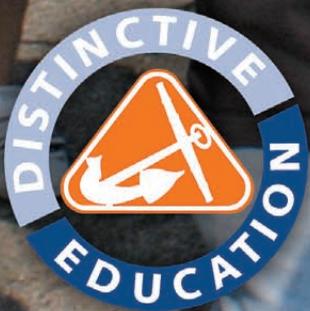


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**On the Cover**

Hope's international students celebrate their heritage during the Homecoming parade this past October. The Martha Miller Center for Global Communication is in the background.

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"Quote, unquote"

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



Across 2007-08, *News from Hope College* 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 Vanessa Greene, director of multicultural

education, with reflections on international and multicultural education. Vanessa was recognized earlier this year for her work, receiving the Phyllis Scott Activist Award through the Giants award program that recognizes those who make exceptional contributions in shaping the history and quality of life in Greater Grand Rapids (please see page 18).

Diversity and globalization are topics that are widely discussed. Conversations range from recruitment of students and faculty (domestic and international) and combating racism to creating a safe and inclusive environment. Regardless of who is leading or participating in the dialogues; it is clear that these are critical issues impacting most college campuses.

Our mission as a private, Christian based, liberal arts college is to prepare our students for the diverse and global world we live in. Because of technological advances and demographic shifts, we are interconnected in every way. Therefore, it is essential for students to develop the skills necessary to interact and live with

people from diverse backgrounds in the United States and across the globe.

At Hope College, while there are distinct differences, both international and multicultural education are focused on a diverse and global vision aimed at fostering integration of diversity initiatives within the campus community. To be successful, however, the commitment must be campus wide, and multiple departments and programs participate in the effort in a variety of ways as noted later in these pages.

In recognizing that much student learning comes from intercultural interactions inside and outside the classroom, one of Hope's primary goals is to enhance minority and international participation (students, faculty, and administrators) through its recruitment efforts. The admissions office and provost's office, working as well with others, have both developed and are continuing to develop a variety of initiatives to enhance the diversity of the campus community.

The goal of the initiatives is to provide opportunities for students and the entire campus community to gain a greater understanding that international and multicultural education are much more than diversity programs and exchange programs. It is about real people and real lives; the ability to think critically and ethically; effectively evaluating and applying information for the good of all; and becoming responsible members of our diverse and global society.

The offices of international and multicultural education have proven to be a great asset and resource to students and the campus community. While there is much work still to do to achieve desired impact, it is important to celebrate the progress that has been achieved, as this gives greater inspiration for Hope to continue in the quest for change for a more equitable and inclusive campus community. ✍️



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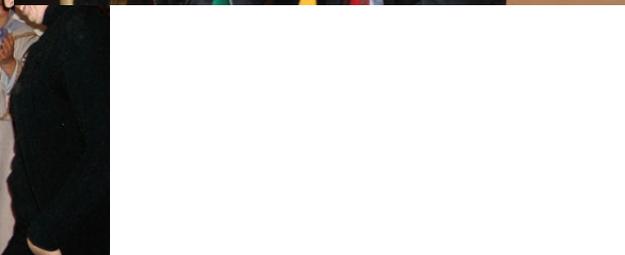
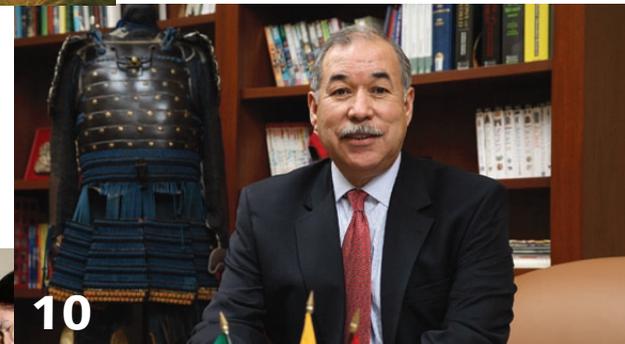
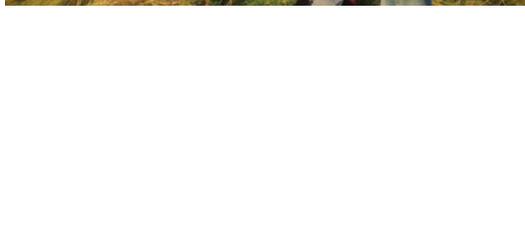
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Spring Semester

April 24, Thursday—Honors Convocation, Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 7 p.m.
May 2, Friday—Residence halls close for those not participating in Commencement, 5 p.m.
May 3, Saturday—Alumni Day
May 4, Sunday—Baccalaureate and Commencement
May 5, Monday—Residence halls close for graduating seniors, noon

May Term—May 5-30

June Term—June 2-27

July Term—June 30-July 25

Summer Seminars—July 28-Aug. 1

ADMISSIONS

Campus Visits: The Admissions Office is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays, and from 9 a.m. until noon on Saturdays. Tours and admissions interviews are available during the summer as well as the school year. Appointments are recommended.
Junior Day: Friday, April 18
Pre-Professional Day: Wednesday, May 21

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

DANCE

Student Dance Concert—
Monday-Tuesday, April 14-15
Knickerbocker Theatre, 8 p.m.
Admission is free.
Student Dance Concert—
Monday, April 21
Dow Center, dance studio,
8 p.m. Admission is free.

DE PREE GALLERY

Senior Show—Through Sunday, May 4

Work by graduating art students.

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.



HOPE SUMMER REPERTORY THEATRE

Opening night is June 13.

HSRT is planning an exciting range of productions in celebration of its 37th season and the 10th anniversary of its Cabaret show (this season at Till Midnight). Look for this summer to include both musicals at the beginning of the season, performances at the Knickerbocker Theatre as well as at the DeWitt Center, and two productions by the Children's Performance Troupe. More information can be found online at www.hope.edu/hsrt and will be shared in the June issue.



