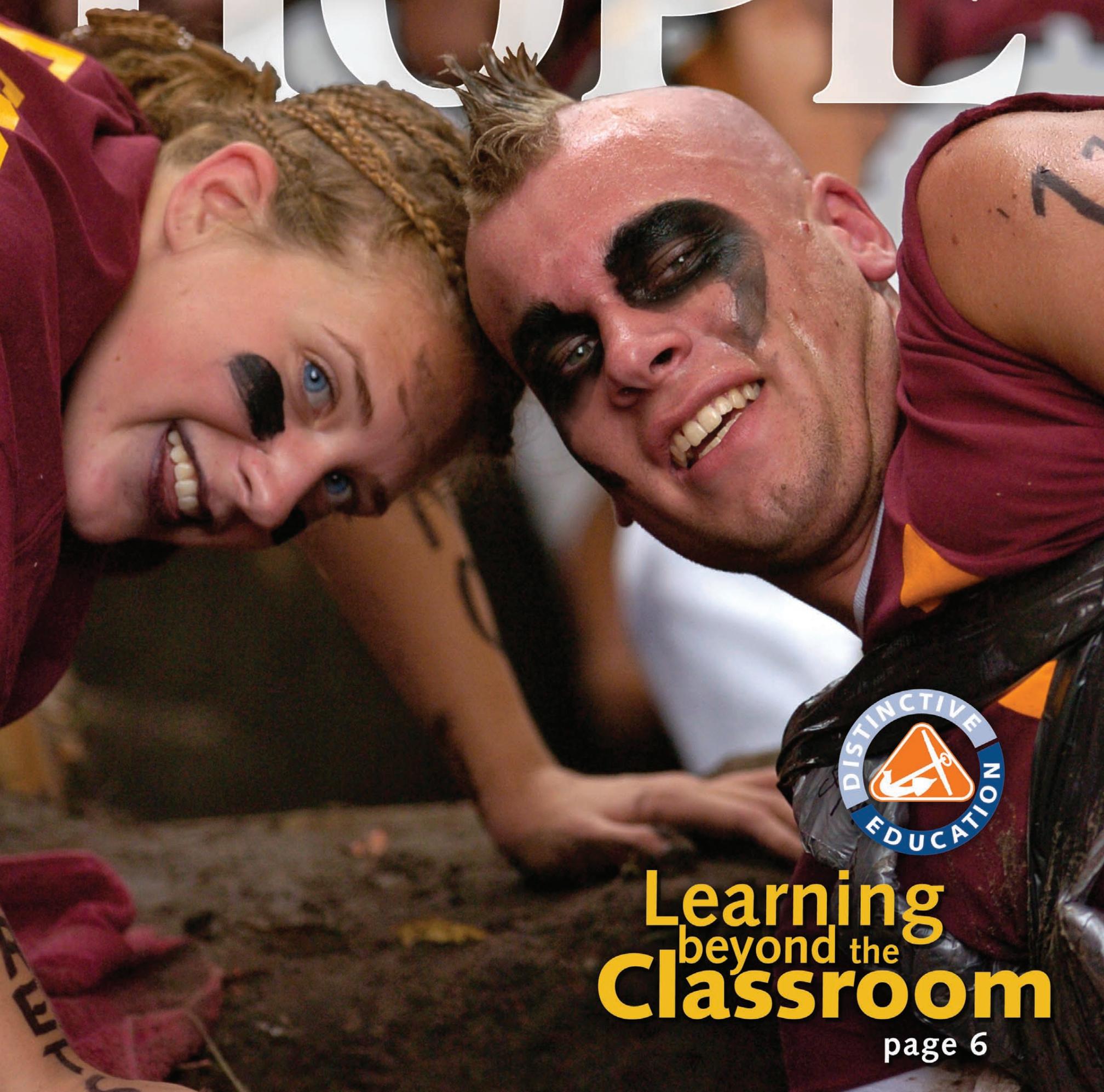


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## Learning beyond the Classroom

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## On the Cover

Lessons at Hope come in many forms, including the careful teamwork that is a central part of the Pull tug-of-war. Pictured as the freshman Class of 2011 works its way toward victory on Saturday, Sept. 29, are Kayli Skorupka of Downers Grove, Ill., and Brad Machiela of Zeeland, Mich.



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## "Quote, unquote"

**Q**quote, unquote is an eclectic sampling of things said at and about Hope College.



Across 2007-08, *News from Hope College* is examining a variety of distinctive and outstanding aspects of a Hope education, both within the classroom and beyond it. As an introduction to each issue's theme, "Quote, unquote" is featuring insights from a member of the campus community. Here is Dr. Richard Frost, vice president for student development and dean of students, with reflections on co-curricular learning.

On May 4, the Class of 2008 will graduate from Hope College. Each student will receive a diploma representing the completion of a rigorous course of academic study and intellectual development. As the students walk across the stage, they will not only receive diplomas, but will carry with them experiences from the journey of the last four years. The Hope College journey is certainly about the academics but it is just as much about the individual. It is a one-of-a-kind experience that will help our students grow, learn and develop into the people they will become. This aspect of individual development is central to Hope and is an emphasis for each faculty and staff member.

Every student is a unique individual and every path at Hope will be just as unique. Hope provides opportunities for students to look at the big questions of who they are, how they engage others, the types of relationships that they want and how they integrate such considerations into their lives. These are not easy questions and

each student will quickly learn that there are no easy answers. How do students explore these big questions? It requires great thought, and there is no one way but *thousands* of different ways for students to explore these questions as they travel through their years at Hope.

For most students there are usually some common experiences while at Hope. Students at Hope seek to learn about themselves, others, and community both in the sense of Holland, Mich., and the world. Every student has a different approach but almost all seek to identify their gifts and look for ways in which these gifts can be used through involvement across campus.

Looking for places to learn about oneself is not hard to do at Hope. Hope is a place of great riches which include intercollegiate athletics, intramurals, campus ministries, musical groups, Greeks, 80-plus student organizations, the Pull, Nykerk, Volunteer Services, theater, and the list can go on and on. The students are accepted and engaged in meaningful relationships and robust activity, whether an athletic contest, Bible studies, learning about different cultures, pulling for three hours, or befriending a retired person. Whatever the opportunity is, it is meaningful because it allows for a deeper understanding of oneself and teaches how to engage life and not just observe it.

At Hope, lessons are learned in the classroom but just as importantly the chapel, athletic field, in conversation, attending a program, leading a meeting, or helping a stranger. As one recent graduate said, "I am excited, nervous, anxious, and scared but am confident that the lessons I have learned during my time at Hope will carry me through the next phases of my life with grace and agility." Four years is not a lot of time, but Hope students take advantage of their time, preparing themselves to embrace and engage the world that they enter! We are Hope! 🙌



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# Events

## ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Nov. 22, Thursday—Thanksgiving Recess begins, 8 a.m.  
Nov. 26, Monday—Thanksgiving Recess ends, 8 a.m.  
Dec. 7, Friday—Last day of classes  
Dec. 10-14, Monday-Friday—Semester examinations  
Dec. 14, Friday—Residence halls close, 5 p.m.

## ADMISSIONS

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

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

The remaining days for 2007-08 are:

Friday, Nov. 2    Friday, Feb. 1  
Friday, Nov. 9    Monday, Feb. 18  
Friday, Nov. 16    Friday, Feb. 29  
Monday, Jan. 21

**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](http://www.hope.edu/admissions); or write: Hope College Admissions Office; 69 E. 10th St.; PO Box 9000; Holland, MI; 49422-9000.

## DANCE

**Student Dance Concert—**  
Monday-Tuesday, Nov. 19-20  
Knickerbocker Theatre, 8 p.m.  
Admission is free.

**Student Dance Concert—**  
Monday, Nov. 26  
Dow Center, dance studio, 8 p.m.  
Admission is free.

## THEATRE

**By the Bog of Cats—**Friday-Saturday,  
Nov. 16-17, and Wednesday-  
Saturday, Nov. 28-Dec. 1

By Marina Carr  
DeWitt Center, main theatre,  
8 p.m.

Tickets 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.

## DE PREE GALLERY

**New Works—**Through Friday,  
Nov. 16

Work by Erin Carney and Jim Cogswell.

**Juried Student Show—**Friday, Nov. 30-Friday, Dec. 7

Work by current Hope students.

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. Please call the gallery at (616) 395-7500 for more information. Admission to the gallery is free.

## GREAT PERFORMANCE SERIES

**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 for Great Performance Series events are \$17 for regular adult admission, \$12 for senior citizens and members of the Hope faculty and staff, and \$6 for children under 18 and Hope students, and are available at the ticket office in the front lobby of the DeVos Fieldhouse.



## VISITING WRITERS SERIES

Monday, Nov. 12—Marjorie Agosin  
Thursday, Feb. 21—Lewis Nordan  
and David Griffith  
Tuesday, March 11—Mark Yakich  
and Tony D'Souza  
Wednesday, April 16—Karen Joy  
Fowler

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



## MUSIC

**Jazz Combos—**Monday-Tuesday,  
Nov. 12-13: Wichers Auditorium  
of Nykerk Hall of Music, 7:30 p.m.  
Admission is free.

**Jazz Ensemble—**Thursday, Nov. 15:  
featuring "Bug," Dimnent Memorial  
Chapel, 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.

**Wind Symphony—**Friday, Nov. 16:  
Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 7:30  
p.m. Admission is free.

**Women's Chamber Choir—**  
Monday, Nov. 19: St. Francis de  
Sales Catholic Church, corner of  
13th Street and Maple Avenue  
in Holland, Mich., 7:30 p.m.  
Admission is free.

**Christmas Vespers—**Saturday-  
Sunday, Dec. 1-2: Dimnent  
Memorial Chapel. The services will  
be on Saturday, Dec. 1, at 4:30 p.m.  
and 8 p.m., and on Sunday, Dec. 2,  
at 2 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. The public sale  
of tickets will take place on Saturday,  
Nov. 17, from 9 a.m. to noon at the  
ticket office in the main lobby of  
the DeVos Fieldhouse. Tickets are \$7  
each, with a limit of four per person.

**Orchestra Holiday Concert—**  
Friday, Dec. 7: DeWitt Center,  
Kletz, noon. Admission is free.  
**Christmas Madrigal Dinner—**  
Friday-Saturday, Dec. 7-8: Maas  
Center, auditorium. Tickets will  
be available beginning in mid  
November at the office of the  
department of music in Nykerk  
Hall, which can be called at (616)  
395-7650. Ticket prices are TBA.

## TICKET SALES

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

## 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](http://www.hope.edu/pr/events.html).

## ALUMNI, PARENTS & FRIENDS

### Regional Events

#### Satellite Basketball

**Gatherings—**Saturday, Jan. 26  
Gatherings around the  
country to watch the 3  
p.m. Hope-at-Calvin men's  
basketball game live.

#### Parents' Weekend—

Friday-Sunday, Nov. 2-4

#### Winter Happening—

Saturday, Jan. 19

**Alumni Weekend—**Friday-Sunday,  
May 2-4

Includes reunions for every fifth  
class, '43 through '83.

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/](http://www.hope.edu/alumni/).



## TRADITIONAL EVENTS

### 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

**Baccalaureate and Commencement—**  
Sunday, May 4



## WINTER SPORTS SCHEDULES

Please visit the college online at [www.hope.edu/athletics/winter.html](http://www.hope.edu/athletics/winter.html) for complete schedules for the winter athletic season, including men's basketball, women's basketball, and men's and women's swimming. Copies may be obtained by calling (616) 395-7860.





**EDUCATION ACCLAIMED:** The teacher-education program at Hope has itself earned top marks from Michigan's Department of Education.

Hope and Oakland University had the best performance scores among all teacher-preparation institutions in Michigan according to a report released this summer by the Michigan Department of Education. Out of a possible score of 70, Hope's education program received a 68.

The college's department of education prepares students to teach in elementary and secondary schools, and annually certifies approximately 150 graduates as teachers. The program provides prospective teachers with a blend of classroom instruction and field experience, with students participating in field placements beginning with their first course. (Pictured is sophomore special education major Sarah DeLapa with CASA student Victoria.)

**More ONLINE** [www.hope.edu/pr/nfhc](http://www.hope.edu/pr/nfhc)

**ENROLLMENT RECORD:** For the sixth consecutive year Hope has enrolled a record number of students, topping 3,200 students for the second time in history.



Hope has enrolled 3,226 students this fall, 23 more than last year's previous high.

"I think students find that the environment here is very conducive to a good college

education," said Jon Huisken, dean for academic services and registrar. "Our combination of an excellent academic program and very attractive spiritual dimension are unbeatable and very attractive for students today."

The student body consists of 1,329 men and 1,897 women from 45 states and 31 foreign countries.

**More ONLINE** [www.hope.edu/pr/nfhc](http://www.hope.edu/pr/nfhc)

**PULL VICTORY:** The freshman class has won this year's Pull tug-of-war.

The Class of '11 defeated the sophomore Class of '10 by 30 feet, 11 inches in the three-hour event, held on Saturday, Sept. 29. It was the first freshman victory since 1996.



Since 1909, the sophomores have taken 61 contests to the freshman class's 30; the even-year/odd-year split for the same period is 53 to 38. There have been four draws and four cancellations since 1909.

A gallery of photos from the event and information about the history of the Pull is featured on the college's Web site.

**More ONLINE** [www.hope.edu/pr/pull](http://www.hope.edu/pr/pull)

**MORTAR BOARD HONORED:** The Alcor chapter of Mortar Board at Hope received multiple honors during the national organization's annual conference in Ohio this summer.

Dr. Dianne Portfleet of the Hope English faculty, who is one of the chapter's two advisors, received one of only three "Excellence in Advising" awards presented nationwide.

For the second consecutive year, the chapter received both the "Golden Torch Award" and the "Project Excellence Award."

Hope's chapter was one of 27 recipients of the "Golden Torch Award," which honors chapters that have excelled in the areas of scholarship, leadership and service. As one of the top five "Golden Torch Award" recipients, Hope's chapter was also one of the five finalists for the national "Ruth Weimer Mount Chapter Excellence Award."

**More ONLINE** [www.hope.edu/pr/nfhc](http://www.hope.edu/pr/nfhc)



**FROM THE BEGINNING:** Following a week that had offered some of the summer's stormiest weather, the quotation carried a literal as well as metaphoric relevance: "Some people feel the rain, others just get wet."

Opening Convocation speaker Dr. F. Sheldon Wettack, however, had the future of Hope's newest students firmly in mind as he shared the statement attributed to Bob Dylan. Speaking on Sunday, Aug. 26, on the eve of Hope's 146th academic year, he encouraged the members of the incoming Class of 2011 to make the most of the coming four years.

"The quote suggests, of course, for you to be fully engaged in your life's experiences, don't just let them happen around you," he said. Dr. Wettack is dean of faculty emeritus and professor of chemistry emeritus at Harvey Mudd College in Claremont, Calif. He is a visiting professor of chemistry at Hope, where he had previously served from 1967 to 1982 first as a member of the chemistry faculty and then as dean for the natural and social sciences.

In setting the stage for the students' Hope experience, Dr. Wettack considered three general topics: change, passion and liberal education. "I predict that each will be important to you in the days, months and years ahead," he said.

**More ONLINE** [www.hope.edu/pr/nfhc](http://www.hope.edu/pr/nfhc)

**INTERNATIONAL APPOINTMENT:** Amy Otis '96 has been promoted to director of international education.

Otis joined the staff shortly after graduating from the college with a German major, serving initially as office manager and coordinator of special programs. She was promoted to assistant director in 2002 and associate director in 2006.



During 2006-07, 134 Hope students spent either the academic year or a semester in 27 different countries, with many others participating in shorter-term programs. Also during 2006-07, Hope hosted 67 international students from 29 countries.

**More ONLINE** [www.hope.edu/pr/nfhc](http://www.hope.edu/pr/nfhc)

**SPIRIT RECOGNIZED:** The Hope cheerleaders and "Dutch" the mascot earned honors this summer during the largest regional cheerleading camp in the country sponsored by Universal Cheerleading Association (UCA) in Milwaukee, Wis.

Hope was the only NCAA Division III college in attendance, and the Hope cheerleaders, coached by Wes Wooley '89, participated in competitions in Division II. Hope earned a second-place trophy in the Sideline competition and third-place trophies in the Fight Song and Cheer competitions. In addition, Hope received the Program Improvement trophy in recognition of achievement across 13 consecutive years of attending the camp.

This was the first year of participation for "Dutch," the Hope mascot introduced during the 2006-07 school year. Dozens of college mascots attended the camp to work on their persona and perfect their game-day skills. Dutch made a big impact in his premiere at camp, earning the trophy for Most Improved Mascot.

