunsting '71 of Stuart, Fla., died on Tuesday, May 29, 2007. She was 58.

She was the former owner of Gulf Coast Pain Clinic in Brandon, Fla. She was on the staff of the University of Miami, where she started the school's first rehabilitation clinic.

She was preceded in death by her father, Bernard Brunsting, who served on the college's Board of Trustees from 1978 to 1981.

Survivors include her mother, Alice Brunsting; her brother, Albert Brunsting '67; and her sisters, Bernace Brunsting '68 DeYoung and Dorothy Bishop.

Nicholas J. Burggraaff '31 of Bloomington, Minn., died on Thursday, June 7, 2007. He was 96.

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This year, over 800 new students will begin finding their place at Hope. I hope each of them takes advantage of everything Hope has to offer.

And I hope that when you're asked to support the HOPE FUND, you'll give generously to help students like me as we find our place in the world.

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Former U.S. Congressman **Guy Vander Jagt '53** died on Friday, June 22, at age 75 after a long battle with pancreatic cancer.

He was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1966, serving West Michigan until 1993. He chaired the National Republican Congressional Committee for 18 years, the longest-serving national political party committee chairman in U.S. history, and Ronald Reagan chose him to be the keynote speaker of the Republican National Convention in 1980.

His congressional papers are housed at the Joint Archives of Holland, located in the Henri and Eleonore Theil Research Center at Hope.

The Hope College Alumni Association presented him with a Distinguished Alumni Award in 1973. Hope presented him with an honorary degree in October 1983, and the Student Congress named him the organization's lifetime chair in November 1983. The Guy Vander Jagt Endowed Professorship at Hope,



designed for a professor whose interests include oratory or the interface between politics and communication, was also established in his honor in the early 1980s.

Survivors include his wife, Carol, of Luther, Mich., and Great Falls, Va.; and daughter, Virginia (Ginny) of Arlington, Va.

A funeral service commemorating his life was held at Hope on Thursday, June 28, in Dimnent Memorial Chapel. Designations for memorial gifts include the Guy Vander Jagt Endowed Professorship at Hope.

He was a pastor who served First Reformed Church of Boonton, N.J., from 1934 to 1950, and Bethel Presbyterian Church of East Orange, N.J., from 1950 to retirement in 1971. He also served as moderator of the Presbytery of Morris and Orange, moderator of the Synod of New Jersey, and moderator and stated clerk of the Presbytery of Newark. While retired in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., he was minister of visitation at First Presbyterian Church of Pompano Beach and interim pastor of the Community Presbyterian Church in Lauderdale-by-the-Sea.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 65 years, Antionette Burggraaff; seven siblings; and a daughter, Donna Burggraaff '63 Millard.

Survivors include his son Wayne (Linda) Burggraaff; four grandsons; nine great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Joseph I. Dalman '51 of Mesa, Ariz., died on Sunday, May 27, 2007. He was 79.

He was preceded in death by his sister, Faith Van Klompenberg, and his brother, Allen L. Dalman.

Survivors include his wife of 52 years, Esther Dalman; his daughter, Brenda Dalman (Rudi Moerck); and two brothers and four sisters.

Florence "Sis" Vandenberg '40 Daniels of Holland, Mich., died on Saturday, June 23, 2007. She was 88.

She retired from the West Ottawa Public Schools, where she taught music and physical education and coached girls' basketball, softball and track.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Rowland Koskamp '37, in 1945, and by her second husband, Jack Daniels '50, in 1996.

Survivors include her children, Karen Daniels '64 (Fred) Bables, Barbara (Steve) Nyland, Margaret (Rick) Wiles, Laurie Daniels '77 Deyo, and Robert Daniels; 14 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and nephews, nieces and cousins.

Amy M. Dennis '95 of Norfolk, Va., died on Thursday, March 29, 2007. She was 35.

She was preceded in death by her father, Richard I. Dennis.

Survivors include her mother, Helen M. Dennis, and her sister, Julie E. Dennis.

Margaret E. DeVries '50 of Conrad, Mt., died on Thursday, May 29, 2007. She was 79.