SPORTS SCHEDULES

Please visit the college online at www.hope.edu/athletics/ for complete schedules for the spring athletic season, including men's and women's track, men's and women's tennis, men's and women's golf, baseball and softball. Copies may be obtained by calling (616) 395-7860.

MUSIC

McClean Mix—Thursday, April 10: Knickerbocker Theatre, 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.

Orchestra—Friday, April 11: Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.

Guest Artist—Saturday, April 12: Matthew Deely, classical guitar, Wichers Auditorium of Nykerk Hall of Music, 8 p.m. Admission is free.

Women's Chamber Choir—Monday, April 14: St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church, corner of 13th Street and Maple Avenue in Holland, Mich., 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.

Jazz Ensemble—Tuesday, April 15: Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.

Wind Symphony—Friday, April 18: Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.

Combined Choirs and Symphonette—Tuesday, April 22: Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.

Faculty Recital—Wednesday, April 23: The Vireo Quartet and Jonathan Holden, clarinet, Wichers Auditorium of Nykerk Hall of Music, 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.

Anthony Kooiker Memorial Concert—Saturday, April 26: Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.

Tulip Time Organ Recitals—Wednesday-Saturday, May 7-10: Dimnent Memorial Chapel, starting every half hour from 10 a.m. through the final recital concluding at 1:50 p.m. Admission is free, although a freewill donation is collected.



ALUMNI, PARENTS & FRIENDS

Regional Events

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

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

Bob DeYoung Hope Classic Golf Outing—Monday, June 23

At the Holland Country Club.

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/.



SUMMER CAMPS

Throughout the summer, Hope will offer multiple science camps for children as well as sports camps in soccer, football, boys' basketball, girls' basketball, volleyball and tennis. For complete information, please check www.hope.edu/camps, or call (616) 395-8103 concerning the soccer camps, (616) 395-4965 concerning the Tennis Academy or (616) 395-7690 concerning the other sports camps.

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.





PROJECT ACCLAIMED:

A successful and growing Hope service project focused on water quality and community health in the village of Nkuv in Cameroon has been named one of four finalists for Michigan's 2008 Carter Partnership Award.

The Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter Partnership Award for Campus-Community Collaboration is given annually by Michigan Campus Compact (MCC) to one partnership involving a Michigan college or university and a community group, with its \$10,000 prize divided equally between the campus and community partners for working together in exceptional ways to improve people's lives and enhance learning in the process. The winner from among the four finalists will be announced and the award will be presented during the annual Governor's Service Awards later this spring.

The Hope program, which is partnered with the Life and Water Development Group of Cameroon, began during the 2005-06 school year as a service project for the college's then-new student chapter of Engineers Without Borders-USA (EWB-USA), with an emphasis on providing the remote village with purified water. During the first year the effort expanded to include the college's department of nursing, which surveyed the villagers' health and began working with them to improve hygiene, sanitation and nutrition.

Starting last year, the college's department of education became involved in helping to develop instructional materials that the people of Nkuv can use to teach themselves and others the health and hygiene lessons needed to improve health. The department of communication is also becoming part of the project, and will be filming the work and training in action for an instructional video that will be available for free online.

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



GRADUATION NEWS: Baccalaureate and Commencement are scheduled for Sunday, May 4.

Some 670 graduating seniors will be participating in this year's graduation exercises, the college's 143rd.

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

The Commencement speaker will be Dr. Steven Hoogerwerf, associate professor of religion. More about Baccalaureate can be found in the "Honorary Degrees" story on this page.

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

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HONORARY DEGREES:

Hope is awarding honorary degrees to Dr. Dennis Voskuil and Betty Voskuil in recognition of the couple's long-time and distinguished service to the Reformed Church in America (RCA), the college's parent denomination.



They will each receive the Doctor of Humane Letters (L.H.D.) degree during the 9:30 a.m. Baccalaureate service held in conjunction with the college's graduation activities on Sunday, May 4, in Dimnent Memorial Chapel. They will also be jointly delivering the sermon during both the 9:30 a.m. service and the 11:30 a.m. service.

"Dennis previously served Hope with distinction as a faculty member in the religion department and is completing a significant tenure as president of Western Theological Seminary. Betty has been instrumental in many RCA denominational causes, especially as an ambassador of hope to the hungry," said President Dr. James E. Bultman '63. "We are very pleased as an institution to award these degrees in recognition of lives so well lived."

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DEDICATION NEWS: Hope will dedicate the new Boeve and Wolters baseball and softball stadiums on Saturday, April 26.

The activities will begin at noon, in advance of home double-headers for both teams starting at 1 p.m. Baseball will be hosting Kalamazoo College, and softball will be hosting Alma College.

The baseball stadium has been named in honor of Ronald Boeve '60, an assistant baseball coach for nearly a quarter century, and his wife Sonya (Sunny). The softball stadium has been named in honor of Karla Hoesch '73 Wolters, longtime Hope softball coach, and her husband Tom '73.

Work began on the new facilities during the summer of 2007 and concluded in the fall. The stadiums include permanent stands for fans, new press boxes, dugouts and patio areas suitable for tailgating.

Galleries showing construction highlights are available online.

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MEMORIAL CONCERT: A memorial concert has been scheduled to celebrate the service and talent of the late Dr. Anthony Kooiker, a gifted pianist who was retired from the Hope music faculty.

Dr. Kooiker, who died on Thursday, Oct. 18, at age 87, was a member of the Hope faculty from 1950 until retiring in 1987. His service to the college's music program included helping to build the theory and piano departments, and developing the holdings of the music library, in addition to chairing the department of music from 1973 to 1977.



The concert in his honor will be presented on Saturday, April 26, at 7:30 p.m. in Dimnent Memorial Chapel. Admission is free.

An article presenting Dr. Kooiker's service to Hope and career accomplishments is available on the college's Web site.

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RESEARCH COURSE: Hope is one of only a dozen colleges and universities nationwide and the only institution in Michigan selected by the Howard Hughes Medical Institute (HHMI) to implement a new genomics course that will involve incoming freshmen in cutting-edge research during their first semester in college.