**More ONLINE** [www.hope.edu/pr/nfhc](http://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 this year's "Move-In Day," Friday, Aug. 24, one of dozens of images from orientation weekend featured online.



**More ONLINE** [www.hope.edu/pr/gallery](http://www.hope.edu/pr/gallery)



# Lessons Across Campus

By Greg Olgers

Learning at Hope involves more than the classroom.

True, it is the college's academic program that drives the school year and ultimately leads to a degree, but Hope delivers important lessons in the living that happens beyond the hours spent in class or studying. With the focus on educating the whole person, there's no less to be learned in the residence hall, during chapel, on the playing field, or engaged in any number of activities organized for and by students.

As director of student activities and Greek life, Ellen Tanis Awad '90 oversees some 70 student organizations. They almost run A to Z, ranging from Acting on AIDS to the Women's Lacrosse Club with examples in between including the *Anchor* student newspaper, the Black Student Union, the Union of Catholic Students, traditional events like the Pull tug-of-war and Nykerk Cup competition, the college's fraternities and sororities, and the Social Activities Committee which provides entertainment programming for the entire campus.

Involvement in such organizations, Awad noted, is ideally enjoyable while also providing lessons in organization, leadership, conflict resolution, event planning, group dynamics and decision making.

"There's meeting social needs, where people are meeting new folks, creating friendships," she said. "But beyond that the students involved are learning a lot of different skill sets or about themselves or from other people."

"I think that all of those things can come together to complement what they learn in the classroom in a practical way," she said.

The opportunity to get involved was important to junior Phillip Guajardo of Kentwood, Mich., as he conducted his college search. Since last year he has been president of *La Raza Unida*, Hope's Hispanic Student Organization. He appreciates the skills that he's learned along the way.

"Hope provides the opportunity to join activities that expand both your interests and your perspectives in a number of different ways," he said. "I feel like my involvement has taught me to appreciate and savor my Hispanic heritage more than I did previously. I also see that bringing my ideas and talents to an organization can actually make a difference."



Leadership, exploring interests, service and friendships are key lessons of activities outside the classroom at Hope. Above, members of the Alpha Gamma Phi sorority introduce themselves during this year's fall Student Activities Fair.

"One of the biggest things I have gained through being Greek is close relationships with my sorority sisters—there is a different level of bond that comes through being sisters, and that has been an incredible support system to me throughout my years at Hope."

- Karla Helvie '08, Kappa Delta Chi



“Being a pre-med student, I know the importance of working well with others and being an effective communicator,” Guajardo said. “Before I had a chance to become very involved in *La Raza Unida*, I don’t believe that I was very effective at either characteristic. I believe that I have improved in both leading and communication, but I still know that I have some work to do in both categories.”

Senior Karla Helvie of Ann Arbor, Mich., has valued not only the friendships but also the lessons she has learned through the Kappa Delta Chi sorority and her work as a member of the Panhellenic Council, the governing body of all of Hope’s sororities.

“One of the biggest things I have gained through being Greek is close relationships with my sorority sisters—there is a different level of bond that comes through being sisters, and that has been an incredible support system to me throughout my years at Hope,” she said. “In the same vein, but with a broader perspective, I have also gained relationships with other Greeks who I otherwise would never have met, as well as relationships with Hope faculty. This has been a great blessing in that I have gained a wide variety of perspectives on being Greek, being a student at Hope and life in general. I am also gaining invaluable leadership experience, both within my organization and within the larger contexts of sorority life and Greek life at Hope.”



The freshman-sophomore Pull tug-of-war is one of the college’s longest-running student traditions, harkening back to 1898. Participants form friendships that last a lifetime as they train together and push themselves for the team during the annual contest. Pictured is the sophomore Class of 2010 during this year’s Pull.

Senior Matt Wixson of Albion, Mich., has been involved in numerous aspects of campus life.

“It was actually one of my biggest considerations,” he said. “Where can I get a good academic education as well as do these fun things and be involved in things that are important to me and play a significant role in them?”

The student-organized Dance Marathon fundraiser for Helen DeVos Children’s Hospital has been one such activity. “It’s a lot of fun, but it’s fun with a purpose,” he said.

He initially participated in the 24-hour event as a dancer, and later led the morale team. He sees the learning in the experience readily, noting that it “definitely helped shape my leadership skills.”

“When you have to develop an agenda for a meeting or schedule hundreds of moralers, it’s a hard process but a fun process,” Wixson said. “It’s made me more organized.”

In its broadest sense, “co-curricular” is everything that takes place outside the classroom, and when viewed that way the opportunities for involvement and learning become nearly limitless. For example:

- Residential life at Hope is approached intentionally, with the staff—including more than 100 student resident assistants who are themselves learning as part of the process—working to create a positive living environment by building activities around themes including community, diversity, and intellectual, physical and spiritual development.

“When I talk with the RAs to begin the year, one of the words that I use is ‘intentional,’” said Dr. John Jobson, who is assistant dean of students and director of residential life and housing. “As we work with students, one of the things that we try to be intentional about is, ‘How are they going to learn from this experience?’”

The residential life component is critical to the Phelps Scholars Program, through which students reflect on diversity issues through courses they take together, additional activities and living in community in Scott Hall.

“We looked at a lot of models, and one of the things that was really clear to the planning committee was that programs that connect the academic program with residential life are far more powerful and effective than just academic programs or just residential life programs,” said Dr. Chuck Green, who is director of the program and a professor of psychology.

“We find that when students are taking the same things, they talk about it in the residence hall late at night,” he said. “When



Coordinated by the Social Activities Committee, which plans a variety of all-campus activities, events such as “Spring Fling” provide an opportunity for Hope students to get together and socialize and through the process build a sense of community.

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we ask people what they will take away from the program, it is really remarkable how many mention a late-night conversation.”

- In addition to being woven throughout the fabric of the institution, the college’s Christian heritage finds expression explicitly through the activities of the Campus Ministries program. The three weekday Chapel services and the Sunday evening “Gathering” regularly host some 1,000 students, with 30 to 40 involved as worship leaders. Hundreds of students participate in outreach, including with local ministries and through the annual spring break mission trip program. Members of the staff also walk alongside students in their faith journeys in ongoing discipleship and relationship activities such as small-group meetings.

“When you’re dealing with faith and development spiritually, sometimes it’s difficult to have indexes,” said the Rev. Trygve Johnson, who is the Hinga-Boersma Dean of the Chapel. “But I would hope that the intentional development that we offer would help students merge faith and action together.”

“What we want to do is provide energy and meaningful experiences that provide holistic integration,” Rev. Johnson said. “We see what we do as working in a symbiotic relationship with student development and the academic mission.”

- Participation in collaborative research with faculty members gives students a unique opportunity to apply their classwork, and to see where those lessons are headed. More than 180 participated in research in the sciences full-time this summer, with many also engaged in research part-time during the school year.

“It’s the best way to educate students,” said Dr. Moses Lee, dean for the natural and applied sciences and professor of chemistry. “You take ownership of a research problem that has never been done before. You have to think critically. You have to read deeply.”

- Involvement in sport offers another set of lessons for the hundreds of Hope students who participate in the college’s intercollegiate and club programs.

“You learn a lot of good things, like unselfishness, discipline and self-sacrifice, and know that you’re representing a community beyond yourself,” said Professor Ray Smith, who is professor of kinesiology and director of athletics for men. “This is in addition to getting a top-flight education.”

“I’m very encouraged about the kinds of things that we’re doing with students here and of course the caliber of students,” he said. “We have just outstanding kids here that are going to make a difference in their lifetime—in their homes, their vocations and ultimately in their communities.”

The lessons often link back to the students’ career preparation in tangible ways.

“Students who have been productive with publications and presentations have a better chance of finding employment or getting into

the graduate school of their choice,” Dr. Lee said. “You want to find a student or a worker who has a proven track record.”

Dale Austin, director of career services, has found the same true more broadly.

“Employers recognize that students don’t have a significant amount of relevant professional experience,” Austin said. “One of the ways in which employers can gauge quality candidates is through co-curricular involvement in a leadership role.”

The myriad lessons of co-curricular involvement aren’t new, and have been making a difference in Hope students’ lives for generations. In recent years, however, the college has been placing increased emphasis on helping the lessons gained through co-curricular involvement connect with students’ academic and life plans.

Since 2003, the CrossRoads Project has worked with departments across campus

and organized additional activities to help students think theologically about their calling and life. More recently, the college has established the Center for Faithful Leadership to enhance the college’s emphasis on training servant-leaders.

“It’s faithful to God, it’s faithful to ourselves, finding out what we believe in, finding out what passions we have, finding out what assets we have, and thinking about how we can develop those,” said Dr. Steve VanderVeen, who is the center’s director as well as a professor of management.

The center’s activities include retreats and seminars focused on leadership, and roundtables so that students can share their experiences.

“The Center for Faithful Leadership is trying to work with Multicultural Life and Student Development and integrate leadership practice with leadership theory and reflection,” Dr. VanderVeen said. “We’re trying to create an internship-like experience out of the experiences that students are already having by integrating the theoretical component.”

*(Editor’s Note: Throughout the school year, each issue of News from Hope College is providing a focused look at an aspect of the Hope experience. In addition to this issue’s emphasis on co-curricular learning, we are examining the liberal arts and the environment [August]; the arts, which of course offer co-curricular lessons themselves [December]; multicultural and international education [April]; and spiritual life [June]. Past issues are available online at [www.hope.edu/pr/nfnc](http://www.hope.edu/pr/nfnc) or through the Office of Public and Community Relations.)*



Service projects such as the “Stuff the Bus” goods drive for Child Development Services coordinated by Greek Life provide an important focus for numerous campus organizations.





# Impact for Life

By Greg Chandler

The opportunities Hope faculty and staff have to impact students go far beyond the classroom - be it connecting first-year students to needs in the community, advising campus media or helping students make contact with business professionals.

At the Volunteer Services office, Wilma Hart spends a great deal of her time connecting students to service projects in the surrounding area.

"We get a lot of requests from the community about needing volunteers," said Hart, the college's volunteer services coordinator. "If we get a call from an agency that needs a group of students for a particular project, it's channeled through the Volunteer Services office."

During the first weekend in September, Hart coordinated the "Time to Serve" project, in which more than 400 Hope students offered their time to local agencies, nonprofit organizations, churches and individuals.

"It's a great way to meet new people, and it helps you find self-fulfillment while building up the community," said Britnee Longwell, a junior from Indianapolis, Ind., who co-chairs the college's volunteer services council with junior Caitlin Lamade of Wheaton, Ill.

Students find out about volunteer opportunities through a variety of avenues, including a volunteer fair held the first week of classes. Some opportunities are of a large scale, such as the annual Dance Marathon held in March to raise funds for Helen DeVos Children's Hospital in Grand Rapids, Mich. About 1,000 students were involved in last year's event, raising \$116,000 for the hospital.

Then there are smaller events, such as a "Run and Rake" that was introduced last year.

"We just grabbed rakes, went into the neighborhood and started raking people's yards," Hart said.

Other activities during the year include Thanksgiving food drives, Operation Christmas Child and Easter baskets for Hope's CASA (Children's After School Achievement) program.



Across campus, members of the Hope faculty and staff make a priority of providing meaningful opportunities for students to learn and grow beyond the classroom. From left to right are Tony Muiderman, Kristen Post '03 Morrison, Wilma Hart, Dr. Teresa Housel and Dr. Stephen Hemenway.

Sometimes the learning experiences take students halfway around the world. Dr. Stephen Hemenway, professor of English, has taken nearly 2,000 students to Austria as part of Hope's Vienna Summer School program since he became its director in 1976.

Dr. Hemenway, who has taught at Hope since 1972, is a big believer in students spending at least a part of the college career studying overseas. "It makes them more open-minded, more tolerant about the way other people not only act, but believe," he said.

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— Stephen Hemenway

Dr. Hemenway recalled one Senior Seminar class he taught on campus in which nearly all of the students had spent at least one semester studying outside the United States. "The level of conversation ... was elevated, because people had been exposed to other cultures, other religious perspectives," he said.

Dr. Hemenway also advises the Environmental Issues Group on campus, which he founded in the late 1980s. The group often has speakers addressing environmental issues, and also participates in a number of cleanup efforts each year, including one in the fall along Lake Michigan.

"(Students) should get involved with at least one organization ... in which you do things that are different from your classes," Dr. Hemenway said.

For students considering careers in business, the temptation for many is to focus solely on making contacts that will help them get hired after they graduate. But for students in the George F. Baker Scholars Program, the approach goes far beyond networking with business professionals, said Tony Muiderman, professor emeritus of business administration, who has been the program's advisor for nearly 30 years.

"We want to provide opportunities and experiences for undergraduate students which are outside the normal curriculum of the college," Professor Muiderman said.

While students in the Baker program get to meet CEOs and other top business leaders from around the country, they're also just as likely to meet people from government, the faith community and the non-profit sector.

"In five years, they're going to have positions (in the business community), and be asked to give back to their communities in terms of service on boards and in other organizations," Professor Muiderman said.

Baker Scholars serve in the community in a variety of ways, including volunteering at the local Boys and Girls Club and tutoring. About five or six students are selected for the program each year by a group of professionals outside the college community, based on their leadership potential, Professor Muiderman said.

Dr. Teresa Housel, assistant professor of communication, is another who believes strongly in the value of involvement in organizations outside the classroom. She says for students in a liberal arts setting who are interested in careers in the media, getting

involved in the student newspaper or radio station is a must.

When Dr. Housel wanted to get her point across to a group of first-year journalism students earlier this fall, she brought in clips of her own work for the student newspaper while she was an undergraduate student at Oberlin College.

"I like pulling the old stuff out (and showing it to students), because they are at the same level I was," said Dr. Housel, who chairs the Student Communication Media Committee, which acts as an advisory board to the Anchor student newspaper, radio station WTHS-FM, the Opus literary magazine and the Milestone, the college yearbook.

Dr. Housel seeks to use her journalism classes as a vehicle to provide stories to the Anchor, giving students an opportunity to get published. "When they see their work in print, it gives them confidence to keep writing," she said.

Another way students can get involved on campus - and work off some stress - is by participating in intramural sports, perhaps the most popular such activity on the Hope campus.

About 1,500 students - nearly half of the student body - competed in at least one intramural sport last school year, said Kristen Post '03 Morrison, the college's intramural director.

The college offers 23 intramural sports,

ranging from more traditional sports such as basketball and flag football to some newer offerings, such as ultimate frisbee and inner-tube water polo. Men's, women's and co-ed teams are available for students to join.

Morrison says there are a number of reasons why intramural sports at Hope are so popular, ranging from the opportunity to meet new people to satisfying a desire to compete.

"If they were involved in sports in high school, and didn't want to compete at the intercollegiate level, it still gives them a chance to compete in something they love," Morrison said. "For the freshmen coming in, it gives them a chance to interact with upperclassmen and other students on campus."

Morrison, a former cross country and track standout for the Flying Dutch, began working with the intramural program her senior year as an intern. "I just love being around sports and activities, and I just thought it was a good fit," she said.

In addition to students being involved in the games, students help set up equipment and coordinate game schedules. Morrison always keeps in communication with students for opportunities to add new sports.

"I do surveys to get a general idea of what the students want, and try to implement them," Morrison said. 🏀



Dr. Stephen Hemenway's longstanding commitment to the environment has made a difference both on campus and in the area. Early on a Saturday morning, Dr. Hemenway and members of the Environmental Issues Group helped clean up the beach in neighboring Laketown Township, recording what they found to help regional officials understand the nature and quantity of the litter. Pictured with Dr. Hemenway are senior Dale Shidemantle of Syracuse, N.Y., who is co-president of EIG, and freshman Jay Vandenbrink of Holland, Mich.





# A Spirit of Service

By Heather Vander Plaats

For Anita Van Engen '98 Bateman, using one's talents to serve others is not an option – it's a responsibility.

Although Bateman works in a demanding technical leadership role at IBM in Austin, Texas, her pace of life doesn't slow down when she leaves the office at the end of the day. In fact, much of her spare time is devoted to a diverse group of causes close to her heart.

"Using the gifts that God has given me to the utmost is very important to me," Bateman said. "Some of that means giving financially and some of it means giving my time. Sometimes in the day-to-day corporate world, you can lose sight of the bigger picture, so being involved in other activities helps to remind me of what's important."

For several years, Anita and her husband, John Bateman '97, have volunteered with the Latin American Leadership Development Program ([www.lacmin.org](http://www.lacmin.org)). The program provides Ph.D. -level theological education to Latin American scholars who otherwise



Four years with the Nykerk Cup competition, the last as general chair (at right, above), provided good friendships and leadership lessons.

would have few opportunities to pursue such training without leaving their families and ministries. Drawing on their aptitude for computer technology (John works as a network administrator for a market research firm), the Batemans serve as webmasters and general IT consultants for the program. Although the couple is able to do much of the work from their home in Austin, they travel occasionally to countries in Latin America to meet with program administrators, professors and students.