She taught school in Conrad, Dutton and Washington and gave music lessons.

She was preceded in death by her brothers Herb DeVries, John DeVries, Art DeVries and Ray DeVries.

Survivors include her sister, Lydia DeVries '39 (Ted) DeMaagd; her brother, Robert (Maureen) DeVries; and many nieces and nephews.

Robert "Bob" A. Donia '39 of Richland, Mich., died on Saturday, June 23, 2007. He was 89.

During World War II he worked at Firestone Tire and Rubber Company doing research in chemistry in support of Firestone's production of synthetic rubber. Then he joined the faculty of Michigan College of Technology in Houghton, where he taught for four years. In 1949 he and his family moved to Kalamazoo, Mich., where he worked at the Upjohn Company as a research chemist, manager, and finally vice president of the fine chemicals division until 1982. In retirement he worked as a consultant on chemical plant construction in Wisconsin and China.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 59 years, Angeline Doornbos '39 Donia; a son, Thomas Donia '73; two brothers, Earl Donia and Ward Donia; and a sister, Florence.

Survivors include his wife of six years, Lila Donia; his sons, Robert J. (Jane Ritter) Donia '67 and Richard Lee Donia; Lila's children, Kelly and Jeff Kushner; his sister, Eleanor Baker; and three grandchildren.

Marcella Westerman '48 Gilman of Muskegon, Mich., died on Tuesday, June 12, 2007. She was 81.

She taught in the Muskegon Public Schools and then the North Muskegon Public Schools for 20 years before retiring in 1986.

She was preceded in death by three sisters, Marian Westerman, Genevieve Maring and Geraldine Bos.

Survivors include her husband of 54 years, John V. Gilman '45; a son, Robert (Eliza) Gilman; a daughter, Sally Gilman '79 (Todd '78) Richardson; three grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Laura Guigelaar '33 Havinga of Vicksburg, Mich., died on Monday, April 30, 2007. She was 96.

She taught for many years in the Manton, McBain, and Vicksburg school systems in Michigan.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Sidney Havinga '37, in 1994, and by two sons-in-law, Ronald Mitchell and Roy Hodgman.

Survivors include her four daughters, Penne Havinga '65 Mitchell, Jacque (John) Hodgman, Sonja (Wade) Havinga, and Lauri Hodgman; four grandchildren; and one great-grandson.

Lois Muyskens '49 Hector of Orange City, Iowa, died on Thursday, June 7, 2007. She was 82.

She was a school teacher in Onawa and Le Mars, Iowa. Following marriage, she and her husband, Robert Hector, pastored RCA churches in Slayton, Minn.; Chicago, Ill.; Prairie City, Iowa; Friesland, Wis.; Venice, Fla.; and Middleburg, Iowa.

She was preceded in death by

Robert, her husband of 57 years, in 2006 and by her sister, Harriet Muyskens '47 Maassen.

Survivors include her four children, Carol Hector '73 Braaksmas, David (Miriam) Hector, Mary Hector '80 (Donald) Orange and Janice (Jeff) Fox; five grandchildren; two brothers, Paul '50 (Patricia) Muyskens and Joseph '53 (Jean Harmelink '53) Muyskens; and two brothers-in-law, John Maassen '42 and Harold (Marlys) Hector.

Ann Boter '31 Hoek of Grand Rapids, Mich., died on Wednesday, May 30, 2007. She was 99.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Herman Hoek, in 1994 and by her sister, Margaret Boter '28 Trapp.

She was a published author of Christian books and music and an active speaker at women's groups.

Survivors include her children, John B. (Margaret) Hoek and Peter '57 (Beverly Van Voorst '59) Hoek; seven grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

James P. Kamp '61 of Grandville, Mich., died on Tuesday, Jan. 23, 2007. He was 68.