The program, the Phage Genomics Research Initiative, has been developed by HHMI's Science Education Alliance, which is a new initiative intended to help shape science education nationwide. HHMI is committing a total of \$4 million overall over the first four years of the program, including the support given to all of the individual colleges and universities.

The research-based, year-long laboratory course has been designed to provide beginning college students with a true research experience that will teach them how to approach scientific problems creatively and hopefully solidify their interest in a career in science. Hope will offer the two-semester course beginning in the fall of 2008 for up to 20 students each year.

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HOPE IN PICTURES:

This year's student-organized Dance Marathon raised \$120,878.62 for Helen DeVos Children's Hospital, with hundreds of Hope students participating. Visit our Web photo gallery for images from the 24-hour event, held on Friday-Saturday, March 7-8.



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



Hope in the World

New communication technologies and increasingly sophisticated and accessible transportation networks made it a given: “This is a shrinking world, and we must learn to be at home in it.”

The words might have been spoken by a devotee of Thomas Friedman, author of *The World Is Flat*. It happens, though, that they preceded Friedman’s 2005 book by just a bit. They were offered in 1866, the year that Hope was chartered, attributed to either the Rev. Philip Phelps, first president of Hope College, or the Rev. Isaac Wyckoff, pastor of Second Reformed Church of Albany, N.Y.

It’s an emphasis that has found expression at the college in a variety of ways throughout all the years since. Two of the six members of the Class of 1879 were from Japan. Four of the seven members of the Class of 1887 went into foreign mission work. In the 1950s the college built ties with the Reformed Church in America’s mission school in Brewton, Ala., making higher education an option for African Americans from the segregated South. Hope established an exchange relationship with Meiji Gakuin University in Japan in the 1960s. Students come to Hope from around the world—31 foreign nations are represented in the student body this year—and Hope students in turn can go nearly anywhere themselves.

What drives the philosophy, particularly in the modern era, is the idea that both Hope students and the world *need* it to be so.

“At its very minimum, a Hope education must prepare students to leave Hope with the knowledge, requisite set of skills and understanding that will allow them to become successful world citizens,” said Alfredo Gonzales, who is associate provost and dean for international and multicultural education at Hope. “Such preparation will require all students to speak more than one language, know how to work and interact in a culture different than their own, and possess the knowledge for understanding the political, historical, economic and social structures of the world.”

The larger vision, Gonzales noted, relates to the college’s work as a whole, seeking to enlarge students’ capacity to believe—and to act on the belief—that they can contribute positively to the betterment of humanity.



International education at Hope emphasizes making real connections with the places being visited. Here, senior Aaron Green of Holland, Mich., is pictured with students while teaching during in San Francisco Cozaltepec in Mexico during the college’s summer program based in Puerto Escondido. Led by Dr. Robin Klay, who recently won a statewide award for the program (please see page 18), the course began as a spring break service project and retains a service emphasis. (Photo courtesy of Aaron Green)

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Alfredo Gonzales
Associate Provost and Dean for International
and Multicultural Education

For a gallery of 49 images and brief reflections by students concerning their experience abroad, please visit the college online.

More ONLINE www.hope.edu/pr/nfhc



“The God of creation demands the best we have to offer him,” Gonzales said. “But God also demands we use our considerable knowledge to do good, to embrace justice, to seek peace, to care for the natural world around us.”

Paradoxically, leaving the campus is often an important part of the process.

“International education is an integral part of the entire Hope experience,” said Amy Otis ’96, director of international education. “Especially in academics, integrating a study-abroad experience is a key way to challenge what you’ve learned in the classroom and enhancing and expanding your major.”

During 2006-07, 134 Hope students spent either the academic year or a semester in 27 countries. In addition, many Hope students also participated in shorter-term study-abroad programs, such as the college’s long-running Vienna Summer School held in May and June.

“You can pretty much study anywhere in the world, from the Mekong Delta, to Ghana, to Germany and Switzerland,” Otis said.

Study-abroad is as might be expected a central component of the college’s programs in the modern and classical languages. Through their semester and school-year placements, students studying languages such as French, German, Japanese and Spanish not only improve their facility with the language itself but also learn more about the culture of their host nation. Often the experience

complements an additional academic focus, such as art, dance or medicine.

When they come back, it shows. “You know they have been someplace else,” said Dr. Anne Larsen ’70, professor of French. “I see these students come back and they’re better students. They’re much more interested in what they’re studying. It’s not just abstract.”

“And when our students come back they are consistently saying that was the best semester of their years at Hope,” she said.

That was senior Kevin Steinbach’s experience while studying at Nanzan University in Nagoya, Japan.

“I met some of the most wonderful friends that I ever had and had some of the most wonderful and varied experiences that I’ve ever had, and I’ve come back here and everything is subtly but very different,” he said.

“I’ve been doing everything here as much as possible. It’s been so fun. It helped me to practice my language and meet more new people. I’ve made a lot of friends here.”

Michelle Sepulveda Ral

Language study was what drew Steinbach to Hope. Growing up in Downers Grove, Ill., he had started teaching himself Japanese, and he was looking for a program that would support and develop his interest in the language and culture.

“We came up for a campus visit and I talked with Dr. Nakajima, and I saw the program and thought, ‘I want to go here,’” he said.

Readiness for the lessons to be learned plays a key role in the quality of the study-abroad experience. Dr. Boyd Wilson of the religion faculty has been taking students to India in the summer since the early 1990s. As preparation, he and they meet throughout the spring semester.

“Nothing brings your own world view into sharper focus and your own life view into sharper focus than a true encounter with a radically different world view and life view,” Dr. Wilson said.

“One thing that I want is for them to have a respect for India, truly respecting it on its own terms,” Dr. Wilson said. “It’s not some stage encounter that we’re going to experience for a month and be amused.”