Dr. Nancy Thomas, a professor and academic council member, described the Batemans' service as "absolutely invaluable." Recently, she called on Anita for assistance with selecting the best article-scanning technology for one of her classes.

"I just told her what I needed and she went to work researching my options," Dr. Thomas explained. "That's the sort of thing that would take me hours to do because I just don't have the background or knowledge."

Bateman is also involved in a variety of service opportunities closer to home. She holds membership in Impact Austin, an organization of Austin-area women that gave away four sizeable grants this year to local community service organizations. She also participates in mentoring relationships at IBM. Additionally, last spring she was appointed one of five new members of the board of directors of Hope's Alumni Association. The board meetings are bringing Bateman back to Hope on a regular basis, offering her greater opportunity to be involved in the institution where she feels much of her personal growth occurred.

"I am a much more complete person because of the different types of activities I was part of at Hope," she said. "I've gone on to do my master's in computer science at the University of Texas at Austin, and when I compare my Hope experience with what I imagine it would have been like to be an undergrad at a large university, I don't think I would have been as challenged or enriched

in the various personal ways had I not been at Hope."

While she was a student, Bateman engaged in a long list of co-curricular activities, including Spring Break mission trips, Mortar Board, I.V.E League, Fellowship of Christian Students and a summer internship. She also participated in the Nykerk Cup competition her first two years at Hope, going on to serve as junior chair and then as general chair her senior year.

"That was a wonderful way to make friends my first two years, and I really enjoyed the leadership portion my junior and senior years," Bateman said. "I learned a great deal about working through some of the challenges that come along with group dynamics and organizational leadership."

"Sometimes in the day-to-day corporate world, you can lose sight of the bigger picture, so being involved in other activities helps to remind me of what's important."

– Anita Van Engen Bateman



Extensive involvement in activities ranging from research to service to traditional events while at Hope has shaped and informed Anita Van Engen '98 Bateman's life in the years since in a variety of ways.

Additionally, when the Summer of Service program kicked off in June of 1995, Bateman was among the first group of students to participate. During the eight-week program, daily classes on faith-related topics and opportunities to assist community service organizations drew her into deeper reflection on her walk with God.

"Growing up in a Christian family, that's something that I struggled with – how much is my faith my faith, versus that of my parents or grandparents?" she said. "The program really stretched me and helped me to define my faith in Christ."

Bateman is the daughter of missionary parents, the Rev. Dr. Charles '70 and Jean Taylor '70 Van Engen, who worked in theological education in Chiapas, Mexico, and a granddaughter of Garold and Ruth Van Engen, lifelong missionaries to Chiapas. When Bateman was in fourth grade, her family moved to Holland, and then relocated to Glendora, Calif., three years later. After graduating from high school, Bateman decided to nurture her interest in problem solving and computer software by pursuing a degree in computer science at Hope, while also earning minors in mathematics and Spanish. Although in high school she'd enjoyed tinkering with software programs, her first two years at Hope proved to be academically challenging. Nevertheless, she approached her course material with enthusiasm and perseverance, according to Dr. Mike Jipping, chair of the computer science department.

"A lot of students will put up with not understanding something, but Anita was not like that," he explained. "When things were not quite right, she'd be in my office asking questions. She was very persistent."

The summer following her junior year, Bateman and two other students, under the direction of Dr. Jipping, conducted a summer research project on concurrent Java

programming, using grant funds from the National Science Foundation. A paper the students wrote on their findings was published in a student journal, and the group also presented a poster depicting their research at a conference. Dr. Herb Dershem, professor of computer science, noted that Bateman's approach to her research that summer was characteristic of what he saw during the academic year.

"She was a top-notch student who became a leader in our department," he said. "I can remember her taking a great deal of leadership during team projects. When she was a senior, she organized a session on women in computing, inviting people from off-campus to participate, and she led it herself."

Dr. Dershem believes Bateman's solid leadership skills were instrumental in helping her land a job as a software engineer at IBM shortly after she graduated from Hope. Five years ago, Bateman moved into the position of software architect. Currently, she provides technical leadership for an international team that develops projects for IBM's marketing and sales teams, and for the company's business partners.

At work and in her spare time, Bateman remains committed to using the talents she possesses to serve others. Being visible Christian leaders in the community is not a choice, she maintains, but a responsibility to be taken seriously.

"Where I've been blessed, I need to give back," she said. 🙌



Anita and her husband John '97 are committed to serving others both in their community of Austin, Texas, and abroad. Earlier this year, they enjoyed the sites of Peru while participating in the Latin American Leadership Development Program of Latin American Christian Ministries.



# The Road to Hope

By Greg Chandler

As it happened, Rachel Syens '11 of Holland, Mich., went to college just a few miles from home, but it wasn't a choice she took for granted.

Quite the contrary, Syens started visiting colleges the summer after her sophomore year of high school, and over a two-year period visited 15 colleges and universities in six states, ranging from Hope to Harvard University.

She knew what she wanted. Most of the schools she visited were smaller, liberal arts schools, such as Calvin and Kalamazoo colleges in West Michigan, Wittenberg and Denison universities in Ohio and Lake Forest College in Illinois.

"I was looking for a college with a strong emphasis in the liberal arts, which for me,

meant a school where I could take a variety of classes and where I could continue to play in the orchestra without having to major in music, and become involved with a variety of opportunities," she said. "I also wanted a Christian school where I could continue to build upon and grow in my faith."

Born in Holland, Syens became familiar with Hope as a youngster, frequently attending theatre performances and sporting events. Her parents, Marvin '75 and Jodi Japinga '75 Syens, graduated from Hope, and her grandfather, Norm "Bunko" Japinga, is a longtime college employee and enthusiastic supporter of the athletic program.

But when it came time to select a college, it was solely Rachel's call.

"We told her right up front the decision was hers, but we wanted her to go through a pretty thorough investigation (of her options)," Marvin Syens said.

In her junior year, Syens visited Hope during a college visitation day. She then had two overnight visits to campus, which sold her on the campus atmosphere.

"Everyone seemed really friendly, and it just felt right for me to be there," Rachel said.

Syens was accepted at several of the schools. In the end, she selected Hope.



Freshman Rachel Syens of Holland, Mich., didn't need travel far to move to campus in August, but the trip was backed up by hundreds of miles on the road and serious

research. She and her parents (Jodi and Marvin, both Class of '75, pictured) visited 15 schools in six states in the two years en route to Move-In Day 2007.

"We're thrilled. We're absolutely thrilled," Jodi Syens said. "We would have been happy with any choice that she felt good about."

"We know she's going to be getting a great education, and we like the faith-based atmosphere," Jodi said.

moment she stepped on campus to move into her residence hall.

"On move-in day, there were tons of OA's (orientation assistants) waiting around, ready to take all of my luggage up to my dorm room," she said. "One guy even helped us take apart the bunk beds and move the furniture around."

Rachel says her favorite part of the weekend was a Saturday night experience at the Dow Center which organizers dubbed Playfair.

"When the doors opened, we were sent running through a line of OA's and of our peers that eventually snaked throughout the entire gym, giving out high-fives and getting excited," she said. "Then we spent the evening playing all sorts of games in groups, partners, teams – it was just so incredibly fun."

Like most incoming students, Rachel is adjusting to being on her own and managing her time. She's also having to adjust to differences in class schedule from when she was in high school.

"In high school, I was at school all day, and I had the same classes every day, five days a week," she said. "In college, it seems strange to not have class until 2 in the afternoon, or have a two-hour block of no classes during the day, but I'm sure in time, I will get used to it."

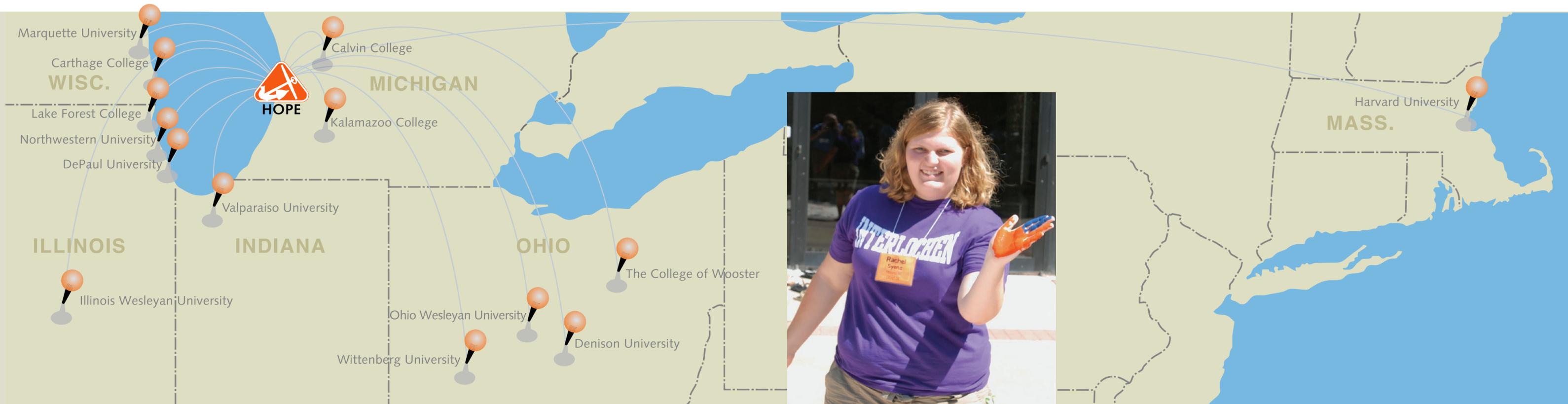
Like many of Hope's incoming freshman class, Syens combined academic excellence in high school with involvement in activities outside the classroom. She played the bass in the school orchestra, served as the character chairperson of Holland High School's National Honor Society, was involved in the SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions) chapter, and also participated in the Model United Nations program hosted by Hope. She says the Model UN experience, where she had to take on the role of a delegate of another country, was an eye-opener.

"You had to use a perspective that was not your own. It gives you a different perspective on the world," she said.

Syens plans to be involved in Model UN this school year as a student advisor, and will also perform with the Hope Symphonette and Orchestra. She has also expressed interest in writing for *The Anchor*, the college's student newspaper, her mother said.

Syens's interest in world affairs also influenced her choice of major. She plans to major in international studies, possibly with a minor in communications. She is enthusiastic about her classes, and couldn't be happier to attend college in her hometown.

"It's a place you want to be, and it's a place you want in your town," she said.



# Helping Hands

It's an apt bit of symbolism that hundreds of students fan out through the Holland community during the first weekend of the school year to engage in service through the "Time to Serve" program. From helping with the Tulipanes festival, to loading hay bales at the Critter Barn, to sorting at Bibles for Mexico, to groundskeeping at the Herrick District Library and Jubilee Ministries, the variety presages the countless ways students volunteer throughout the school year. "Time to Serve" exemplifies the best of co-curricular learning in action, matching giving spirits with local needs, and mixing in some good fellowship at the same time.

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**RELIGION CHAIR:** A new endowed chair emphasizes the faith tradition of which Hope is a part.

The new "Leonard and Marjorie Maas Endowed Chair in Reformed Theology" has been established to be awarded to a faculty member whose scholarly emphasis is on the historical and philosophical development of Reformed theology through the present day. The professorship has been donated by Leonard and Marjorie Maas of Holland, Mich., who are longtime supporters of Hope as well as lifelong members of the Reformed Church in America, the denomination with which the college is affiliated.

The chair's first recipient is theologian Dr. Mark Husbands, who joined the religion faculty this fall and has made Reformed theology a central focus of his scholarship and teaching.

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**RESEARCH HONOR:** Dr. Jeffrey Johnson, assistant professor of chemistry, has received a Faculty Start-Up Award from the Camille and Henry Dreyfus Foundation Inc.

The foundation presents the awards to support the scholarly activity of new faculty at primarily undergraduate institutions, generally as they begin their first tenure-track appointments. Dr. Johnson, new to Hope this fall, is one of only eight scholars to receive the awards this year.

It is the second time in four years that a Hope chemistry professor has received one of the awards. Dr. Jason Gillmore received one when he joined the faculty in 2004.

The award provides an unrestricted research grant of \$30,000 that will provide support for Dr. Johnson's research program during the next five years. He will work collaboratively with Hope students on the development of non-traditional organic reactivity catalyzed by transition metals.

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**SERVICE AWARD:**

Dr. Deirdre Johnston, professor of communication and chairperson of the department, has been honored for professional service by the Michigan chapter of the American Council of Education (ACE).



Dr. Johnston received the chapter's "2007 Outstanding Campus Programming Award" on Tuesday, June 12, during the annual state meeting of the ACE Network for Women Leaders in Higher Education, held in Lansing.

The award recognizes her role in organizing a meeting of Hope faculty and administrative staff women this past April. During the meeting, the college's women faculty and administrators committed to gathering on a regular basis beginning this fall to provide leadership development resources and to support and encourage one another to pursue greater leadership roles in higher education.

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**ECON AND CHRISTIANITY:** A new book by two members of the economics faculty presents a case for bringing a Christian sensibility to understanding and shaping economic practice.

Dr. Victor Claar and Dr. Robin Klay are co-authors of *Economics in Christian Perspective: Theory, Policy and Life Choices*, published in August by InterVarsity Press.

"Economics is not primarily about money. And markets are only one sphere of public life. Indeed, a just and prosperous society depends for its success on the active engagement of citizens in all three spheres of public life: democratic governments, market-organized economies, and strong moral and cultural institutions," Drs. Claar and Klay explain.

The two authors demonstrate the need to consider economic forces precisely in order to act effectively upon Christian values. "Good intentions alone cannot address important social issues like unemployment, environmental damage and poverty," they note.

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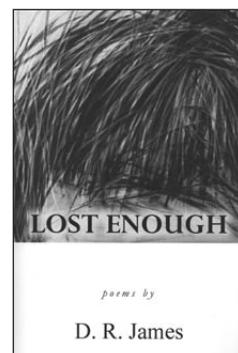
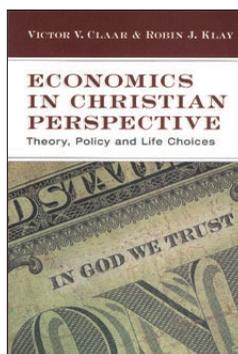
**CHAPBOOK PUBLISHED:**

The latest chapbook of poetry by David James '76 of the Hope faculty is his second publication in as many years.

He is the author of *Lost Enough*, recently published by Finishing Line Press. Professor James's chapbook *A Little Instability without Birds* was released last summer by the same publisher.

Professor James, who is an adjunct associate professor of English and director of the Writing Center, describes *Lost Enough* as "fictionally autobiographical," and notes that the volume spins off of William Stafford's epigraph in the title poem: "If you're lost enough, then the experience of now is your guide to what comes next."

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**ARGENTINE PLAYS:** Dr. Maria C. Andre of the Spanish faculty is editor of *Seven Plays by Argentine Playwright Susana Torres Molina*, an anthology published by Edwin Mellen Press.

The volume translates the seven contemporary plays to English from their original Spanish. The plays featured are "Strange Toy," "That's All That," "Mystic Union," "Sirens' Song," "Paradises Lost," "Zero" and "She."

In addition to serving as editor, Dr. Andre wrote the anthology's introduction and also conducted an interview with Molina, who is an actress as well as a playwright, that is featured in the volume. Dr. Andre also translated six of the seven plays, with "Strange Toy" having been translated previously by Dr. Barbara Younoszai, of Hamline University.

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**ARTWORK EXHIBITED:** Bruce McCombs, professor of art, has recently had paintings included in a variety of exhibitions.

The exhibitions are: "Mathias Alten and Artists of Michigan," the Grand Rapids Art Museum; "71st National Mid-Year Exhibition," The Butler Institute of American Art, Youngstown, Ohio; "19th National Exhibition," Los Angeles Printmaking Society, Riverside Art Museum, Riverside, Calif.; "31st Bradley International Print & Drawing Exhibition," Bradley University, The Contemporary Art Center, Peoria, Ill.; "2007 Adirondacks National Exhibition of American Watercolors," Old Forge, N.Y.; "Festival 2007," the Grand Rapids Art Museum; "Get on Board Exhibition of Railroad Art," South Haven Center for the Arts; "National Watercolor Exhibition," Mississippi Museum of Art, Jackson; "Annual Exhibition," Holland Area Arts Council.