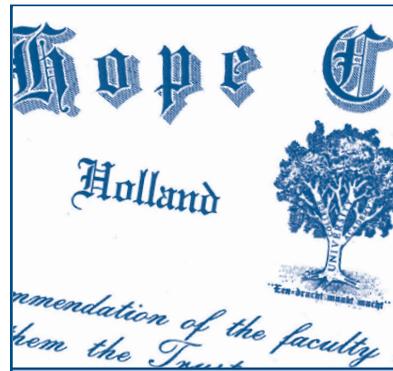
Survivors include his brother, Charles (Velma) Kamp, and his sister, Janice Kamp '51 Lankenau; 10 nieces and nephews; and his guardian, Ann Aardema.

Robert F. Klaasen '61 of Holland, Mich., died on Sunday, July 1, 2007. He was 67.

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

He worked for Elzinga and Volkers Construction Company from 1965 to 2000 as a laborer, time keeper, senior project manager, stock holder and board member.

Survivors include his wife of 41 years, Gail Grotenhuis '65 Klaasen; his children, Kevin '95 (Christine Eding '98) Klaasen, William Klaasen, and Sarah Klaasen '99 (Benjamin '00) Kapenga; two grandchildren; his



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father-in-law, Willard Grotenhuis; his sister, Mary Klaasen '66 (Buel) Vanderbeek; in-laws Paul '62 (Toni) Grotenhuis, Dick (Doris) Grotenhuis, and Sue (Jack) Pikaart; and nieces, nephews and cousins.

Albert F. Mansen '36 of Charlevoix, Mich., died on Tuesday, Dec. 19, 2006. He was 93.

He served churches in Michigan and Wisconsin, retiring from the ministry in 1976.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 67 years, Donna Hendrickson Mansen, on Monday, Dec. 4, 2006, and by a sister, Alyce Mansen '33 Wolf.

Survivors include his children, A. James (Cindy) Mansen, Julaine (Sam) VanderHeide, and Thom (Cheryl) Mansen; five grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Hendrika "Henri" Velthuisen '71 Paterson of Holland, Mich., died on Tuesday, June 26, 2007. She was 57.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Teunis and Aartje Velthuisen, and a brother, Teunis Velthuisen.

She worked for Woodland Realty for more than 20 years.

Survivors include her daughters,

Andrea "Andie" (Chad) Bengtson and Michele (Bruce) Brown; one grandson; brothers and sisters, Wilma Velthuisen, Evert (Judy) Velthuisen, Cobie (Jake) Tiemersma, Teunsje Velthuisen, Aartje (James) Yakes, and Gertie (George) Cuccia; and several nieces and nephews.

Olive Peeke '31 Pawley of Riverside, Calif., died on Monday, April 23, 2007. She was 97.

She taught in Colorado, New York and Michigan, and later became a medical technician and worked for her surgeon brother in South Dakota. After World War II she resumed her teaching career in Arlington, Va. She later worked for Evelyn Wood Reading Dynamics for a few years in the 1960s, returned to teaching at the high school level, and retired as vice principal at Yorktown High School in the mid-1970s.

Survivors include her daughter, Karen Pawley Francis; three grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Susan J. Rankin '82 of Grand Rapids, Mich., died on Wednesday, June 6, 2007, after a short battle with cancer. She was 46.



Hersilia Alvarez-Ruf,

who retired from the Hope Spanish faculty in 2005, died on Sunday, July 15, 2007. She was 68.

Dr. Alvarez-Ruf, who had retired to Ocala, Fla., had been at Hope for more than 20 years. She joined the faculty in 1984, and taught a wide range of courses. She repeatedly taught May and June Term courses because she enjoyed working with beginning language students.

She was active in connecting with students outside the classroom as well. Among other activities, for more than a decade she was advisor of the Sigma Sigma sorority.

In 1994, the graduating class presented her with the "Hope Outstanding Professor Educator" (H.O.P.E.) Award. In 1996, the student body presented her with the inaugural Homecoming "Favorite Faculty/Staff Member Award."

Her extensive service to Hope included directing the college's student exchange program with the Autonomous University of Queretaro in Mexico.