A variety of campus initiatives emphasize diversity education. In the Phelps Scholars Program, students live in the same residence hall and take classes and engage in co-curricular activities together with an emphasis on exploring issues related to diversity.

International perspective is not limited to off-campus study. The college’s international students add immeasurably to the quality of campus life even as they benefit from the Hope experience themselves.

They learn of Hope in many ways, sometimes through the effort of alumni and friends, sometimes through long-established programs. Michelle Sepulveda Ral spent the summer and recent fall semester on campus from her native Queretaro, Mexico, through a new federally funded multinational initiative focused on the study of ethics and public policy in the sciences, of which Hope is one of only nine participating colleges and universities, conducting research in the sciences and taking classes in a variety of disciplines—and loving every minute of it.

“Hope’s a really good university and it has a really good science program,” said Ral, who conducted research in paleontology with Dr. Brian Bodenbender and biology with Dr. Gregory Fraley in addition to completing a major paper on bioethics.

She also connected socially, getting involved in activities ranging from tutoring Spanish, to the Japan Club, to participating in a Korean dance in “Images: A Reflection of Cultures,” to talking with friends about their cultures as well as her own.

“I’ve been doing everything here as much as possible,” Ral said. “It’s been so fun. It helped me to practice my language and meet more people. I’ve made a lot of friends here.”

Education student Douglas Arnold is on campus this semester through the college’s growing exchange relationship with Liverpool Hope College University of England. He was drawn to Hope because of the opportunity to participate in field placements, a hallmark of the college’s education program. He has been

appreciating that experience, particularly as he has seen how local teachers work with students from diverse backgrounds, even as he has enjoyed Hope itself.

“The friendly nature of the campus took me by surprise, to be acknowledged as you go about your business, such as a smile or ‘hi,’” he said.

The campus’s congeniality is a good starting point. The lessons begin on campus, where the college strives to enable students to learn in community—through the composition of the community, academic programs and co-curricular activities alike—to understand difference.

The Phelps Scholars Program blends the two in giving its participating students, more than 70 this year, an opportunity to explore diversity issues together. They all live in Scott Hall, enroll in First-Year Seminars connected to the program and engage in a variety of outside-of-class activities together.

The residential component is central to the program’s success, according to director Dr. Charles Green, since it builds in a crucial additional chance to connect.

“When we ask people what they take away from the program, it is really remarkable how many mention a late-night conversation,” Dr. Green said. “We find that the combination of studying together and living together is pretty powerful.”

Diversity education takes place across the curriculum. Dr. Jesus Montano of the English faculty, for example, teaches courses including “Crossing Borders in Literature,” “Native American Literature and History,” and “Introduction to Ethnic Studies.”

“You look at your cultural heritage. You look at other cultural heritages. You see the richness that is America in some kind of way,” Dr. Montano said.

“I think looking at another person, another group’s perspective, is important,” Dr. Montano said. “They get to know about the world themselves, they get to know about the world and be challenged by it. I think that’s vital to a student’s critical learning.”

Senior Carolyn Morse of Naperville, Ill., who plans to teach at the elementary level, appreciated the chance to discuss issues related to diversity openly in Ethnic Studies.

“I feel like that class helped me feel comfortable to ask questions and to openly talk about racial issues,” she said. “I enjoy getting diverse perspectives. I think I’m more understanding and aware of what might be taking place between cultures.”

The office of multicultural education encourages extending that sort of open, helpful discussion to outside the classroom as well.

“We try to interface with as many departments as we can, as the vision is to weave multicultural education throughout the fabric of the institution,” said Vanessa Greene, who is director of multicultural education. “It is exciting that the Hope community recognizes multicultural education as a valuable component of every academic discipline, rather than a program.”

“Using a variety of approaches—lectures, conferences, seminars, workshops, interactive programs, films, discussions and others—the goal is to cultivate cross-cultural understanding that promotes action to make our campus a welcoming and inclusive community for all constituents,” she said.

The office also serves as a resource for the college’s minority students.

“One of the things that we’re trying to be is a haven of support and celebration of racial diversity,” Greene said. “We want students to have a strong sense of their own diversity, integrating without abandoning.”

There’s an art to bringing together people from many backgrounds and encouraging them to discuss openly, particularly to helping make that a comfortable experience for those in the minority.

Senior Hilary Cason of Detroit, Mich., has appreciated the way that the office has helped make it happen, including through a campus conference—attended by majority and minority students alike—early in her first year.

“I was one of those who was kind of culture shocked when I came,” she said. “I saw these upperclassmen who were here at Hope and they were successful. I was tremendously empowered because it let me know that I could be successful.”

She has appreciated leadership opportunities made available through the office as well. Last semester she chaired the annual Great

Lakes Colleges Association Students of Color Leadership Conference, which Hope hosted.

That event, in turn, inspired Cason and other Hope students to develop a week-long program for the campus in January that focused on open discussion of issues related to diversity. They named the event “Hope 6,” using the 2006 “Jena 6” racial tension of Louisiana as a starting point.

They weren’t sure what to expect. But the response did Philip Phelps and Isaac Wyckoff proud.

“The students were so receptive. The discussion panels, the ones I attended, were definitely packed,” Cason said. “The ‘Hope 6’ event helped me to realize that people on this campus really care about issues of racism and diversity. It blew my mind how many people participated.”

(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 international and multicultural education, we are examining the liberal arts and the environment [August]; co-curricular learning [October]; the arts [December]; and spiritual life [June]. Past issues are available online at www.hope.edu/pr/mfnc or through the Office of Public and Community Relations.)



Hope offers students the world, and in turn prepares students to go out into that world and make a difference. Pictured are participants in the Vienna Summer School last year.





Ambassador of Understanding

By Greg Chandler

Scan around the office of Alfredo Gonzales '76, associate provost and dean for international and multicultural education at Hope, and you can easily see the influence of various countries and cultures from around the world.