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**WOMEN'S STUDIES DIRECTOR:**

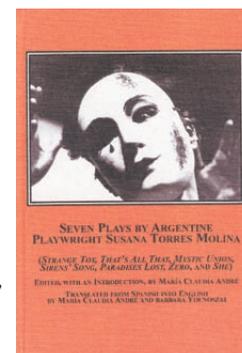
Dr. Annie Dandavati has been appointed director of women's studies.

Dr. Dandavati has been a member of the Hope political science faculty and taught in the women's studies program since 1992. Her research emphases include women's rights overseas, and she teaches a number of courses on women's issues and development, gender and democratization, and topics including Asian politics, Latin American politics and international relations.

Dr. Dandavati succeeds Dr. Jane Dickie, who continues to serve as a professor of psychology.

Hope established the women's studies program in the 1990s, initially offering a minor and expanding the program to include a major in 2005. The interdisciplinary program includes courses from multiple departments, including art, communication, English, history, modern and classical languages, music, political science, psychology, religion and sociology.

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# Medium and Message

A major installation in the Martha Miller Center for Global Communication celebrates the artistic achievement of alumni.

John Saurer '89 has won a juried competition organized by the college to select a work for the large art alcove in the center's main stairwell.

Saurer, who is on the art faculty at St. Olaf College in Minnesota, was one of 26 alumni artists who submitted proposals for the space by invitation. He installed his sculpture, "Shadow Casting," in August.

The Martha Miller Center opened in the fall of 2005 and houses the departments of communication and modern and classical languages as well as the offices of international education and multicultural life. Artwork is featured throughout the building, and includes pieces such as Japanese ceramics contributed to the college from the collection of Maurice Kawashima of California; "Pentecost" by Daniel Berhanemeskel '03, painted in the style of Ethiopian religious icons; and a series of four wooden panels carved for Hope during



Art is featured prominently in the Martha Miller Center for Global Communication, but until this summer the towering main staircase stood empty. Alumni artist John Saurer '89, pictured above, won a juried competition Hope organized to select a work for the space. At lower left he adjusts the lighting as he completes the installation of his work "Shadow Casting" in the latter part August.

the 1996-97 school year by Nigerian sculptor Lamidi Olonade Fakeye.

The competition was organized as a way to feature in a prominent location alumni art that complements the center's emphasis. Saurer's work is a relief sculpture made of welded steel and wood, and consists of multiple small abstract objects intended to cast shadows as part of the composition and which evoke a sense of written communication across a variety of cultures and periods of time.

Saurer noted that he appreciated the opportunity to prepare a work for the building, which he toured shortly after it opened.

"I was familiar with the building and the space and what it meant to campus, and was eager to participate," he said. "I was inspired by not only the building but also the whole concept of the global community and what that's going to mean for Hope."

"Shadow Casting" (the title is inspired by a casting technique in fly fishing in which the line is carefully lengthened to a specific distance) is also not Saurer's first installation at Hope. His sculpture "Stop, Look and Listen" was dedicated in the A.J. Muste Alcove in the Van Wylen Library in October 1991. The work in the library consists of a large pyramid, cylinder and cube that stand on the floor, all chalkboard-surfaced and intended for members of the campus community to write reflections on them.

After graduating from Hope with a degree in sculpture and drawing, Saurer completed an MFA in sculpture at Colorado State University. He has taught sculpture, drawing and printmaking at St. Olaf College, where he is an associate professor, since 1995. He has had work featured in exhibitions around

the country as well as in both Argentina and Mexico.

As a Hope student he was actively involved in the department, working part-time during the school year as the student gallery manager and also full-time during the summers as a studio assistant to sculptor Bill Mayer.

"It was just the most wonderful opportunity," Saurer said of his experience as a student. "I had this awesome education both in the classroom and studio and outside the classroom and studio. It was just absolutely priceless."

The lessons have served him well, he noted, now that he is teaching art at a liberal arts college himself, and add extra meaning to his latest Hope installation.

"Now I'm the one providing those experiences that I enjoyed so much at Hope," Saurer said. "To have been at Hope College and be so involved and have such a wonderful education, and then to be invited back, it feels like things continue to go in big circles that make a lot of sense." ✍️

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– John Saurer '89





**Mary Boelkins '96  
Remenschneider**  
Alumni Director

**A**s the sun rose on Homecoming Saturday, it was clear that it would be a beautiful October day. In fact, as a contrast to those years in which we have wanted it to be a bit warmer, it was even a bit too much. Rarely have I wished it could be 20 degrees cooler on Homecoming, but as temperatures reached the low 90s I was silently making that wish.

Hot weather aside, it was a great weekend. The planning committees for all four class reunions did a wonderful job, and as I spoke with alumni who returned it was obvious that the members of the Hope family were enjoying their time together and back on campus.

The weekend offers so much, but this year's H-Club luncheon was especially meaningful in showing the connections between all of us and the difference that Hope makes in students' lives—and why.

First, we honored the women who played sports at Hope prior to the passage of Title IX legislation. These "pioneer women" paved the way for the successful women's athletic program that Hope has today, but at the time did not receive much recognition. On Saturday, Oct. 6, they were given their varsity athletic letters and formally welcomed into the H-Club. Women traveled from across the country to be there, and mothers, daughters, and granddaughters joined hundreds of H-Club members in this historic celebration. More information about the event will be in the December *News from Hope*.

Second, Russ DeVette '45, former coach and athlete, received the Hope for Humanity Award. As Gordon Brewer '48 introduced Russ it became clear what a tremendous impact Russ had on the lives of his players. He not only guided them on the court and field, but showed them how to be servant leaders and how to give back what had been given them.

Many institutions talk about the importance of people. At Hope, it's more than talk. The way that the people of Hope care for and are committed to each other, in the classroom, as friends, while on campus and through all the years after graduation, make this a special place.

# Window to Hope's History



Co-curricular activities have long been a part of the Hope experience, and the college's local fraternities and sororities have a particularly rich tradition with some dating back to the 1800s. Here, members of the Sigma Iota Beta sorority are Christmas shopping for a mother and two young children on Dec. 19, 1961. Lorraine Lawrence '62 Patoine checks the list while Susan Atkinson '63 Clark and Martha Hallman '64 Quakkelaar load groceries on the cart. (Photo courtesy of the Hope College Collection of the Joint Archives of Holland)

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# Together

The moments are simultaneously unique and timeless. Simply enjoying the campus on a fall day. Treasured moments with friends. Cheering the football team on to a high-scoring win (60-34). Even doing all three at the same time. For the students, they will become college-day memories to be recalled across all the years to come. For the alumni who return, they are the memories, even as they are shared anew. It's part of what it is to be in the Hope family, and to come home.



We'll let most of the photos speak for themselves, but here are a couple of explanations. Pictured at left are Mary Lou Hemmes '46 Koop and Connie Hinga '49 Boersma, two of the pioneering female athletes who received letters retroactively during the alumni H-Club's Saturday luncheon for their participation as student athletes in the days before Title IX (more about the recognition will be featured in December). Pictured at bottom center are the Homecoming Queen and King,

Erika Oglesby of Castro Valley, Calif., and Matt Wixon of Albion, Mich. Please visit the college online to enjoy an extensive gallery featuring even more Homecoming moments along with group reunion photos for the classes of 1987, 1992, 1997 and 2002.

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# Class Notes

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All submissions received by the Public Relations Office by Tuesday, Sept. 18, 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, Oct. 30.

## 50s

**Chuck Link '50** of Inman, S.C., now retired for 20 years, reports that he and his wife recently celebrated their 54th anniversary, and that they are in good health and have enjoyed extensive travel. They live a short distance from Greenville and Asheville, and would enjoy hearing from any classmates in the area.

**Sam Hofman '55** and **Helen Taylor '59 Hofman** of Holland, Mich., were featured in a Saturday, Aug. 11, 2007 article in the *Holland Sentinel* written by **Erin L'Hotta '06**. The Hofmans report that it has taken more than five years to transition back to Holland and begin to feel at home after spending 42 years as missionaries with the poverty-stricken Tzeltal tribe in Chiapas, Mexico. Sam sings with the Evergreen Chorale, Evergreen Singers and a barbershop quartet. Helen sews clothes for Newborns in Need and works with a Bible study for prisoners through Crossroad Bible Institute.

**John Schrier '55, Ruth Wierenga '58 Schrier and their son, Mark Schrier '82**, of Muskegon, Mich., commemorated the centennial of their family company, Muskegon Insurance Agency, by donating a sculpture, "The Gift of Art," to the community. The stainless steel relief sculpture, installed above the exterior doors of the

**Robert H. Schuller '47** of Orange, Calif., who is chairman of the Board of the International Ministries and founding pastor of the Crystal Cathedral Church, has been named to the first class of honorees in the newly created Order of Attainment of the Pi Kappa Delta national forensic honorary society. Other members of the 2007 class include Edward R. Murrow, Ann Richards, Spencer Tracy and William O. Rieke.



For the second consecutive year, the new class includes an even 110 students with generational ties. From left to right are third-, fourth-, fifth- and sixth-generation members of the Class of 2011. Front Row: Nicholas Rebhan (3), Jay Robinson (4), Bethany Steele (3), Sarah Holbrook (4), Ashleigh VerHulst (3), Kimberly Slotman (3); Middle Row: Amanda Bieri (3), Maria Vidoni (3), Emily Dunning (3), Kalee Fox (3), Katie Hoekstra (6), Whitney Heneveld (3), Kelsey Bos (4), Maddie VanEck (4), Joshua Kragt (5); Back Row: Sarah Ashcroft (3), Tyler Bekius (3), Alex Homkes (3), Philip Van Wyk (3), Brad Boelkins (3), Pieter Norden (3). The full listing of all of this year's Generational New Students and their alumni ties can be found online at [www.hope.edu/pr/nfhc](http://www.hope.edu/pr/nfhc).

Frauenthal Center for the Performing Arts, was unveiled on Friday, July 13. The insurance agency was founded by John's father and remains in the family; John is semi-retired and Mark is the president.

**Three generations** of Hope football players and MIAA honorees – grandfather **Don VanHoeven '56**, father **Kurt Droppers '79**, and son and grandson **Jake Droppers '08** – were pictured in the *Holland Sentinel* on Tuesday, Sept. 4. Jake's other grandfather, the late **Neil Droppers '52**, also played football for Hope. **Robert Kiskan '59** of Glenrock, Wyo., became interested in Finnish homestead carpentry following his retirement. This led to his hobby of photographing Finnish-immigrant-built barns, homesteads and cabins in Wisconsin, Michigan, Minnesota, Idaho and Montana. With the help of a Finnish-American friend, he arranged to donate his work to the Emigrant Institute Museum in Seinajoki, Finland, where some of it is displayed.

**Carl E. Ver Beek '59** of Grand Rapids, Mich., received a "Special Recognition Award" at the Michigan Health & Hospital Association annual meeting on Thursday, June 28, for his significant contributions to health care in the state. He received the award for his work with the Michigan Chamber of Commerce regarding health care policy, and especially for his work with the Grand Rapids Area Chamber on Medicaid reform.

## 60s

**George Boerigter '61** of Albuquerque, N.M., reports that he has logged more than three million miles on Northwest Air in 2007, and five and one-half million overall, in pursuit of worldwide business.

**Carl J. Benes '62** of Jackson, Mich., has retired after nearly 30 years as pastor of First Congregational Church.

**Jack Siebers '63** of Holland, Mich., was selected by his peers for inclusion in *Super Lawyers* magazine in 2007 in the field of business-corporate law. He is the managing partner of Siebers Mohnney Attorneys.

**Paul Swets '63** of Memphis, Tenn., reports the publication of his newest book, *Dreaming Big* (Authentic Publishing, 2007). The book, co-authored by Bobb Biehl, launched in the U.S. and other English-speaking markets on Oct. 1. *Dreaming Big* leads readers through the process of discerning their strengths and passions and helps them formulate a life dream, a vision of their future that can energize them for the rest of their lives. More information can be found on the Web.

**William Church '64** of Holland, Mich., was inducted as a Fellow in the American College of Radiology (ACR) at a formal ceremony during the 84th ACR Annual Meeting and Chapter Leadership conference held in Washington, D.C., Saturday-Wednesday, May 19-23.

**Robert Jackson '64** of Port Richey,

Fla., is in a hospice facility suffering from Parkinson's Disease, and also has cancer in his kidneys. He asks that he be remembered in prayer during these trying days.

**John Dillbeck '67** of Grand Haven, Mich., retired from full-time employment with his resignation from Barnes and Noble Booksellers after three and one-half years. Prior to that he was employed by the City of Holland for 34 years. He reports that the time previously spent working is now directed toward assisting his adult children with their projects, valuable experiences with his grandchildren, many home projects, and some time for golf with friends and kayaking or beach walks with his wife, Barbara Gleichmann '70 Dillbeck.

## 70s

**Jon Constant '72** of Traverse City, Mich., resigned as head varsity boys' basketball coach at Traverse City Central High School after 22 years as head coach. His record of 341-161 included 12 district championships and two regional championships. Now in his 35th year, he continues to teach social studies at the high school.

**Gregg Wickstra '73** is chief financial officer for Peabody Energy's Australia Operations in Queensland and New South Wales. He began his career at Peabody in 1978 and previously served as vice president of commercial services.





The alumni H-Club has presented this year's "Hope for Humanity Award" to **Russ DeVette '45** of Holland, Mich., who spent 37 years at Hope as a member of the faculty and coach. The award, first presented in 1990, recognizes Hope athletic alumni for consistent service to others and demonstrating the values of Christian commitment and service. Russ taught at Hope until retiring in 1988 as professor emeritus of physical education and coached sports including baseball, football, men's basketball and women's track. The H-Club honored him on Saturday, Oct. 6, during its annual Homecoming luncheon. He is pictured at left with longtime Hope colleague Gord Brewer '48.

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**David DeKok '75** of Harrisburg, Pa., made his big screen debut in the feature-length documentary *The Town That Was*, directed by Chris Perkel and Georgie Rowland. The film, for which he was also a consultant, tells the story of Centralia, Pa., a small town destroyed by an underground mine fire. He wrote a *New York Times*-reviewed book, *Unseen*

*Danger*, about the Centralia mine fire, and appears a dozen times in the film explaining various parts of the story. Several of his Centralia photos are seen as well. He joined the directors onstage to answer questions after the movie screened at the Philadelphia Film Festival in April, but was unable to attend the Los Angeles Film Festival screening in June. A broadcast deal for the film is expected in the coming 12 months.

**Karen M. Johnson-Weiner '75** is on sabbatical from SUNY Potsdam for the 2007-08 academic year. She and her husband are living in Rouen, France, and she is working on a study of the New York Amish and enjoying the cafes.

**Karen Bosch '76** of Oak Park, Mich., was recently selected as a 2007 Apple Distinguished Educator (ADE), a relationship program focused on educational excellence and leadership. ADEs are members of a select group of K-12 and higher education professionals from around the world possessing an identified expertise in educational technology leadership. She joined 100 other new ADEs in Monterey, Calif., this summer for a week-long leadership orientation. She is in charge of elementary technology instruction at Southfield (Mich.) Christian School.

**Phil Reed '77** of Battle Creek, Mich., recently became director of campus safety of Olivet College, a position he also held from 2003 to 2005. He is also an assistant professor of criminal justice and director of the criminal justice program at the college.

**Carol Donohue '78 Gephart** of Stafford, N.H., teaches in the departments of math and science at Coe-Brown Northwood Academy in Northwood, N.H.

**Kent J. Pagel '79** of Houston, Texas, is the president and senior shareholder of Pagel, Davis & Hill P.C., a downtown Houston law firm that recognized its



**Craig Vander Molen '76** of Portage, Mich., was named to "The Indie 100" (the top 100 independent financial advisors) by *Barron's*, a national business and financial weekly. He is owner and president of LVM Capital Management LTD.

20th anniversary in August. Kent's practice includes the local, regional and national representation of companies primarily in construction contracts and litigation, insurance, and construction defect and product liability matters.

**Peter Warnock '79** of Columbia, Mo., has published *Identification of Ancient Olive Oil Processing Methods Based on Olive Remains* through the British Archaeological Reports International Series.

## 80s

**Bradley Ferguson '80** and **Virginia Erickson '80 Ferguson** live in Palo Alto, Calif. They have two grown children. Bradley owns Intrinzyk LLC, a software development company.

**Tracy Van Mouwerik '80 Massimiano** of Redlands, Calif., is an art teacher and department chair at Redlands East Valley High School and

an adjunct art faculty member at the University of Redlands.