She taught at the Universidad de Concepcion in Chile prior to coming to Hope.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Karl, in 2003. Survivors include two daughters, Paulina Ruf-Alvarez '87 of Valrico, Fla., and Claudia Ruf '88 of Portland, Ore.; a son, Walter Ruf '94 of Kentwood, Mich; and three brothers, Carlos Alvarez, Julio Alvarez and Antonio Alvarez.

The funeral service was held at Hope in Dimnent Memorial Chapel on Friday, July 20. The family has requested that contributions be made to a scholarship fund at Hope that will be established in her and Karl's names for students in the college's Spanish program.

She had worked for many local hospitals as a nurse, and was a champion for adoption and related causes.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Burton and Joyce Rankin, her brother, Steven Rankin, and her grandfather, Clifford Gillette.

Survivors include her six children, Michael, Lindsey, Erica, Austin, Stephen and Benjamin, all adopted from Russia and Ukraine; and her grandmother, Eva Gillette.

Leon H. Sparling '48 of South Glens Falls, N.Y., died on Saturday, April 21, 2007. He was 82.

He was a veteran of World War II and a recipient of the Purple Heart.

He taught English for more than 30 years at South Glens Falls Senior High School.

Survivors include his wife of 56 years, Marie Buttler '49 Sparling; two sons, Tobin Sparling and Reed (Polly) Sparling; and two grandchildren.

Elizabeth (Betty) Eskite '50 Sultana of Clearwater, Fla., died on Saturday, June 2, 2007. She was 79.

She was a U.S. Navy veteran of the Korean War and a member of Disabled American Veterans.

She was a homemaker, school teacher, poet, and pastor at numerous churches in the southwest.

Survivors include her husband of 55 years, Emmanuel Sultana; a daughter, Mary E. Gainer; four sons, David Sultana, Aaron Sultana, Peter Sultana and Adam Sultana; a sister, Cathy Reese; and 13 grandchildren.

Lillian Hoffman (Prep 1916) Tazelaar of Holland, Mich., died on Monday, May 21, 2007. She was 107.

She taught school for two years at Graafschap School.

She was pictured on the cover of *News from Hope College* in February 2000 in conjunction with a story that examined life at the college and in Holland in the early 1900s. She was also featured extensively in the two-page article.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Dato.

Survivors include her children, Barbara Tazelaar '45 (Richard '45) Hine and Robert (Joanne) Tazelaar; five grandchildren, including Judith Hine '71 (William) Strom, Richard '72 (Linda) Hine and Elizabeth Hine '77 (David) Frost; 10 great-grandchildren; and nieces, nephews and cousins.

Word has been received of the death of **Arjen Teitsam '56** of Oswego, N.Y., who died on Tuesday, July 10, 2006. He was 77.

Robert F. Topp Sr. '46 of Grand Rapids, Mich., died on Monday, June 11, 2007. He was 82.

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

1943 to 1946.

He worked in the insurance business in Holland, Chicago, Ill., Kalamazoo, Mich., and Grand Rapids, serving the firms of Marsh & McLennan and Grotenhuis.

Survivors include his wife of 57 years, Ella Topp; three sons, Bob Jr. (Debbie) Topp, Jon (Deb) Topp, and Jim (Susan) Topp; seven grandchildren; his brothers, Howard (Jean) Topp and Dale (Carol) Topp; his sister, Ruth Topp '54 Van Zanten; and in-laws, Harvey (Joan) Wolbert, Marvin DeJonge, and Helen Dyk.

Paul M. Vande Hoef '62 of Grandville, Mich., died on Thursday, July 5, 2007. He was 77.

He served the Reformed Church in America congregations of Aberdeen, Rose Park, and Heritage churches. After retiring from the pastorate, he enjoyed a career in real estate.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Gloria Vande Hoef '73 Timmer, his sister, Jeanette Calsbeek, and his step-children, Melissa Boss, Calvin Stehouwer and Leslie Stehouwer.

Survivors include his wife, Thelma Vande Hoef; his children, Darrell '78 (Connie) Vande Hoef, Paula Vande Hoef '77 (Douglas) Drumm, Jeff (Pam) Vande Hoef, Karla (Steve) Johnson, Wendy Stehouwer, and Peter (Jill) Stehouwer; children-in-law, John (Jan) Timmer and Mark (Betsy) Boss; 10 grandchildren; his siblings, Willard (Eunice) Vande Hoef, Anna Mae (Hank) Van Allsburg, and Richard (Harriet) Vande Hoef; and many nieces and nephews.