Works of art from Mexico, China and Japan adorn the walls of Gonzales's office on the second floor of the Martha Miller Center for Global Communication. Various artifacts from Hope student visits to different countries can be found on his bookshelves. In front of an office window are two statues – one of the Rev. Albertus C. Van Raalte, the founder of both Holland and Hope, the other of St. James the Apostle, the patron saint for Holland's sister city, Queretaro, Mexico.

Gonzales, who has been a member of the Hope staff since 1979, sees his role as building on Hope's legacy of producing graduates to serve in a global society.

"I think we're increasingly being asked to walk in two cultures, to think and function in two languages, to understand the nuances and complexities across race and ethnicity and religion," said Gonzales, who became associate

"Whether we're in Japan, China, Mexico or England, the respect our colleagues in those countries have for Hope College is largely attributed to the trust and respect they have gained through interactions with Alfredo."

– Dr. James Boelkins '66, Provost

provost in 2001 and added on the title of dean for international and multicultural education in October 2006.

Dr. James Boelkins '66, Hope's provost, says Gonzales has been an ambassador for the college in the international arena, and a master of building positive relationships with people and programs around the world.

"Whether we're in Japan, China, Mexico or England, the respect our colleagues in those countries have for Hope College is largely attributed to the trust and respect they have gained through interactions with Alfredo," Dr. Boelkins said.

Dr. Boelkins says that Gonzales' interest in international education and student development goes far beyond what happens on campus.

"He and his wife Maria also take a personal interest in our international and multicultural students by entertaining them in their home, providing an open door when there are problems, and simply being someone students from all cultures can trust and relate to," Dr. Boelkins said. "Although his efforts are often unseen, Alfredo has led by example when it comes to improving and raising the awareness of international programs at Hope."

Dr. Boelkins says Gonzales is continually looking for new opportunities for Hope students to study overseas, and to bring international students to campus. Most recently, Gonzales was able to reach agreement on a program that will soon allow Hope students to study at Zhejiang University, one of China's most prestigious universities. This fall, the college will add Mandarin to its list of available languages that students can study. "More students are now saying, not only do they want to get a solid education, they also want to have that experience overseas," Gonzales said.

He noted, for example, that 41 percent of Hope's graduating seniors last year had studied outside the United States.



As associate provost and dean for international and multicultural education at Hope, Alfredo Gonzales works to help realize the college's goal of preparing students to be global citizens, ready to work, serve and live in a diverse world that is increasingly interconnected.

Gonzales could never have predicted the direction his life took as a youth. Growing up the second-oldest child of parents who were migrant farm workers, he traveled extensively between his native Texas and Michigan as a young man and did not graduate from high school until age 20. After a three-year tour of duty with the U.S. Army in Germany, Gonzales returned to Holland, where he became executive secretary for the city's Human Relations Commission, and later assistant to the city manager.

In 1984, Gonzales added the title of director of minority student affairs at Hope, and in 1986 he became assistant dean of multicultural life, working in the Office of Student Development to try to recruit more minority students and strengthen the multicultural programs at the college. Gonzales was promoted to assistant provost in 1990, continuing to work closely on multicultural issues, particularly in association with the college's academic program.

As a result of his work in the area of multicultural education, Gonzales has come to recognize the importance of not only developing a strong international program but, at the same time, seeking new ways in which to develop a more welcoming and inclusive community at Hope College. Accordingly, he directed and assisted in the development

of the "Encounter with Cultures" course, which seeks to assist students in grappling with the contentious issues of race, ethnicity and culture. In 1998, Gonzales took part in establishing the Preparing Future Faculty (PFF) Program with Howard University, one of the nation's premier Historically Black Institutions. The PFF program has become another link of excellence in Hope's academic program.

As Gonzales has continued to grow in his professional involvement at Hope, he's also been a major force in raising awareness of Holland's changing community, which reflects a growing number of Hispanics, African-Americans and Asians. He is former chair of the city's International Relations Commission, is a founding member of the Tulipanes Latino Art and Film Festival, and is past chairman of the Michigan Commission for Spanish-Speaking Affairs and Latin Americans United for Progress (LAUP).

"What I increasingly like about Holland is that it desires to be a community that is welcoming and respectful of differences, and wishes to be a model, I think, of what it means to be a growing community that reflects the mosaic of America in very creative ways," Gonzales said.

As chair of the International Relations Commission, Gonzales played a lead role in the development of Holland's sister-city

relationship with Queretaro, which dates back to 1996, as well as developing Hope's relationship with the Autonomous University of Queretaro.



Alfredo Gonzales speaks with Thao Le of Vietnam and Luka Levata of Serbia in the college's Martha Miller Center for Global Communication. Hope is committed to increasing the number of international students on campus, both for what the college can give to them and for the way they enrich the campus by their presence.

Gonzales has received a number of honors for his work, both at Hope and in the community. In 1997, he was one of only 24 people awarded a fellowship by the Ford Foundation to take part in an international seminar on diversity issues in higher education, held in New Delhi, India. The following year, he was a honorable mention recipient for Michigan's Outstanding Hispanic of the Year, from the Michigan Educational Opportunity Fund Inc. In 2004, Gonzales received Hope's Vanderbush-Weller Development Fund award for having a strong and positive impact on students.

In 2006, the city of Queretaro presented Gonzales with its German Patino Diaz Medal for his involvement in developing the sister-city relationship between Holland and Queretaro and the academic exchange between Hope and the Autonomous University of Queretaro.

Gonzales says he plans to continue to explore new opportunities for Hope students to study overseas, as well as ways in which the college can serve as a community resource in raising awareness of the importance of international and multicultural education.

"Hope College is very conscious of the importance of education, and we continue to look for ways in which we can connect with our local community in ways that bring value, not only to students and the college, but to the society that we're part of," he said.





Promoting Peace Around the World

By Heather Vander Plaats

When Zach Barricklow '05 joined the Peace Corps the summer after graduation, he knew he'd signed up for an adventure.