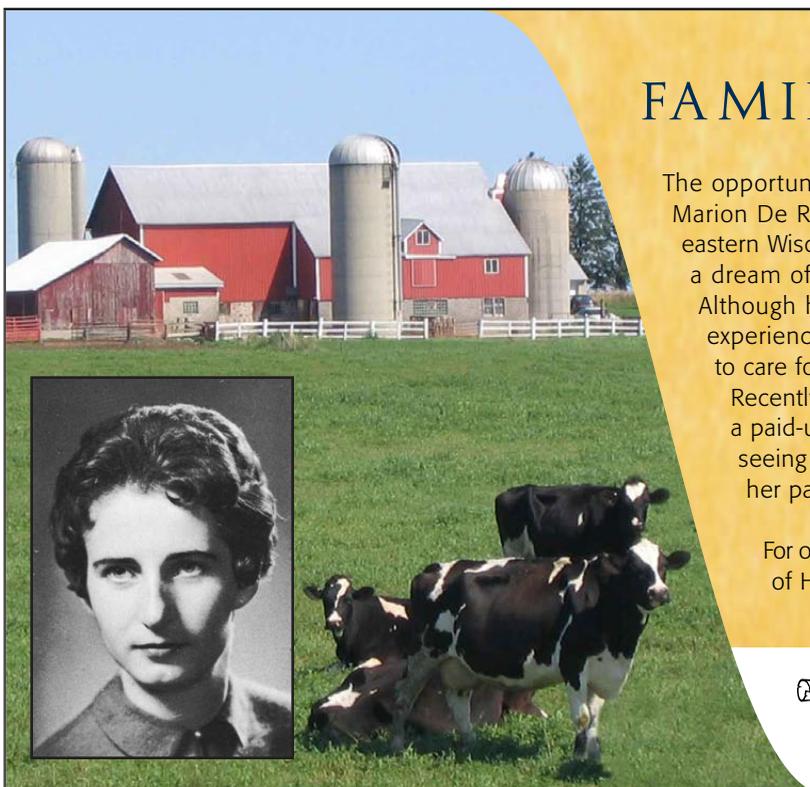
**Daniel Deffenbaugh '81** of Hastings, Neb., is the author of the book *Learning the Language of the Fields: Tilling and Keeping as Christian Vocation*, published in November 2006 by Cowley Publications. He is an associate professor of religion at Hastings College, where he specializes in ecological theology and ethics.

**Brad Slagh '81** of Zeeland, Mich., is the new treasurer for Ottawa County (Mich.). Previously he was Zeeland Township supervisor.

**Debbi Lockhart '82 Jarvis** of Washington, D.C., is vice president of communications for Pepco Holdings Inc. She is responsible for all external



**Don Penzien '79** of Clinton, Miss., performed with the Irish trio Legacy at Fenian's Irish Pub in Conklin, Mich., on Saturday, July 21. The group, whose most recent CD is *An Triread*, was making its fourth mid-summer tour of Michigan. Don is a professor of psychiatry and director of the Head Pain Center at the University of Mississippi Medical Center. He is pictured at right with fellow trio members Valerie Plested and Justin Murphy.



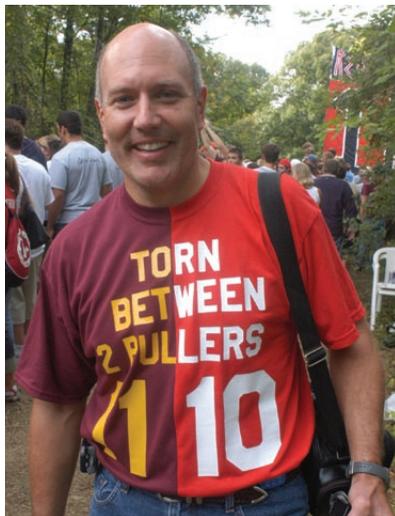
## FAMILY LEGACY

The opportunity to honor her parents, Walter and Zina De Ruyter, has been on Marion De Ruyter '62's mind in recent years. Raised on the family's dairy farm in eastern Wisconsin, Marion is a lifelong member of First Reformed Church. Pursuing a dream of becoming a medical missionary, Marion majored in biology at Hope. Although her career followed a different path in the sciences and teaching, her Hope experience served her well. In the twilight of her parents' lives, Marion returned home to care for her aging parents and carry on the legacy of operating the family-owned farm. Recently she established the Walter De Ruyter Family Scholarship Fund by transferring a paid-up life insurance policy to Hope. Marion anticipates many satisfying years of seeing her family legacy scholarship help students attend Hope, all the while honoring her parents for their gift to her of an exceptional Christian liberal arts education.

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**Greg Bekius '81** and **Nancy TenHave '81 Bekius** of Spring Lake, Mich., faced a dilemma on Pull day as parents: they had children on opposite banks of the Black River, daughter Holly '08 as a coach for the sophomore Class of 2010 and son Tyler '11 as a freshman puller. They resolved it by wearing composite (and mirror-image) shirts representing both teams, and then visiting both sides of the river. Greg is pictured here with Even-Year. As a student, Nancy had been an Odd-Year moraler.

and internal communications for the utility holding company and its three operating utilities. She joined Pepco in 2004 as manager of media relations, following 20 years of experience in TV and radio news and advertising.

**Paul Van Heest '82** of Holland, Mich., won second place for his colored pencil work "Globophobic Porcupine" in the 44th Annual Juried Fine Arts Competition of the Holland Friends of Art, featured in the Barbara H. Padnos Exhibition Gallery of the Holland Area Arts Council on Thursday, Sept. 13, through Thursday, Oct. 25.

**Brian Mork '83** of Holland, Mich., is a visiting assistant professor of chemistry at Hope and the resident director of Lichty Hall.

**Martha Weener '85 La Barge** of Hudsonville, Mich., is a visiting assistant professor of accountancy at Hope.

**Margaret Oklatner '85 McCarty** of Clifford, Pa., reports that she still enjoys being the senior pastor of the South Montrose Community Church. She is also a substitute teacher in the district high school this year. Her women's gospel group, The Saving Graces, recorded its first CD, *Sweet Sounds of Grace*, and has been performing in churches all over Northeastern Pennsylvania.

**Paul C. Johnson '86** of Ann Arbor, Mich., is the author of *Diaspora Conversions: Black Carib Religion and the Recovery of Africa*, published by University of California Press. The book

examines ways that diasporic religions worldwide creatively plot itineraries of spatial memory that at once recover and remold their histories, studying in particular the religion of the Garifuna from the Central American coast of the Caribbean. Paul is associate professor in the Department of History and the Center for Afroamerican and African Studies at the University of Michigan, and is also the author of *Secrets, Gossip and Gods: The Transformation of Brazilian Candomblé*.

**Mark DeWitt '87** of Hudsonville, Mich., completed his first century (100 miles) at the Covered Bridge Bike tour on Sunday, July 8. He was recently appointed to the board of directors of the Zeeland Chamber of Commerce and Holland Area Free Health Clinic.

**Gayle Kuipers '87** of Holland, Mich., won the Mercantile Bank Holland Rotary 5K run on Saturday, Sept. 1, with a time of 19 minutes, 19 seconds. She is a kinesiology instructor at the college.

**Kristen Smith '88** of Kalamazoo, Mich., was appointed the first full-time athletics director for Kalamazoo College last June. She now oversees the college's 16 varsity sports for men and women after previously serving as women's athletics director. She also serves as an on-call volunteer for the Texas Township Fire Department.

**Wendy French '89 Dubuisson** of South Haven, Mich., joined the Fennville Public Schools team this fall as an upper elementary (grades three-five) principal and district special education supervisor (K-12).

**Steve Knott '89** of Lakeland, Fla., has been director of golf at Grasslands Golf and Country Club in Lakeland for 14 years. He is one of only a few pros with Master Professional status.

**Joel Schoon Tanis '89** of Holland, Mich., is illustrator of *The One, The Only, Magnificent Me*, a children's book written by Dan Haseltine, lead vocalist of the multi-Grammy-winning band Jars of Clay. Mackinac Island Press published the book on Saturday, Sept. 15.

## 90s

**Chip Duford '90** continues to work in Michigan, having been cast in the first two productions at the Meadow Brook Theatre in Rochester. He will first play the role of Dr. Watson in Steven Dietz's *Sherlock Holmes: The Final Adventure* (which will also feature **Adam Carpenter '07**, who has joined the Meadow Brook internship program). This winter he will play Howie in David Lindsey-Abair's Pulitzer-Prize-winning play *Rabbit Hole*.

**Katherine Baird '90 Luther** of Valparaiso, Ind., is environmental director for the Northwest Indiana Regional Planning Commission in Portage, Ind.

**Mpine Qakisa '90 Makoe** recently completed a Ph.D. in educational technology at Open University in the United Kingdom. She also has an M.Sc. in research methodology in

educational technology from the same university and an M.S. in journalism from the University of Michigan. She worked as a journalist for *The Star Newspaper* before joining the University of South Africa in 1995 as a lecturer in the communications department. She has done extensive work in the fields of educational technology and communication, particularly on the topics of health, HIV/AIDS and gender.

**Marnie Taylor '90 Pierce** of Holland, Mich., participated in the Des Moines (Iowa) Register's 35th Annual Great Bicycle Ride Across Iowa. She and a friend completed the 477-mile route, which began in Rock Rapids, Iowa, on Sunday, July 22, and lasted for seven days.

**Jonathan Liepe '91** of Colorado Springs, Colo., was promoted to director of staffing services with Memorial Health System in Colorado Springs in August.

**John Ruiter '91** of Holland, Mich., has been promoted to director of planned giving in the college's office of advancement. He also continues to serve as a regional advancement director.

**Kimberly Manns '92** graduated *summa cum laude* from Thomas M. Cooley Law School in 2003. She worked for two years in the Michigan Court of Appeals before taking her current position as an assistant prosecuting attorney for Kent County in the Appellate Division. She handles criminal and neglect appeals as well as criminal motions and bond forfeitures in Circuit Court.

**Kate Singer '92** of Elkhart, Ind., left her job as a legal advocate when her first daughter was born almost three years ago. She has continued part-time teaching at the University of Notre Dame Law School, where she and her

### Craig S. Morford '81

became acting Deputy Attorney General at the Department of Justice on Sunday, Aug. 5, by appointment of President Bush. He previously served as the U.S. Attorney for the Middle District of Tennessee. During his 20-year career as a federal prosecutor, he has earned numerous awards and honors, including the Attorney General's Distinguished Service Award by Attorney General Ashcroft in 2003 and Attorney General Gonzales in 2005. Also in 2005, he was named the Outstanding Assistant United States Attorney in the nation by the National Association of Former United States Attorneys and was inducted as a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers.

**Tom Andrews '84**, who died of a rare blood disorder in July 2001, continues to touch others' lives through his poetry. He is discussed and celebrated as an inspiration in the book *Four Seasons in Rome: On Twins, Insomnia, and the Biggest Funeral in the History of the World* by Anthony Doerr. Doerr wrote the book following his experience as a recipient of the prestigious Rome Prize from the American Academy of Arts and Letters, an honor that Tom had received some years before, in 1999. The prize included use of the same private writing studio in Rome, Italy, that Tom had used during 1999-2000. Tom is remembered at Hope through the "Tom Andrews Memorial Reading" endowed by his parents Ray and Alice as part of the college's Jack Ridl Visiting Writers Series.

husband run the Moot Court Trial Program and she teaches in the Trial Advocacy Program.

**Deb Washaw '92 Sleeman** of Zeeland, Mich., is the head coach of Lakeshore Storm Softball, composed of two girls' fastpitch travel teams, one for ages 14 and under and the other for 12 and under.

**Mike Theune '92** of Bloomington, Ill., is the author of *Structure and Surprise: Engaging Poetic Turns* (published through Teachers and Writers Collaborative). U.S. Poet Laureate Billy Collins has called the book "a smart collection of takes on poetry's most essential maneuvers," and poet Edward Hirsch, president of the Guggenheim Foundation described it as "an ingenious way of thinking about poetry." Mike is an assistant professor of English at Illinois Wesleyan University.

**Wendy Schroeder '93 Hyde** and her family live in Phoenix, Ariz., where she practices veterinary medicine at East Maryland Animal Hospital.

**Derek Voskuil '93** of Bloomington, Ind., became general manager of Cook Urological Inc. in September. He began his career at Cook Inc., a supplier of high-tech medical devices and supplies, 10 years ago. In October of 2006 he transferred to Cook Urological to serve as operations manager while maintaining his duties at Cook Inc. in operations management.

**Nathan Brownell '94** and his wife are missionaries in Japan with Reformed Church in America Global Mission. He teaches at Ferris Junior and Senior High School. The couple's mission focuses on developing a relational youth ministry through schools in the Yokohama area. They live in a mission apartment complex with their three sons.



**Shawn McFarland '94** began his three-year residency in pediatrics in July in the United States Air Force/Wright State University Boonshoft School of Medicine integrated graduate medical education program in Dayton, Ohio. He lives with his wife of eight years and their three children in Kettering, Ohio. **Erin Koster '94 Ortlund** has moved to Saskatchewan, Canada, for her husband's job. She reports that she enjoys being a stay-at-home mom to Kate (age three) and Will (please see "New Arrivals").

**David Gray '95** of La Grange, Ill., is the new president of Black Line Consulting, a computer consulting firm in Naperville, Ill. He was formerly a principal of Gray Stone Consultants. **Chris Hofland '95** of Holland, Mich., is on the staff at Central Wesleyan Church as the influence director, working with neighborhoods surrounding the church and also in local outreach to the community. He also coaches soccer at Hamilton (Mich.) High School. He and his wife have three sons.

**Jennifer Plummer '96** of Grand Rapids, Mich., has been playing with the National Women's Football Association's West Michigan Mayhem since the team's inception in 2002. She is a linebacker and running back and the only player on the team to earn both offensive MVP (twice) and defensive MVP (three times) this season.

**Joel Reisig '96** and **Scott Voshel '98** made a movie about 24 hours in the life of a college fraternity through their company, Alpha Theta Chi Films LLC. They plan to distribute it nationwide on DVD.

**Joseph Stam '96** of Holland, Mich., just began a new career with NVIDIA.



**Bob Wuerfel '88** and **Jeff Beyer '87**, both of Holland, Mich., and founders of Lighthouse Title, were recently recognized by *Entrepreneur* magazine's "Hot 500" list of America's top fast-growth businesses. Lighthouse was one of two West Michigan companies that made the list, and the only title company recognized in the nation. They are pictured with the other founder of the company, Renee Rycenga.

He works on a variety of applications, with a specific focus on computer vision and general purpose computing on graphics processors.

**Katherine Vlasica '96** of Astoria, N.Y., graduated from her emergency medicine residency and took her first attending job at Long Island College Hospital in Brooklyn, N.Y.

**Rachel Hall '97 Case** of Chicago, Ill., was recently married at The Chicago History Museum (please see "Marriages") and honeymooned in Ireland. **Allison Gerds '97 Jones** and **Amy Morgan '97 Alexander** were wedding attendants. Rachel is a special education teacher in the Chicago Public Schools.

**Jodi McFarland '97** of Midland, Mich., is metropolitan editor for the *Saginaw News*, where she began as a reporter in December 1997. She plays a key role in setting coverage priorities, making personnel decisions, representing the newspaper in the community, and interacting with readers.

**Tyler Murphy '97** of Holland, Mich., joined Holland Hospital and MMPC last July. He specializes in internal medicine.

**Steve Oursler '97** joined the Hope advancement staff as a planned gift officer on Monday, Oct. 1. He had been working most recently in sales with HUB International of Kalamazoo, Mich.

**Cynthia Hofland '97 Redman** of Battle Creek, Mich., is teaching fifth- and sixth-grade mathematics and science part time at Battle Creek Christian School.

**Timothy Su '97** and his wife and son, Ian, moved back to New York City from Singapore last year. He is an IT support specialist at the National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University.

**Sara Nicles '97 Wiles** reports that after living and vacationing in the Carolinas for two years, she and her husband moved back to Muskegon,

Mich., during the summer of 2006. She is the school psychologist for North Muskegon and Montague Public Schools.

**Jessica Mixer '98 Amrock** is the special events manager for the Rocky Mountain Chapter of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation in Denver, Colo.

**Abby Pochert '98 Brink** of Athens, Ga., was noted in the *Who's Who of University and College Students* 2007 edition.

**Brian Dykstra '98** of Grandville, Mich., began working at Morgan Stanley in Holland, Mich., last summer. He was most recently a regional advancement director at Hope.

**Martin Landes Jr. '98** of Holland, Mich., works at Aggregate Industries in Kalamazoo, Mich., as the real estate and properties manager.

**Beth Quimby-Hopkins '99** of Buffalo, N.Y., performed a piano recital for Hope's Department of Music Artist Series on Tuesday, Sept. 4. She also spoke on the topic "Middle Women: Compositions for Intermediate Students by Women Composers" at the Holland Piano Teachers Forum on Sunday, Sept. 9. She is director of music at Buffalo Academy of the Sacred Heart.