Frances Hillebrands '45 Vander Broek of Holland, Mich., died on Wednesday, May 30, 2007. She was 84.

She was a librarian for the Saugatuck/Douglas Library, and she was co-owner of Cleo's Beauty Salon.

Survivors include her husband of 64 years, John K. Vander Broek '44; her children, Jack (Jennifer) Vander Broek, Richard '70 (Kathy Notier '70) Vander Broek, Charles '73 (Laura Tebben '74) Vander Broek, and Gretchen (Charles) Williams; 11 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; a stepsister, Donna Raterink; and nieces, nephews and cousins.

Berend T. Vander Woude '41 of Burnsville, Minn., died on Tuesday, June 12, 2007. He was 87.

He was the former pastor to the Laotian congregation at Peace Reformed Church.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Jeanne; and siblings, Amy Vander Woude, Cornelius Vander Woude '48, Dorothy Vander Woude '48 and Paul Vander Woude '52.

Survivors include his wife, Nelvie VanderBilt '41 Vander Woude; his children, Joanne (Dan) Myers,

Dorothy (Alan) Dietsche, Faythe (Dennis) Dornink, B. Timothy (Jan) Vander Woude, and Mark (Lori) Vander Woude; 15 grandchildren and great-grandchildren, including grandchildren Matt '97 (Valerie Kleinheksel '98) Dietsche and Jason Dietsche '03; and other relatives, including his sister-in-law, Carolyn Lange '52 Vander Woude.

Amanda Taub '72 Veazie of Buffalo, N.Y., died on Thursday, May 31, 2007, after a seven-year battle with breast cancer. She was 56.

She was a principal and longtime educator in the Kenmore-Town of Tonawanda School District. She began working with the district as an elementary teacher in 1972 and later was a special education teacher. She became supervisor of community education in 1988, and later developed and supervised the district's pre-kindergarten program. She was an assistant principal for more than 10 years in various elementary schools, and at the time of her death was principal of Hamilton Elementary School.

Survivors include her husband, William Veazie '71; a son, Matthew; her father, Robert Taub; a brother, Jonathan Taub; and a sister, Barbara Cody.

Melvin "Mel" VerSteeg Jr. '60 of Honey Brook, Pa., died on Thursday, May 17, 2007. He was 68.

He served in the U.S. Coast Guard Reserve.

He was employed as a director of product development for H.J. Heinz for 15 years.

Survivors include his wife of 26 years, Rebecca VerSteeg; his daughters, Leah (Derek) Frey and Rachel VerSteeg; and a brother, John '65 (Lorrie) VerSteeg.

John Witte '54 of Vero Beach, Fla., died on Tuesday, May 8, 2007. He was 75.

He had recently completed a six-year term on the college's Alumni Association Board of Directors, the last two years as secretary of the board.



He was with the Centers for Disease Control from 1962 to 1982. His responsibilities included teaching, conducting research, administering the national immunization program and serving as medical director of the Center for Health Promotion and Education. In recognition of his work, the United States Public Health Service presented him with a Commendation Medal in 1972 and an Exemplary Service Award in 1982.

He was with the Florida Department of Health and Rehabilitative Service from 1982 to 1996, and was subsequently in private practice. He wrote some 100 scientific articles published in peer-reviewed journals.

Survivors include his wife of 28 years, Sandra.

Myra Brouwer '47 Zuverink of Holland, Mich., died on Wednesday, May 23, 2007. She was 82.

She had been employed at Hope College for 15 years, retiring as the director of career planning and placement in 1981.

Survivors include her husband, Kenneth Zuverink '49; her children, Deborah (Edward) Bloom and Timothy Zuverink '77; three grandchildren; a sister, Marjorie Brouwer '43 Lumsden; brothers-in-law, Gordon (Mary) Zuverink, George Jr. (Betty) Zuverink, and Vernon '58 (Ina Mae) Zuverink; a sister-in-law, Bernice Dokter; and nieces, nephews and cousins.