In an e-mail to family and friends a few months into his posting, he described the on-foot trek he had taken through knee-high mud to reach San Miguel Centro, a small, rural community in central Panama that would be his home for the next two years. What he found was a town that lacked electricity, a working telephone and access roads. Instead of seeing barriers, Barricklow saw an opportunity to train and mentor community leaders so that they themselves, along with other townspeople, could initiate, create and maintain development in their area.

Earlier this year, Hope appeared for the first time on the organization's annual rankings of the top post-secondary institutions producing Peace Corps volunteers.



For Laura Rojascki '07, international opportunities and service focus at Hope led naturally to serving as a Peace Corps volunteer. She is in French-speaking Burkina Faso in West Africa, focusing on health initiatives, and is pictured at back left with a women's group that makes liquid soap. (Photo courtesy of Laura Rojascki '07)

Fast-forward two years. As Barricklow ended his posting last October as a Community Economic Development Volunteer, he sent out another e-mail. This time he reflected on advancements the community had made in education, small business and tourism. Not only that, a road and bridges had been built, giving the people of San Miguel Centro better access to emergency services and a safe way to cross rising waters. "I hiked in for the first time in mud up to my knees," Barricklow wrote in his e-mail, "and I will ride out on a recently established public transportation system, over a nice gravel road and sturdy bridges."

Barricklow, who has since moved into a leadership position with the Peace Corps in Panama, is one of 14 Hope alumni currently serving the organization in locations around the world. In fact, since the Corps was formed in 1961, more than 150 alumni have joined its ranks. Earlier this year, Hope appeared for the first time on the organization's annual rankings of post-secondary institutions producing Peace Corps volunteers. Nationally, Hope ranked 24th in 2007 among small colleges and universities.

A combination of experiences led currently serving alumni to join the Peace

Corps. Classroom discussions, volunteer opportunities, scholar programs and study abroad during their time at Hope proved to be major factors.

Meredith Mick '05, who has just completed her post as a rural health and sanitation facilitator in El Salvador, said a spring break trip with Habitat for Humanity to Puerto Escondido, Mexico, was a turning point in her desire to serve abroad after graduation. The trip was led by Dr. Robin Klay, professor of economics. Three other students besides Mick (including Barricklow) also participated.

"Although it was only a week long, it made me realize my passion for serving others, learning about a different culture, and speaking a different language," said Mick, who now plans to stay in El Salvador to work for a non-governmental organization.

Meghan Carrier '05, another participant in the Mexico trip, now works in Morocco as a Youth Development Volunteer. One major motivation that drives her personally in her work in the Peace Corps is to bridge cultural understanding between Muslims and non-Muslims.

"This task does not just involve religious understanding, but also cultural understanding

between Western and non-Western peoples," Carrier said. "Every time my students and I share ideas and beliefs with one another, and debate controversial issues important to both of us, we are involved in a cultural exchange that challenges and molds us into better world citizens."

Reflecting on her Hope experience, Carrier noted that students were always encouraged to "clothe themselves with servant hearts," both at home and abroad. "It was impossible for me to not be affected by such motivating servanthood," she said.

For Laura Rojascki '07, accepting a Peace Corps placement in Burkina Faso, a French-speaking country in West Africa, was an easy decision. Even before beginning her junior year at Hope, she knew she wanted to apply. Today, she focuses on health initiatives in and around her village. Assisting with prenatal consultations and working with the local theatre troupe to create performances about health issues like AIDS are among her tasks.

"Here, even small changes make a difference," Rojascki has found. "I have a passion for helping those in need, and the people here are very interested in improving their lives. They are my biggest motivation."

Rojescki credits her classes at Hope, particularly the ones in French and culture, for boosting her ability to communicate with the people in her community. Developing leadership and mediation skills through volunteer work during her time at Hope has also proven vital in terms of motivating her to initiate new projects.

Like many Hope alumni working in the Peace Corps, Ben Byl '04 recognizes the role his service abroad as a student played in leading him to the Corps. But after living in Madagascar for nearly two years now, he also realizes Hope's atmosphere of open dialogue on campus was instrumental in preparing him for the "cultural shock of being dropped in a very foreign place." Byl lives in a very remote area that's often only accessible by airplane. As an environment volunteer, his responsibilities range from operating a tree nursery to assisting with animal and insect studies.

"The biology here in Madagascar is fascinating; most species are endemic and endangered, so as one of the few people in my field, I feel my impact in environmental protection here is significant," he said.

Not all Hope alumni currently volunteering with the Peace Corps are recent graduates. Lynda M. Wierenga '73 developed an interest in the Corps in early 2006. Later that year, she accepted a post in Armenia,

a country located east of Turkey. There, she works in health education for women and their families. Most recently, she submitted a proposal to improve dental hygiene for children in nearby villages who don't have access to dentists. Wierenga credits her Hope liberal arts education contributing to her courage to become a volunteer with the Peace Corps.

Like Wierenga, Scott Rynbrandt '07 seeks to improve the health of people in his country, Moldova, which is situated between Romania and Ukraine. His role includes teaching classes on health topics and working in a medical center. He is especially grateful for a cross-cultural communication class he took at Hope, since he applies many of the theories he learned on a daily basis to his work in Moldova. Although Rynbrandt joined the Peace Corps in part to learn a new language, live abroad, and immerse himself in a new culture, he now realizes those reasons alone aren't what truly keep him motivated.

"I've formed a connection with the people here, and that's why I keep working and struggling," he said. "I've learned what it takes to communicate with people and to effectively implement lasting change. The solution is not to throw money at a problem. You need to live with people, learn their language and establish relationships." ✈



Zach Barricklow '05 served in Panama as a community economic development volunteer, helping to train and mentor leaders in rural San Miguel Centro. He is shown during a seminar he led focused on community-based eco-tourism. (Photo courtesy of Zach Barricklow '05)



On the Mark

The Hope campus was caught up in a frenzy of excitement during the recent winter sports season as teams and athletes excelled in conference and NCAA play.