**Catherine Stedman '99** of Wesley Chapel, Fla., is the challenge course coordinator at the University of South Florida.

## 00s

**Thomas Bouwens '00** of Zeeland, Mich., is practicing with West Michigan Pediatric Dentistry.

**Chad Ferguson '00** is a visiting professor in the Department of Geology at Bucknell University in Lewisburg, Pa. **David Fleming '00** of Holland, Mich., works for T2 Communications, a winner of the Innovation Michigan Award from *Business Review Western Michigan*.

**Elissa Wickmann '00 Lappenga** of Los Angeles, Calif., is working in the Office of Residential Life at UCLA.

**MaryBeth Marchionda '00 Paulisse** of Madison, Wis., is a reading specialist for the Middleton-Cross Plains Area School District in Wisconsin.

**Heidi Huebner '00 Wheeler** of Aurora, Colo., presented her comprehensive examination on the "correlation of obesity and hypertension" when she earned her master's degree (please see "Advanced Degrees"). She is a divisional practice consultant for the medical division at Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Chicago, Ill.

**Heidi Huebner '00 Wheeler** and **Josh Wheeler '00** recently moved from Denver, Colo., to Chicago, Ill., where Josh will pursue an MBA at the University of Chicago.

**Allyson Boggess '01** of Somerville, Mass., was promoted to assistant editor in the Division of Continuing Education at Harvard University, where she has worked since 2004.

**Jennifer Dennis '01 Dykstra** of

Ames, Iowa, earned a Ph.D. (please see "Advanced Degrees") and is working as a postdoctoral research fellow at the Partnerships in Prevention Science Institute in Ames.

**Sherrie Cunningham '01 Gallas** of Richmond, Ill., is a pharmacoepidemiologist within Abbott Laboratories' Global Surveillance and Pharmacovigilance Division.

**Justin Grobe '01** of Iowa City, Iowa, won a "Young Investigator Award" from *Clinical Science*, an international journal of clinical and molecular investigation. He is a postdoctoral research fellow at the University of Iowa.

**Eli Kendra '01** of Aurora, Ill., recently began working as an energy curable research chemist at INX International Ink Co. in West Chicago, Ill.

**Carrie Lowe '01** was featured in *International Bear News* for her work on the Louisiana Black Bear Reintroduction Project, which moves bears to create new subpopulations in sparsely populated areas. She was pictured maneuvering a female bear as it was lowered from a winter tree den. Carrie is a graduate student at the University of Tennessee.

**Michelle Lubbers '01** of Minneapolis, Minn., is in the MAPA program at Hamline University, planning to major in local government.

**Jared Redell '01** of Rockford, Mich., is the new boys' basketball coach for East Grand Rapids (Mich.) High School. He previously was director of basketball and head coach for the International Market Group in Bradenton, Fla.

**Melanie Lofquist '01 Ward** of Clawson, Mich., is the tutorial program coordinator for Mercy Education Project, a non-profit organization in southwest Detroit that provides tutoring and academic enrichment to girls in first through eighth grades.

**Shawn Wolff '01** of Gastonia, N.C., recently earned a degree in dentistry (please see "Advanced Degrees") and is working with John Walsh and Associates in Charlotte, N.C.

**Tyler Bing '02** of Holland, Mich., is a family therapist for the Early Impact Program at Arbor Circle Inc.

**Emily Liang '06** left in July for one year of teaching service in the Marshall Islands as a WorldTeach volunteer. After a month of training in Majuro, the capital, she is living and teaching in Majkin, a small island with a population of 300. She is developing her own English lesson plans for about 90 students. WorldTeach is a non-profit, non-governmental organization that provides opportunities for individuals to contribute to international education by living and working as volunteer teachers in developing countries.



**Maj. Jonathan Etterbeek '86** of Katy, Texas, delivered the invocation to the U.S. House of Representatives on Thursday, Sept. 6, at 10 a.m. in Washington, D.C. He is chaplain of the U.S. Army's 32nd Medical Brigade, stationed at Fort Sam Houston. He was invited to give the invocation by Congressman Pete Hoekstra '75.

**Mieke Dykman '02 Blackwell** and her husband recently moved to Athens, Ohio.

**Todd Bloemers '02** is the new boys' basketball coach at Caledonia (Mich.) High School, where he also teaches English.

**Kathryn McNeely '02** began teaching in August in the Morongo Unified School District in California at Onaga Elementary School in Yucca Valley, California.

**Seth Palmer '02** of Waterford, Mich., is doing his residency in ear, nose, throat and facial plastic surgery at Genesys Regional Medical Center.

**Joel Schick '02** of Kentwood, Mich., is a forecast and demand planning analyst for X-Rite Inc.

**Stephanie Venard '02 VanTil** of Holland, Mich., is a technical recruiter at Kforce Professional Staffing, a technical recruiting company that has been established for 45 years nationally and 25 years in Grand Rapids, Mich. She



**Mike Rodgers '07** took part in a unique international baseball experience in early September. He was part of a U.S. pitching delegation that traveled to Russia for a series of games intended to prepare the Russian National Team for the European Championships, Europe's qualifier to the 2008 Summer Olympic Games. He pitched in three games, gaining a win as a starter and appearing twice in relief. He was invited to be part of the U.S. pitching corps by the Iowa-based Russian International Baseball. It was a second trip overseas through baseball for Mike since graduation; he and his Hope baseball teammates had previously participated in the Prague Baseball Week Tournament in The Czech Republic during the summer. An accounting major at Hope, he began his professional career as a staff auditor for a Grand Rapids, Mich., firm this fall.

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recruits professional candidates in the areas of engineering, supply chain, and operations management for companies in the West Michigan area.

**Elisabeth Avery '03** of Ionia, Mich., was named to the dean's list at Thomas M. Cooley Law School in Lansing, Mich. **Kate Dornbos '03** is an athletic trainer at Olivet College.

**Anna L. Chappel '03 Dunn** and **Jason E. Dunn '03** live in Columbus, Ohio, where Jason works as the new product development manager for Plaskolite Inc. and Anna is a special education instructional assistant.

**Dan DuPuis '03** of Jenison, Mich., began teaching music in the Hamilton (Mich.) Community Schools this fall.

**Jason Kehrer '03** and **Molly Halvey '04 Kehrer** live in Johannesburg, South Africa, where they are both employed with Vox United, a non-profit organization.

**Laura Meisch '03** of Greenville, Mich., was hired through the Montcalm Area Intermediate School District last August to serve as the school psychologist for the Lakeview Public Schools.

**Kami King '03 Palmer** of Waterford, Mich., is doing her OB/GYN residency at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak, Mich.

**Gracie George '03 Weiss** and **William Weiss '03** live in Ocoee, Fla. Gracie teaches fourth grade at Clarcona Elementary School in Apopka, Fla., and Will is a geologist in the Orlando area.

**Josh Bauman '04** of Holland, Mich., recently became property manager with Grubb & Ellis/FOCUS Properties.

**Peter Binnie '04** of Eden Prairie, Minn., is a school social worker.

**Meridith DeAvila '04** of Lynchburg, Va., is the marketing coordinator for the Academy of Fine Arts in Lynchburg.

**Lee Heerspink '04** of Holland, Mich., recently earned a master's degree (please see "Advanced Degrees") and teaches guitar privately in Holland and Grand Haven. He also performs as a freelance musician in a variety of styles throughout the Midwest.

**Andrea Brani '04 Marietta** and her husband have accepted full-time teaching positions at an Aboriginal school in the Western Australian bush town Coolgardie. She will be teaching high school English and physical education.

**Steven Van Beek '04** of Arlington, Va., has an attorney position as regulatory compliance counsel at the National Association of Federal Credit Unions in Arlington. He is responsible for helping federal credit unions comply with federal banking laws and regulations.

**Andrew Volk '04** of Jerome, Mich., is a Web designer at Tri-State University in Angola, Ind. He plans to obtain a marketing degree while working for TSU.

**Sara Zwart '04** formerly of Grand Rapids, Mich., has moved to Battle Creek, Mich., where she is working at the Southwest Regional Rehabilitation Center as an occupational therapist.

**Tonzia Buor '05** of Noblesville, Ind.,

**PARENTS' COUNCIL:** Four new families have joined the college's Parents' Council for the 2007-08 academic year.

New to the council are: Larry and Deborah Baus of Kalamazoo, Mich., parents of Emily '11; Mike and Susan Fezzey of Farmington Hills, Mich., parents of Jessica '09; Ernest and Shirley Hinson of Eagan, Minn., parents of Julian '10; and Wes and Patti Jetter of Greenville, Ohio, parents of Chris '09, Maggie '07 and Elizabeth '04.

They succeed Steve and Sheri Constantin, Craig and Sarah DeNooyer, Bob and Linda Goltz, and Jack and Mary Poll, who have concluded their service on the council.

The Parents' Council is chaired by Mark and Michele Pageau of Lombard, Ill., parents of Brian '03, Kate '07 and Shane '09.

In addition to the new

members and the Pageaus, the members of the council are: Steve and Lisa Carter of Rockford, Ill., parents of Bryn '08; Jim and Rosanne Davis of Holland, Mich., parents of Anna '07 and Ryan '09; Dan and Magee Gordon of Ada, Mich., parents of Tommy '08; Darl and Laura Leman of Elmhurst, Ill., parents of Tracy '02, Brook '05 and Michael '09; Keith and Carole March of Lafayette, Ind., parents of Lauren '06 and Claire '08; Wendy Oglesby of Castro Valley, Calif., mother of Erika '08; and Cy and Gail Urbancic of Hudson, Ohio, parents of Courtney '09.

The Parents' Council serves as a liaison between Hope and the families of Hope students. Its members are the parents of current students and appointed to one- or two-year terms.

is in the second year of study in the BSN program at Anderson University in Anderson, Ind. She is also completing coursework for the MBA program at Anderson University Graduate School. She hopes to pursue a career in nursing and hospital administration to better enable herself to build a nursing school and hospital in her home country, Liberia.

**Phil Butler '05** is in his second year playing semi-professional football for the Grand Rapids-area West Michigan Force. Last season the team had a 14-1 record and won the American Rules Football League championship at the Orange Bowl in Miami, Fla., in January. **Joe Dykstra '05** is an athletic trainer at Calvin College.

**John M. Falatko '05** of Oklahoma City, Okla., began classes in the medical school at Oklahoma State University in August.

**Betsy Finn '05** of Dexter, Mich., completed course work last June at the Great Lakes Institute of Photography, a school for professional photography and digital imaging. She participated in a week of intensive study with Bry Cox of Utah, honing the craft of photographic imaging and professional business management. Betsy is a Certified Professional Photographer and owner of Betsy's Photography in Dexter. Two of her prints were selected for display in the General Collection of the 117th International Exhibition of Professional Photography at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center in Tampa, Fla., Jan. 6-8, 2008, in conjunction with Imaging USA, Professional Photographers of America's annual convention.

**Kyle Lawton '05** of Holland, Mich., is the new athletic director for Black River Public School, where he also teaches physical education.

**Amy Huizen '05 Mabin** of Grand Rapids, Mich., began her third year of

teaching for the Grand Rapids public school system this year. She teaches social studies in grades nine through 12 at the Montessori High School.

**Abbie Matthews '05** has joined a Lansing/Grand Ledge (Mich.) singing group, "Singers on the Grand," and will be performing in concerts of jazz and Broadway solos and ensembles with the group in Lansing and Grand Ledge theaters.

**Steffanie Rosalez '05** of Holland, Mich., traveled to India this past summer as an art ambassador through Holland Friends of Art. She taught art to orphaned and impoverished children from an "untouchable" social class. This fall her painting "Dennis" (oil on paper) received Honorable Mention recognition in the 44th Annual Juried Fine Arts Competition of the Holland Friends of Art, featured in the Barbara H. Padnos Exhibition Gallery of the Holland Area Arts Council on Thursday, Sept. 13, through Thursday, Oct. 25. In addition, Holland Hospital commissioned her to provide seven paintings for this hospital's new wing; the works show a variety of area scenes, including the *Mi Favorita* grocery store near Hope's campus.

**Amanda Schafer '05** of Zeeland, Mich., is the visit coordinator for Hope's office of admissions.

**Leif Sporck '05** of Suttons Bay, Mich., owns a ceramic tile shop, where he creates designs inspired from the Leelanau County area.

**Amy Wing '05** is teaching special education in a contained learning center at Inglemoor High School in Seattle, Wash.

**Sean Daenzer '06** entered the Master of Divinity program in August at Concordia Theological Seminary in Ft. Wayne, Ind., in preparation for the Office of Holy Ministry.

**Jason Cash '07** of Holland, Mich.,



joined the Hope advancement staff this summer as campaign associate and advancement assistant.

**Kristin Rose '07 Diekevers** of Holland, Mich., is an admissions representative for Hope.

**Jenna Geerlings '07** of Holland, Mich., is a corporate marketing associate at Haworth Inc. in Holland.

**Sarah Ray '07** of Holland, Mich., is teaching both elementary and high school special education in the Fennville Public Schools.

## Marriages

Lannette Zylman '86 and Bill TenHave, July 7, 2007, Holland, Mich.

Brian M. Breen '89 and Nancy Dombroski, Sept. 2, 2007, East Lansing, Mich.

Tricia Engelsman '92 and Tom McGovern, May 5, 2007, Ada, Mich.

Jamie Lee '92 and Adam Schmidt, May 2007.

Kristin Armbruster '95 and Rhys Ball, July 6, 2007, Jupiter, Fla.

Ben West '95 and Zhou Xinyi, July 28, 2007, Taipei, Taiwan.

Rachel Baldwin Hall '97 and Charles Joseph Case, July 7, 2007, Chicago, Ill.

Jennifer Krueger '97 and Alessandro Mantovani, June 30, 2007.

Tracy Datte '98 and Peter Gustafson, Sept. 23, 2006, Ann Arbor, Mich.

Genanne Hays '98 and Michael LaCosse, June 30, 2007, Grand Rapids, Mich.

Melanie DeFeyer '99 and Michael Weaver, June 16, 2007, Holland, Mich.

Tony Petkus '99 and Emily Broekhuis '04, July 20, 2007, Holland, Mich.

James Vanderhyde '99 and Mariam Mathew, Jan. 20, 2007.

Andrew McCulley '00 and Melissa Morrow, July 7, 2007, Scotch Plains, N.J.

Patricia Rhiew '00 and Kevin Kang, June 9, 2007, Chicago, Ill.

Kelly Vanderstelt '00 and Ken Milliman, May 5, 2007, Kalamazoo, Mich.

Lauren Lashbrook '01 and Charles Davis, March 31, 2007, Springfield, Ill.

Kara Benson '02 and Jon Haug, Aug. 26, 2006.

Aaron DeVos '02 and Afton Ellard, July 28, 2007, Holland, Mich.

Mary Disbrow '02 and Ben Kroeger, Oct. 21, 2006, Plymouth, Mich.

Anna L. Chappel '03 and Jason E. Dunn '03, June 8, 2007, Arcadia, Mich.

Jennifer Coleman '03 and Brian Hendricks, June 23, 2007, Grand Rapids, Mich.

Jason Kehrer '03 and Molly Halvey '04, March 24, 2007, Holland, Mich.

DeeAnn Maynard '03 and Jeremy Fisher, June 25, 2005.

Carrie Meulenberg '03 and Aaron Quist, July 7, 2007.

Rosa Morales '03 and Eduardo Perez '03, Dec. 31, 2005.

Norissa Aukerman '04 and Quint Lears, May 20, 2006.

Peter Binnie '04 and Carrie Binnie, June 16, 2007, Minneapolis, Minn.

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

Anthony Bordenkircher '05 and Christen Conner '05, May 26, 2007, Holland, Mich.

Eric Crew '04 and Nicole Herbst '05,

June 30, 2007, Richfield, Wis.

Eric Jongekryg '04 and Kelli Zoellner '07, May 11, 2007, Warren, Mich.

Amy Huizen '05, and Timothy Mabin, June 15, 2007.

Lisa Warmus '05 and Mark Thoma, May 26, 2007, Rochester, N.Y.

Annie Wickstra '05 and Eric Nugent, June 30, 2007.

Victoria Orefice '06 and Matthew Cooley, June 16, 2007, Whitehall, Mich.

Leah DeWitt '06 and Adam Locker '06, May 25, 2007, Holland, Mich.

Bill Flavin '06 and Amy McEwan '06, June 30, 2007, Holland, Mich.

Jen Gable '06 and Aaron Garoutte '07, July 14, 2007, Mequon, Wis.

Kimberly Mosley '06 and Jeffrey Vandlen '06, Dec. 30, 2006.