Sympathy to

The family of **Genevieve H. Blom** of Hudsonville, Mich., who died on Wednesday, June 27, 2007. She was 90.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Herman Cady, and by her second husband, John Blom.

Survivors include her children, Sharon Cady '63 (John '63) Blom, Sandra Cady '65 (Ronald '65) Mulder, Sarah Cady '81 (Craig) Nobles, and Janet Blom '64 (David) Shoup; seven grandchildren, including Elizabeth Blom '91 (Lewis) Harper, Rebecca Blom '99 (Thomas '95) Dawson, and Megan Mulder '97; seven great-grandchildren; and in-laws, Irene Ter Haar, Sylvia Ter Haar, Joy Holman, and Helen (William) Slager.

The family of **Cristi Curtis** of Wyoming, Mich., who died on Thursday, July 19, 2007. She was 29.

She had been a volunteer assistant coach with the Hope volleyball team during 2005 and 2006, and had recently been hired to be the head volleyball coach at Aquinas College.

The family of **Ann T. Jackson** of Allegan, Mich., who died on Tuesday, July 17, 2007. She was 58.

She worked in the Allegan and Holland (Mich.) public schools as a substitute teacher, and had also been employed at Hope's Haworth Inn and Conference Center for 10 years.

Survivors include her husband, Victor; her sons, Steve Jackson, Scott Jackson, Mark Jackson and Justin Jackson; and one grandson.

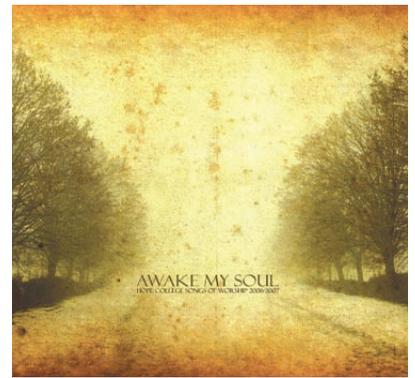
The family of **Elmer Meiste** of Holland, Mich., who died on Thursday, June 7, 2007. He was 81.

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

He was a co-owner of Essenburg Electric and was a member of the physical plant staff at Hope from 1983 until retiring in 1993.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Noreen, in 1999.

Survivors include his children,



CHAPEL CD: A collection of music featured during Chapel services of the 2006-07 school year is available through the Hope-Geneva Bookstore.

The compact disc is titled *Awake My Soul: Hope College Songs of Worship 2006-2007*, and sells for \$12.

The bookstore also has an assortment of Chapel CDs from previous school years. Additional information may be obtained online at www.hope.edu/bookstore/ or by calling the bookstore at (616) 395-7833 or 1-800-946-4673.

William Meiste, Laurie (Steve) Lankheet, and Kathryn (Karl) Irwin; three grandchildren; brothers and sisters, Bernard Meiste, Carolyn (Julius) Sale, and Shirley (Paul) Houtman; in-laws, Ruth Meiste, Julie Meiste, and Paul (Betty) Essenburg; and nephews, nieces and cousins.

The family of **Elise Rose "Lisey" Metzger** of Naperville, Ill., who died on Sunday, May 6, 2007, at Children's Memorial Hospital in Chicago, Ill. She was six years old.

Elise was a kindergarten student. Survivors include her parents, David A. '85 (Pamela) Metzger; her brother, Sean; her grandparents, Jack and Joan Rusnak and Jim and Hope Metzger; and aunts, uncles and cousins.

The family of **Wanda Nigh Rider** of Eugene, Ore., who died on Sunday, May 13, 2007. She was 89.

She was a teaching associate in the department of music at Hope from 1972 to 1975 and had also been in international education programs, and had taught many of Holland's violin and viola students from the 1950s to the 1970s. Her husband of more than 60 years, Dr. Morrette L. Rider, who survives her, was a member of the Hope music faculty from 1947 to 1975 and had also served the college as dean of academic affairs.