Hope teams captured three Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association (MIAA) championships – men's and women's basketball, and men's swimming. The women's swimming team finished second in the conference standings.

The outstanding performances keep Hope on top of the MIAA Commissioner's Cup

(all-sports) standings heading into the spring season. The Commissioner's Cup is presented to the MIAA member school with the best cumulative standings in all 18 league-sponsored sports. Hope is bidding for an eighth consecutive Cup.

Both the men's and women's basketball teams were top-ranked among the more than 400 NCAA Division III colleges. They compiled a cumulative 59-5 record, the Flying Dutchmen tying a single-season record for wins (28-4) and the Flying Dutch going undefeated until their final game (30-1). Each team was eliminated from the NCAA tournament by the eventual national champion, the Flying Dutchmen bowing to Washington, Mo., 89-74 in the semi-finals of the Final Four in Salem, Va., and the Flying Dutch losing in an Elite Eight game to Howard Payne of Texas, 53-49. The Flying Dutchmen went on to finish in third place by defeating Ursinus of Pennsylvania, 100-86 in the national consolation championship game.

Three Hope athletes were honored as the MIAA's most valuable in their sport – senior Marcus Vanderheide of Grandville, Mich., in men's basketball, and swimming standouts Ryan Nelis, a sophomore from Holland, Mich., and Brittaney Reest, a junior from Holland, Mich.

Vanderheide and senior Jordyn Boles of Grand Rapids, Mich. were each honored as first-team All-Americans. Vanderheide was also voted the Great Lake region's most outstanding DIII player. Boles was a three-time All-MIAA honoree who over her career started in a school-record 120 consecutive games, compiling an amazing 110-10 record.

Ryan Nelis was a triple winner at the MIAA championships, capturing the 100-yard and 200-yard butterfly and 200-yard individual medley. He set school records in the 100 butterfly (:49.78) and 200 butterfly (1:52.05). Reest was the league champion in the 100-yard and 200-yard backstroke. Her time in the 200 back (2:06.39) was an MIAA record.

Longtime men's basketball coach Glenn Van Wieren '64 was named the Division III



Senior Ryan Klein eyes the basket with help from Hope's Dew Crew student section.

Coach-of-the-Year by the publication Basketball Times. It is the second time in his career that he has been honored by the publication. In 1995 he was named the Division III co-coach of the year. This season he achieved his 600th collegiate coaching victory, reaching that milestone faster than any NCAA Division III coach in history. The MIAA championship was the 17th under Van Wieren, who raised his career record to 618-203.

Both basketball teams were undefeated on their home court, compiling a cumulative 35-0 record. DeVos Fieldhouse was also the site for the NCAA Division III women's basketball Final Four championships. A late winter storm that dumped a foot of snow on Holland did not deter fans from attending the spectacle. In fact, the women's Division III championships had a larger attendance than the men's. Hope will also host the women's championships in 2009.

Joining Vanderheide and Boles on the MIAA all-conference basketball teams were senior Tyler Wolfe of Cedar Springs, Mich.; senior Derek Van Solkema of Cutlerville, Mich.; sophomore Philana Greene of Grandville, Mich.; and senior Lindsay Lange of Manistee, Mich.

Five Hope swimmers achieved NCAA All-America recognition by finishing in the top eight at the Division III championships. Junior Brittaney Reest became an All-American a second time in her career in the 100-yard backstroke with an eighth-place finish. The sophomore quartet of Phil Heyboer of Zeeland, Mich.; Brandon King of Willowbrook, Ill.; Ryan Nelis of Holland, Mich.; and Matt Rose of Grandville, Mich., finished seventh in the men's 400-yard medley relay. The Flying Dutchmen ended 16th at the men's nationals, while the Flying Dutch placed 24th.

The men's MIAA swimming championship brings to 29 the number of league titles won under coach John Patnott, 10 by the men's program and 19 by the women's. Patnott, who has guided Hope's swimming/diving fortunes since the program's founding in 1978, is the winningest active MIAA coach by championships won in any league sport.

Honored by the MIAA as all-conference swimmers were junior Laura Ansilio of Western Springs, Ill.; Phil Heyboer; freshman Ashley Jasperse of Grand Rapids, Mich.; Ryan Nelis; sophomore Claire Piester of Columbia, Mo.;

Matt Rose; sophomore Mitch Ruch of Zeeland, Mich.; freshman Alicia Tuuk of Lansing, Ill.; senior Charles VanderBroek of Holland, Mich.; junior Ryan Vogelzang of Holland, Mich.; and sophomore Kate Williams of Wheaton, Ill.

Hope's club hockey team had another outstanding season, finishing fifth at the Division III national tournament of the American Collegiate Hockey Association (ACHA). Coach Chris Van Timmeren '97 was named the ACHA Coach-of-the-Year. Since taking over as head coach, Van Timmeren has taken the Flying Dutchmen to the DIII National Tournament in all seven years that they have been eligible since joining the division. The seven-year streak is the longest in Division III. Senior Gunnar Martin of Mason, Mich., was named a first-team All-American.

The basketball cheerleading squad, coached by Wes Wooley '89, took first place honors in the Coed College Division at the Midwest Open National Championships.



Basketball All-Americans Marcus Vanderheide and Jordyn Boles were integral to Hope's championship seasons.



Gold medal performances earned Brittaney Reest and Ryan Nelis conference MVP honors.



Men's basketball coach Glenn Van Wieren '64 and club hockey coach Chris Van Timmeren '97 were honored as national coaches of the year.



Lasting Impact

It was in June of 1866 that Hope College received its charter.

And so in June of this year the college will mark 142 years of making a difference in young lives, of programs built, of shaping the future in the present.

It's not the sort of anniversary that normally merits celebration, but this year the figure carries an extra bit of significance. It also happens to be the total number of years that the four faculty who are retiring have contributed to Hope, their service individually rendered just as the institution's has been collectively: making a difference in young lives, building programs and shaping the future in the present.