Ellen Reynolds '06 and Joel Beckham, July 22, 2007, Colorado Springs, Colo.

## New Arrivals

Jeffrey Corney '87 and Sarah Corney, Tristan, Jan. 31, 2007.

Deborah Quint '90 Pellegrini and Nicholas Pellegrini, Owen Santi, July 5, 2007.

Nancy Boland '91 Kilcullen and Philip Kilcullen, Keira Lorraine, March 5, 2007.

Jamie Janczyk '91 Wieber and Steve Wieber, Zachary Paul, Dec. 17, 2006.

Kate Singer '92 and Joel Williams, Isla Grace, Dec. 28, 2004, and Esther Arran, Oct. 18, 2006.

Ron Wiegerink '92 and Jodi Hoekstra '96 Wiegerink, Bria Lyn, April 1, 2007.

Wendy Schroeder '93 Hyde and Alex Hyde, Aidan Thomas, June 28, 2007.

Paul Musherure '93 and Shartsi Musherure, David Namanya, June 15, 2007.

Gwen Palmer '93 and Paul Bunch, Meagan Leigh Bunch, Jan. 14, 2007.

Carol Krafve '93 Thola and Dwain Thola, Belle Avalon, May 19, 2007.

Shawn McFarland '94 and Debbie McFarland, Anson Robert and Finely Thomas, July 28, 2007.

Erin Koster '94 Ortlund and Eric Ortlund, William Andrew, Jan. 17, 2007.

Shelley Blue '94 Werthman and Tom Werthman, Ryan Thomas, Feb. 9, 2007.

Amy Merkel Dienes '95 and Scott Dienes, Simon Augustus, Aug. 8, 2007.

Amy Fox '95 and Paul Michals, Alexander Fox Michals, May 10, 2007.

Michelle Brown '95 Warren and Tim Warren, Claire Bethany, June 20, 2007.

Missy Moore '95 Weening and Chris Weening, Reese Emmanuelle, April 27, 2007.

Kirk Herald '99 and Laurie Rozek, Carson Thomas Herald, July 26, 2007.

Molly West '96 Moore and Eric Moore, Norah Joy, Feb. 20, 2007.

Camryn Bangert '96 Swiatlowski and Jeremy Swiatlowski, Aurek Reed, March 16, 2007.

Meredith Kooyer '96 VanWieren and Brett VanWieren, Turner Jack, March 21, 2007.

Jennifer Weaver '96 Witt and Kurt Witt, Gavin Lucas, May 4, 2007.

Jennifer Alexander '97 Francis and Scott Francis '98, Ella Meredith, March 7, 2007.

Leah McAlpine '97 Hoffman and Tim Hoffman, Ella Jean, Nov. 9, 2006.

Megan Hunter '97 Miller and Brian Miller, Olivia Louise, April 8, 2007.

Karsten Voskuil '96 and Gretchen Rumohr-Voskuil '97, Marcelle Hope, Feb., 22, 2007.

Trevor Starnes '97 and Danielle Starnes, Austin Grant, Aug. 6, 2007.

Sara Nicles '97 Wiles and Nathan Wiles, Zoe Alice, Dec. 2, 2006.

Amanda Sheehan '97 Zenner and Eric Zenner, Jacklyn Mae, June 8, 2007.

Robert Andretz '97 and Jacqui Bullard '98 Andretz, Robert and Julia, Feb. 2, 2007.

Leischen Verwys '98 Hunsicker and Max Hunsicker II, Ally Kaitlyn, Aug. 25, 2007.

Martin Landes Jr. '98 and Jill Donehoo '99 Landes, Mason John, May 2, 2006.

Clinton Moore '98 and Lara Wagner '98 Moore, George Franklin, June 20, 2007.

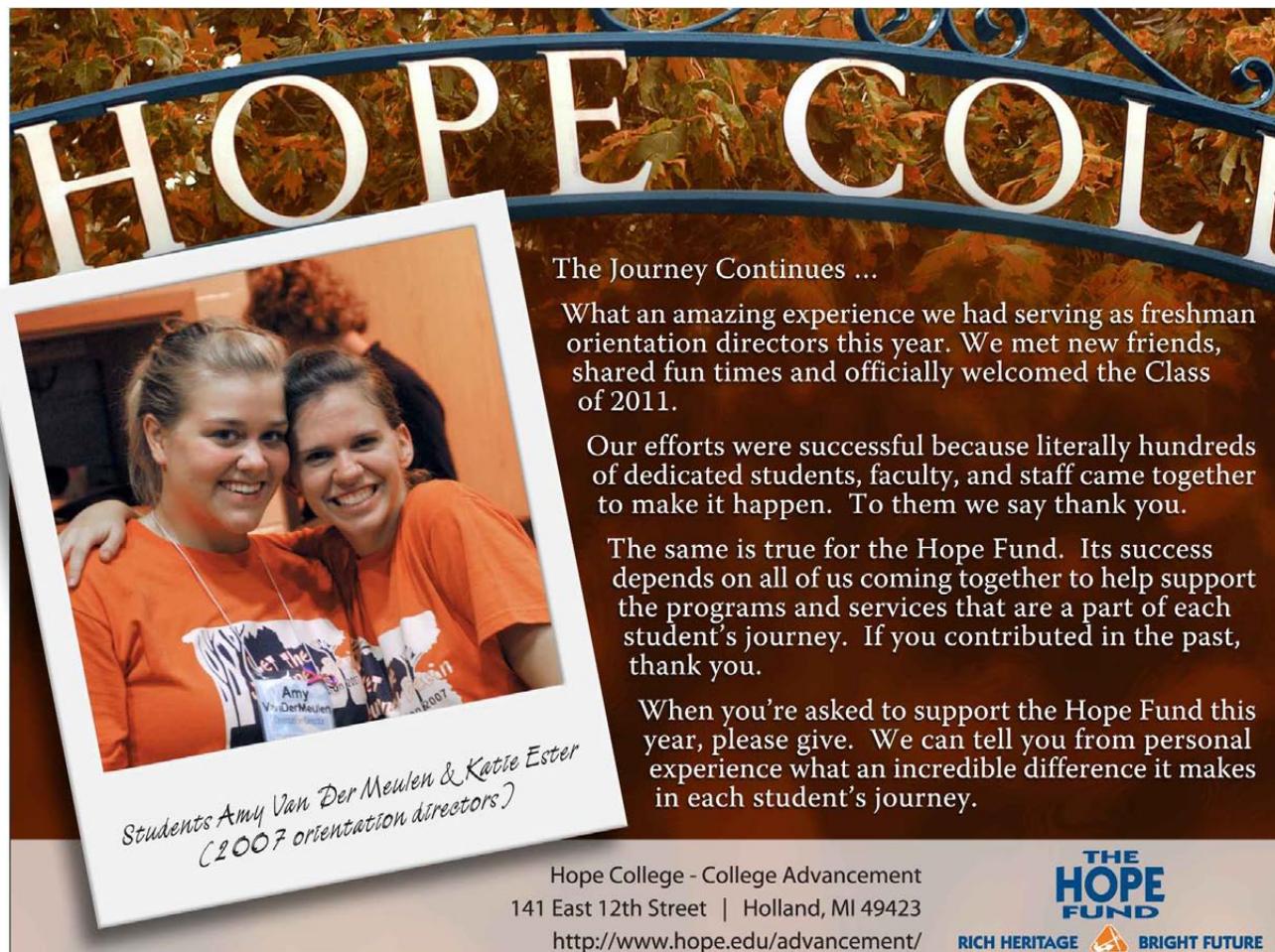
Renee Saar '98 Nyhof and Brian Nyhof, James Eric, June 27, 2007.

Andrew Sill '98 and Jill Wilson '99 Sill, Ella June, Aug. 20, 2007

Mike Brya '99 and Sarah Brya, Molly Janet, April 07, 2007.

Molly Arnold '99 Formsma and Chris Formsma '00, Natalie Claire, May 6, 2007.

Andy Frushour '99 and Emily



The Journey Continues ...

What an amazing experience we had serving as freshman orientation directors this year. We met new friends, shared fun times and officially welcomed the Class of 2011.

Our efforts were successful because literally hundreds of dedicated students, faculty, and staff came together to make it happen. To them we say thank you.

The same is true for the Hope Fund. Its success depends on all of us coming together to help support the programs and services that are a part of each student's journey. If you contributed in the past, thank you.

When you're asked to support the Hope Fund this year, please give. We can tell you from personal experience what an incredible difference it makes in each student's journey.

*Students Amy Van Der Meulen & Katie Ester  
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Picturesque New Zealand will be featured during the latest educational tour available to members of the extended Hope family.

The trip will offer a mix of culture, history, wildlife and sights, and will run from March 21 through April 13. The leader will be Dr. Harvey Blankespoor of the Hope biology faculty, who has also guided alumni tours to East Africa and the Galapagos Islands and has been taking students abroad on Hope May Terms for decades.

Highlights will include whale watching and observing albatross and penguin colonies; a boat cruise and a transalpine train trip; visits to glow worm caves, a botanical garden and a dairy farm; and a tour of a winery and a Cadbury chocolate factory. The trip will also emphasize encounters with New Zealanders themselves, including especially the indigenous Maori people.



Participants are also being surveyed to indicate additional interests that may be built into the itinerary.

Because enrollment is limited to 37, those who are interested are encouraged to contact the Office of Alumni and Parent Relations as soon as possible for additional information. The office can be visited online at [www.hope.edu/](http://www.hope.edu/) alumni, e-mailed at [alumni@hope.edu](mailto:alumni@hope.edu) or called at (616) 395-7250. Initial deposits will be due by the end of 2007 and final deposits by mid February.

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Frushour, Katherine Logan, Aug. 13, 2007.

Toni May '99 Smith and Luke Smith '00, Alexandra Eileen, July 26, 2007.

Kate MacDoniels '00 Caldwell and Dan Caldwell '01, Marshall Izan, July 26, 2007.

Jessica Loomis '00 DeBoer and Todd DeBoer '00, Rebecca Grace, July 27, 2007.

Eric Goodman '00 and Jill Harkins '98 Goodman, Abigail Sharon, Sept. 2, 2007.

Jarod Lippert '00 and Andrea Kopacz '01 Lippert, Logan John, Jan. 22, 2007.

Jamie Riekse '00 McWilliams and Sean McWilliams, Malachi James, Aug. 14, 2007.

Amy Otteson '00 Speakman and Shane Speakman, Dagny Zadok, June 11, 2007.

Joe Kattelus '01 and Kylie Reich Kattelus, Ashlyn Patricia, Jan. 05, 2007.

Derek Augsburg '02 and Jessica Tischendorf '02 Augsburg, Caleb Nicolaus, May 7, 2007.

Jeannette Holloway '02 Bayyapuneedi and Kishore Bayyapuneedi, Raj Krishna, July 2, 2007.

Tyler Bing '02 and Rebecca Linton '04 Bing, Connor James, Nov. 3, 2004, and Grace Elsie-Elizabeth, Aug. 8, 2006.

Shannon Gleesing '02 Bonsall and Brian Bonsall, Madeline Christine, April 17, 2007.

Teresa Janik '02 Boyer and Josh Boyer, Luke Joseph, May 21, 2007.

Shari Lewis '02 Brown and Kyle Brown, Rachel Elizabeth, Dec. 7, 2006.

Monica Chernick '02 Dutcher and Joseph Dutcher, Charles Joseph, July 3, 2007.

Mark Foreman '02 and Tara Oosting '02 Foreman, Myles Jacob, Nov.

22, 2006.

Amy Brower '02 Glupker and Kurt Glupker '02, Hannah Grace, Dec. 5, 2006.

Julie Asher '02 Heustis and Keith Heustis '02, Jocelyn Skye, May 17, 2006.

Nancy Mayo '02 Howell and Kyle Howell, Leina Paige, Feb. 12, 2007.

Brad Irving '00 and Elizabeth Barton '02 Irving, Carolyn Ann, June 30, 2006.

Patrick Kinne '02 and Sarah Kinne, Alec Dale, Sept. 10, 2007.

Brooke Vivian '02 Lemmen and Kurt Lemmen '02, Garrett Dean, March 14, 2007.

Cara Klapp '02 Montgomery and Jason Montgomery '03, Caleb Jason, July 4, 2007.

Ross Poll '02 and Kara VanAssen '04 Poll, Rylee Grace, Aug. 18, 2007.

Amanda Ausen '02 Root and Derek Root '02, Lauren Anne, July 7, 2007.

Bethany Buege '02 Thompson and Gabriel Thompson, Naomi Raelynn, Aug. 17, 2007.

Christopher VanderHyde '02 and Holly Douglass '02 VanderHyde, Madilynn Ruth, Dec. 27, 2006.

Breanne Borin '02 Wallaker and Douglas Wallaker, Lillian May, Dec. 3, 2006.

Heidi Osmundson '02 Weller and Andy Weller, Aiden Emmanuel, June 9, 2007.

Kristen Beelen '03 DeLange and Chris DeLange, Kaitlyn Marie, April 12, 2007.

Dan DuPuis '03 and Karissa DeYoung '03 DuPuis, Lillian Joy, May 14, 2007.

Rebecca Rasdall '03, Emmanuel Alejandro Rasdall, Feb. 28, 2007.

Kelly Cleland '03 Seltz and Kevin Seltz, Grady James, July 7, 2007.

Rachel Burton '04 VanderZwaag

and Neal VanderZwaag, Morgan Lynn, July 15, 2007.

Hannah Leopard '05 Fuller and Craig Fuller, Greta Ruth, July 10, 2007.

## Advanced Degrees

Betsy Emdin '77 Kaylor, MFA in creative nonfiction, Goucher College, August 2007.

Suzanne Greicar '92 Clay, M.A. in Christian ministry, North Park Theological Seminary, May 21, 2005.

Kristin Tichy '92 Pagenkopf, J.D., IIT-Chicago Kent College of Law, May 2007.

Shawn McFarland '94, Doctor of Medicine, Wright State University Boonshoft School of Medicine, May 25, 2007.

Jennifer Alexander '97 Francis, Doctorate in Clinical and Humanistic Psychology, July 2007.

Abby Pochert '98 Brink, Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT), summer 2007.

Christopher Reiff '98, MBA with a concentration in finance, DePaul University, March 2007.

Angela Benson '99 Donner, Master of Library and Information Science degree, University of Southern Mississippi, December 2006.

Jill Donehoo '99 Landes, master's degree in elementary education, Grand Valley State University, April 2006.

Leslie Cogan '00 Adamski, master's degree in early childhood special education, Hunter College, May 2007.

Kate Sutton '00 Jewett, Master in the Art of Teaching degree, Marygrove College, May 2007.

Elissa Wickmann '00 Lappenga, M.Ed. in counseling in student affairs, UCLA.

Melyssa Lenon '00, Master of Science degree in physical science, Michigan State University, Dec. 2006.

Heidi Huebner '00 Wheeler, Master of Science degree with a focused track of Adult Nurse Practitioner, University of Colorado Health Sciences Center, August 2007.

Melissa Zeiger '00, master's degree in curriculum and instruction, William Woods University, May 2007.

Jennifer Dennis '01 Dykstra, Ph.D. in psychology, Iowa State University, August 2007.

Danika Van Beek '01, MBA, Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management, June 2007.

Shawn Wolff '01, D.D.S. degree, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Tyler Bing '02, Master of Social Work degree with honors, Grand Valley State University.

Seth Palmer '02, D.O. degree, Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine, May 2007.

Joel Schick '02, MBA, Grand Valley State University, April 2007.

Marta Liang '02 Woloszyn, Master of Science degree in natural resources and environmental science with a focus in biogeochemistry, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Aug. 6, 2007.

Laura Meisch '03, Educational Specialist degree (Ed.S.) in school psychology, Ball State University, July 2006.

Kami King '03 Palmer, M.D., Michigan State University College of Human Medicine, May 2007.

Lee Heerspink '04, Master of Music degree in performance in jazz guitar, University of South Florida, May 2007.

Norissa Aukerman '04 Lears, M.F.A., New Mexico State University, May 2007.

Jonathan Sedon '04, J.D., University of Georgia School of Law, May 2007.

Carol Guess '05, Master of Science degree in physics, Michigan State University, May 2007.

## Deaths

The college is often privileged to receive additional information in celebration of the lives of members of the Hope community who have passed away. Please visit the expanded obituaries we have made available online if you wish to read more about those whose loss is noted in this issue.

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**Elmer Bosman '39** of Lakeland, Fla., died on Thursday, Aug. 9, 2007. He was 91.