She had also taught at Sullins College in Bristol, Va.

In addition to her husband, survivors include a daughter, Rhonda Rider.



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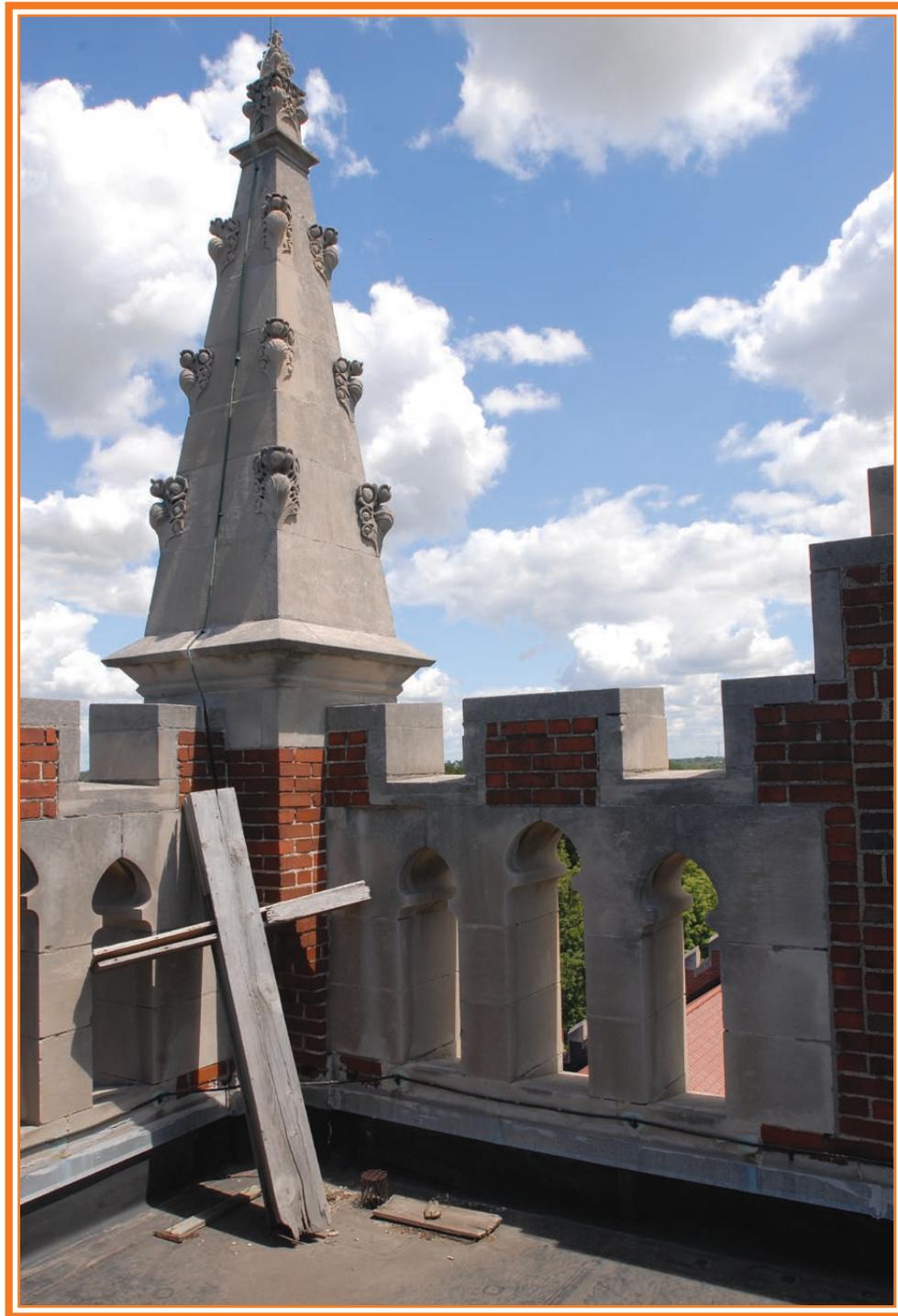
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