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

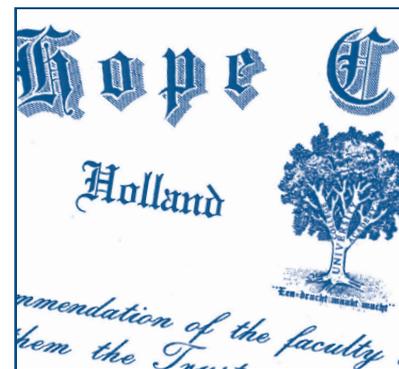
He retired from IBM after 22 years as an electronics engineer.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Alice, in 1997.

Survivors include his sons, Robert Bosman, Donald Bosman, Thomas Bosman, James Bosman and Roger Bosman; his daughters, Elizabeth Gulitz and Jean Bosman; 15 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

**Dale E. DeBoer '68** of Spring Lake, Mich., died on Saturday, Aug. 11, 2007. He was 61.

He was a dentist in Spring Lake from 1971 until he retired and sold his practice in 2002.



**A total of 25 seniors graduated with honors in July. Please visit the college's Web site for the list.**

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Survivors include his wife of 38 years, June DeBoer; their children, Joanna (Jim) Bennink, Dawn DeBoer '96 (Keith '96) Nykamp, and Peter '00 (Mandy) DeBoer; five grandchildren; his sisters, Ann Schimke and Sue (Rod) Paladino; his brother, Neil '66 (Karen Dryfhout '66) DeBoer; and several nieces and nephews.

**Phyllis Leach '52 Demy** of Carlsbad, Calif., died on Saturday, July 21, 2007. She was 78.

She worked for Eastern Airlines and was a substitute teacher.

She was preceded in death by her son, Christopher Demy.

Survivors include her husband of 50 years, Joseph C. Demy; her daughters, Leslie Demy and Patricia White; her daughter-in-law, Becky Demy; and four grandchildren.

**Kenneth W. De Witt '51** of Grand Haven, Mich., died on Friday, July 6, 2007. He was 78.

He was the owner of Ken De Witt Builders and later formed De Witt and Behm Construction.

He was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Paige Elizabeth Follen, in 1993, and by his brother and his wife, Stuart and Maryellen De Witt.

Survivors include his wife of 55 years, Barbara (Wipperfurth) De Witt; four daughters, Susan (Mark) Armstrong, Julie De Witt '77 (Michael) Bullerdick, Sarah (Maurice) Follen, and Carey De Witt '80 (John) Korpi; 12 grandchildren, including Meghan P. Follen '07; in-laws, William (Diana) Wipperfurth, Jerry Wipperfurth, and Kurt (Janice)

Wipperfurth; and nieces and nephews.

**Paul T. DeWitt '44** of Delta Township, Mich., died on Saturday, Aug. 8, 2007. He was 85.

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

He was on staff as a dentist at the Ypsilanti (Mich.) State Hospital until starting a private practice in Lansing, Mich., from which he retired in 1987.

He was preceded in death by an infant grandson, Andrew, in 1984.

Survivors include his wife of almost 59 years, Gerry; their four sons, Paul (Linda) DeWitt, Stephen (Marilyn) DeWitt, Kevin (Theresa) DeWitt, and Mark (Kathleen) DeWitt; 16 grandchildren; a sister, Anita Bradshaw; and several nieces and nephews.

**John Hietbrink '42** of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., died on Tuesday, Sept. 18, 2007. He was 87.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army who served as a finance officer during World War II.

He worked as a financial officer for several boat builders, including Chris Craft and Blackfin Yachts. He began his career in Holland and moved to Fort Lauderdale in 1960.

Survivors include his wife of 62 years, Marian DeWeerd '44 Hietbrink; three children, James, Mary and Carol (Bill); one sister, Marge (Don) Kiekintveld; a sister-in-law, Janet Hietbrink; and many nieces and nephews.

**John H. "Jack" Hoekstra '50** of Kalamazoo, Mich., died on Wednesday,

Sept. 5, 2007. He was 81.

He was a veteran who served in the U.S. Navy for two years.

Upon completing his education, he joined Hoekstra Sales Co., an appliance store owned by his father, Ted Hoekstra, and his uncle, Jerald Hoekstra.

Survivors include his wife of nearly 56 years, Marian Dame '47 Hoekstra; his sons, John '79 (Marj) Hoekstra and David Hoekstra; three grandchildren; his brothers-in-law, Paul '44 (Marie) Dame and Russell Hage; and a sister-in-law, Trudy Dame '39 Schrier.

**Edward S. Huntington '66** of Mandan, N.D., died on Wednesday, July 11, 2007. He was 68.

He was a veteran who served in the U.S. Army from November 1958 to January 1963.

He was a pastor who served North Dakota churches in Dodge, Scranton, Carson, Minot, Lincoln Valley, and the Bismarck-Mandan area. From 1982 until 2000 he was a part-time pastor while working for the U.S. Postal Service. He was also chaplain of the Bismarck Composite Squadron, North Dakota Wing, and Civil Air Patrol from 1984 to 2002. Most recently he served as pastor of Covenant Orthodox Presbyterian Church. He also operated Huntington Books in Mandan with his wife of 38 years, Susan Huntington, who survives him.

Additional survivors include his daughter, Erika (Philip) Rice; six sons, Nathan (Michelle), Jeremy (Janine), Courtney (Lisa), James (Julie), Seth, and Zachary; three brothers, Robert (Joan) Huntington, Stuart (Paula) Huntington, and Lee Huntington; and 10 grandchildren.

**Leslie Mayton '88 Kleiner** of Shelby, Mich., died on Friday, Sept. 28, 2007. She was 41.

She had operated a pre-school and daycare in Ohio, and most recently devoted her time to home schooling her children.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Janet.

Survivors include her husband, Jim; her children, Hannah, Alex, twins, Austin and Colin, and Sydney; her father and step-mother, Don and Carol Mayton; her grandmother, Ruth Stewart; her brothers, Phil (Cheryl) Mayton and Doug (Michelle) Mayton; and nieces and nephews.

Word has been received of the death of **Kenneth N. Leestma '52** of Seal Beach, Calif., who died on Thursday, Sept. 20, 2007. More information will appear in the next issue.

**John W. Ligvoet '48** of Grand Rapids, Mich., died on Monday, Aug. 20, 2007. He was 83.

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

Survivors include his wife of 58 years, Arlene Eilanded '48 Ligvoet; his children, Pam Ligvoet and Jon (Colleen)

Ligvoet; a sister, Eleanor (Gerald) Bax; and a sister-in-law, Barb Stockman.

**Charles E. Menning '65** of Pittsburgh, Pa., died on Thursday, Aug. 2, 2007, of complications following surgery. He was 64.

After graduating from Hope, he was a reporter for the *Pittsburgh Press* for two years. He then enlisted in the Air National Guard and flew full time as a pilot until his retirement in 1998 as a lt. colonel.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ralph and Irene Bogaard '41 Menning.

Survivors include his brothers, Bruce '66 (Vicky Fris '68) Menning, Mark '68 (Pat) Menning, and Roger (Joyce) Menning; four nieces; three nephews; and two grand-nieces.

**F. Scott Petersen '86** of Fairfield, N.J., died on Saturday, Aug. 4, 2007, of complications of treatment for leukemia. He was 44.

He was a minister who had served at Lawyersville & Sharon Reformed Churches in upstate New York and Griggstown Reformed Church in Princeton, N.J. At the time of his death, he was serving Fairfield Reformed Church.

He was preceded in death by his father-in-law, Jack Moermond '56.

Survivors include his wife of 23 years, Deborah Moermond '84 Petersen; his children, Emily and Sarah Petersen; his parents, Franklin and Beverly Petersen; his brother, Eric '87 (Ann) Petersen; his grandmother, Mary Bungay; and his mother-in-law, Jean Moermond.

**Meredythe Noorlag '64 Poltrock** of Brookfield, Ill., died on Monday, Nov. 20, 2006. She was 64. Survivors include her husband, Lawrence Poltrock; her children, Jennifer Poltrock and William '95 (Lesley) Poltrock; two grandchildren; and a sister, Ardythe Tiesenga.

**William A. Poppink '37** of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., died on Saturday, Sept. 15, 2007. He was 93.

He was a veteran of World War II.

He began his teaching and coaching career in Rockford, Mich., becoming the principal of the high school six years later. After military service, he returned to Rockford, and later was a principal in Grand Rapids, Mich. He then was superintendent of schools in Hillsdale, Mich., in the Reeths-Puffer schools in Muskegon, Mich., and finally in Sault Sainte Marie from 1967 to 1975.

In 2002 the Hope College Alumni Association honored him with a Distinguished Alumni Award. He also served on the college's H-Club board, was a class representative and chaired the 50-Year Circle.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 64 years, Loma Poppink; his son





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William Cal Poppink '65; and his brother Everett Poppink '31.

Survivors include his children, Grace Poppink '63 (Thom) Hodgson, James '67 (Rebecca) Poppink; Lyn (Donald) Johnson; Sue '75 (Ken) Poppink-Brock; a daughter-in-law, Martha (Joe) Poppink-Melcher; nine grandchildren, including Peter "Cal" '92 (Amy Alverson '92) Hodgson and Kevin '93 (Holly) Poppink; 10 great-grandchildren; and five step-great-grandchildren.

**Joshua Spalsbury '02** of Grand Ledge, Mich., died on Wednesday, Aug. 15, 2007, as a result of a car accident in Yellowstone National Park, where he was employed. He was 27.

During his years at Hope, he lettered in cross country and track and participated in the Nykerk Cup competition.

He was preceded in death by a grandfather, Robert Hotchkiss.

Survivors include his parents, Kim '77 and Kathy Spalsbury; his sister, Jenna; his brother, Jarred (Cody Scoggins); a nephew; his grandparents, Margaret Hotchkiss and Joel and Sandra Spalsbury; and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

**Richard D. Stewart '51** of Punta Gorda, Fla., died on Sunday, July 22, 2007. He was 77.

Survivors include his wife of 20 years, Dorcas Stewart; five children; five step-children; 11 grandchildren; four step-grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Word has been received of the death of **Ethel Leestma '33 Swets** of Holland, Mich., who died on Saturday, Oct. 6, 2007. More information will appear in the next issue.

**Henry W. Ten Pas '35** of Holland, Mich., died on Saturday, July 21, 2007. He was 93.

He was a physician in general practice in the Michigan communities of Overisel and Hamilton prior to becoming an anesthesiologist in Holland and retiring in 1978. He served two terms as Holland Hospital chief of staff.

He was a former member of the Hope College Board of Trustees for five years, including service as the secretary of the board.

He was preceded in death in 2001 by his wife, Edna Mooi '38 Ten Pas.

Survivors include his children, Joanne (Jerry) Klomparens and William (Barbara) Ten Pas; four grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

**Eleanor Dalman '42 Vanderhill** of Holland, Mich., died on Monday, Sept. 10, 2007. She was 87.

She was an elementary school teacher for several years at Harrington School in Holland. She ministered with her husband of 66 years, George

A tragic late-summer automobile accident claimed the lives of two students.

**Karen Linder '10** of Sioux City, Iowa, and **Samuel Meengs '10** of Zeeland, Mich., died of injuries sustained in an automobile accident on Friday, Aug. 10, 2007. Sam died at the scene and Karen the next day.

They were both 19, and both about to enter their sophomore year at Hope, where they had met and started dating as freshmen.

Both had been actively involved in their high schools and communities prior to enrolling at Hope, and were outstanding students academically. Each had been valedictorian of their 2006 graduating classes, at North High School and Zeeland East High School respectively, and both had earned Dean's List recognition at Hope.

Karen was a dance major who was interested in education, and held both a Presidential Scholarship and



a Distinguished Artist Award in dance, and was to have been student coordinator of the college's Gospel Choir this year. At home she had been involved with the madrigals and choreographed and danced in musicals, and was active in Siouxland Movement Arts. She was a member of Wesley United Methodist Church.

Sam was a pre-med student. He was a member of the swim team at Zeeland and at Hope, and had participated in the Pull tug-of-war. He was a member of the Vriesland Reformed Church youth group and had participated in mission trips to Ecuador and Guatemala. He also served on the Zeeland Youth Advisory Council and the Community Foundation of

the Holland/Zeeland Area's Youth Advisory Council.

Karen's survivors include her parents, Kevin Linder of Sioux City and Lori Linder of Sioux City; a sister, Katie Linder; grandparents, Donna and Gary Linder, Leo and Frances Harris; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Sam's survivors include his parents, Dan and Tami Meengs of Dorr, Mich.; brothers, Michael Meengs of Zeeland, and Jon and Nicole Meengs of Holland, Mich.; a sister, Jessica Meengs at home; grandparents, Gertrude Meengs of Zeeland, Steve and Grace Piersma of Zeeland; Tim and Annie Ferry of Solon, Iowa; and many aunts, uncles, niece, nephews and cousins.

A memorial service was held at Hope on Wednesday, Aug. 15, in Dimnent Memorial Chapel, and the college also organized a time of reflection and remembrance in the chapel on Thursday, Sept. 6. In addition, the *Anchor* published reflections in their memory by Hope friends in its Wednesday, Sept. 12, edition.

Vanderhill '42, who survives her, for more than 40 years in Christian Reformed Churches in Muskegon and Dearborn, Mich., and Wheaton, Ill.

She was preceded in death by an infant grandson.

In addition to her husband, survivors include their children, Matthew (Marjorie) Vanderhill, Mark (Marlene) Vanderhill, and Pamela Vanderhill; eight grandchildren; her brother, L.C. Dalman '28; sisters-in-law, Barbara Dalman, Lillian Mulder '35 Dalman, and Alma Vanderhill '48 Holkeboer; and several nieces and nephews.

**William C. Waggoner '58** of Washington, N.J., died on Thursday, Sept. 6, 2007, after a long battle with cancer. He was 71.

He worked in the pharmaceutical industry for 20 years prior to starting a consulting company in medical research ethics.

While studying at Hope, he attended both the first and second Hope Vienna Summer School programs in 1956 and 1957. The Hope College Alumni Association honored him with a Distinguished Alumni Award in 2005.

Survivors include his wife, Nancy; eight children, Kathy, Julianna, Richard, Susan, Sonja, John, Mary, and William; and 11 grandchildren.

**Virginia VerStrate '40**



**Zoutendam** of Grand Rapids, Mich., died on Thursday, July 19, 2007. She was 89.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John Zoutendam '39.

Survivors include her children, Gary (Janice) Zoutendam, Paul (Anita) Zoutendam, and Marilyn (David) Stelma; six grandchildren, including Jonathan '94 (Christine Troxel '94) Zoutendam, Heather Zoutendam '95 (Daniel) Edgerly, and Sara '04 (Dustin) Lambries; 10 great-grandchildren; and many cousins.

## Sympathy to

The family of **Renee Boersma** of Holland, Mich., who died on Thursday, July 5, 2007. She was 49.

She worked in quality control for Bohn and later Donnelly Corp.

Survivors include her husband of 21 years, Bob Boersma, who is the program director of the Children's After School Achievement (CASA) program at Hope; their children, Nick and Nate; her parents, James and Joyce Lapham, her parents-in-law, Vern '44 and Lois Hinkamp '44 Boersma; a sister, Ronda (Tim) Beeke; a brother, Ryan (Lee) Lapham; and in-laws, Tim Boersma '73 and Mary Pat Boersma.

The family of **Ezekiel "Zeke" Brooks O'Neill**, who died on Sunday, July 29, 2007.

Survivors include his parents, James and Stephanie Brooks '90

O'Neill; his brother, Zachary James Norton; his grandparents, Jonathan and Susan O'Neill Lavin and Jim and Jane Brooks; a great-grandmother, Eunice Harding; and a great-great grandmother, Dorothy Link DeKeyser.

The family of **Peter Sterk**, who died on Wednesday, August 22, 2007. He was 94.

He had worked in the custodial department at Hope.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Jo Sterk, in 1993.

Survivors include his children, Carolyn (James) Botsford, Vernon '64 (Carla VandeBunte '65) Sterk, and Doris (Phillip) Miles; nine grandchildren, including Michele Sterk '91 (Jon R. '92) Schoon; 23 great-grandchildren; and four great-great grandchildren.

The family of **Samuel Williams** of Brewton, Ala., who died on Friday, Aug. 31, 2007. He was 85.

He was a veteran who served in the U.S. Army from 1943 to 1946.

He served as a minister in several churches around the country and returned to Brewton in 1990 after his retirement. From 1968 to 1972, he was associate chaplain at Hope.

He was preceded in death by his siblings, Sanford, Eric, Herriford, Augusta, and Mattie Kate.

Survivors include his wife of 56 years, Pauline Hendrieth '51 Williams; his children, Marcia White, Wandia (Kenneth) Hoke, Paulia Williams, and Samuel Lloyd Williams; and three grandchildren.





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