Charles Aschbrenner works with senior Christopher Turbessi of Nunica, Mich.

They have touched generations: Charles Aschbrenner, professor of music (1963); David Jensen, director of libraries with the rank of professor (1984); Roberta Kraft, adjunct associate professor of music (1975); and Dr. Nancy Sonneveldt '62 Miller, dean for the social sciences and professor of education (1968).

The brief reflections which follow are only one component of the celebration of their time at Hope. Biographical highlights for each, previous stories and even a gallery of images are featured online via the link at the end of this article.

Charles Aschbrenner

Even with 45 years on the faculty, Charles Aschbrenner isn't the longest-serving professor in Hope history, but he is near the top. One who served longer, appropriately, was a predecessor: John Nykerk, who had established the department of music in 1905.

Professor Aschbrenner was hired to teach piano and music theory, two emphases that have remained throughout his tenure. From the beginning, though, he has enjoyed the dynamism of both the department and his own focus within it.

"With the growth of the department in the 1960s and the development of the professional program, it was an exciting time to be here," he said.

"My interest in rhythm and movement, which led me to study the Dalcroze work in the 1970s, changed everything—my work, my life," he said. "That has led me into the area of music wellness, which has become very big in the last 20 years: the idea of training and performing in such a way as to avoid injury." Given the technique's importance to young performers, he'll even be staying on part-time in retirement to teach it.

What hasn't changed, he has found, are the students, whose place in his own life he'll always treasure.

"The quality and character of our students has always been first-class," he said. "Great kids, from the get-go to the present time."



David Jensen investigates a library resource with sophomore Hilary Carmichael of Grand Rapids, Mich.

"My students have been my family, and keeping up with them, tracking them over the years, has been a lot of fun," he said.

David Jensen

David Jensen appreciated the opportunity that he was given when he was hired: the chance to help plan a library, space that in many ways is a college's most crucial.

"I'd always wanted to work on a building," he said. "I found that experience absolutely delightful."

The planners did their work so well that a full 20 years after it opened the Van Wylen Library remains more than equal to its role, even in the face of phenomenal change in information technology (who in 1988 foresaw the World Wide Web?). The space, of course, would mean little without a service-oriented mission and the ability to implement it well.

"Technology changed the way we do things, but not what we do," Jensen said. "Because it seems to me we were already doing it, which is acquire, catalog and disseminate



Roberta Kraft teaches in the piano lab.

information, and educate the users—and that's what we're still doing."

The library has received national recognition for its work, including the 2004 "Excellence in Academic Libraries Award," credit for which Jensen is quick to deflect to others—a talented, hardworking staff; faculty who treat the library as a partner; donors who have provided key support. Even as he downplays his own role, however, he is pleased with the results.

"I had an unspoken private goal the first year that I was here, and that was that I wanted the Hope library to be the best college library in Michigan," he said. "And if it's not being too immodest, I think we achieved that."

Roberta Kraft

Roberta Kraft's academic involvement in the Hope community predates her formal hiring by several years. She became part of the college family in 1967, when her husband George joined the kinesiology faculty and football coaching staff, and had actually started doing some work with the department of music shortly afterward.

She hadn't planned it that way. While she had always intended to put her professional training as a pianist to use, having that happen at Hope was serendipity.

"Basically I guess I was just a person who bloomed where they were planted, because I didn't come with the idea of teaching here," she said. "It was not a planned thing, but it was also a very happy thing."

It started with a departure.

"Anthony Kooiker was going on a sabbatical, and they needed somebody to teach lessons," she said. "That got me started, and it just kept escalating."

In addition to her teaching—sometimes more than full-time—she also became the college's first staff accompanist, performing with students as well as faculty colleagues. She has been active in professional organizations at the local and state level, and teaches private lessons as well.

She has been an active performer herself, as an organist for area churches and as a recitalist, and presenting hundreds of concert programs with George as a piano-singer duo. In retirement she will continue to teach privately and to perform. She can't imagine it any other way.

"I don't think I could ever stop doing music because it's such a way of life for me," she said.

Nancy Miller

As she planned on college, Nancy Miller anticipated becoming either a nurse or a teacher. A timely admissions call from faculty



Dr. Nancy Sonneveldt '62 Miller talks with Amy Otis '96 at the Martha Miller Center for Global Communication.

member Gord Brewer '48 helped her choose, since he convinced her to attend Hope, which at the time didn't have a nursing program.

Her great experience as a student would have implications later.

"The day I graduated I realized how much I'd miss this place, despite the fact that I was the world's most homesick freshman my first year," she said.

She started her career teaching at the elementary level, at the same time doing graduate work in English. And so it was that while she hadn't anticipated returning to Hope, she was glad to have the opportunity to do so six years later, teaching in both English and education.

When she was invited to become dean in 1985 she wasn't sure she would choose to hold the position for long, but now finds herself retiring from it. She leaves with a visible monument in the form of the Martha Miller Center for Global Communication, for which she headed the planning committee, and with an even greater impact through the dozens of faculty whose hiring has been informed by her commitment to the college's mission and high-quality teaching.

And, she leaves with an appreciation for the importance of being open to opportunities.

"As I look back on serving as dean I feel I was doing what I have done most of my life—that is, when doors open I give them serious consideration," she said. "They are often doors that I had not considered, but I'm grateful for them."

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Faculty/Staff Kudos



LEADERSHIP PRAISED:

Vanessa Greene, director of multicultural education, was honored during the 26th annual Giants Banquet and Awards Ceremony, held at Grand Rapids Community College on Saturday, Jan. 26.

The Giants awards

honor individuals and organizations for making exceptional contributions in shaping the history and quality of life in Greater Grand Rapids. Each is named for an individual who pioneered change that fostered the inclusion of minorities into all walks of life in the community.

Greene was among 11 community members and two organizations to receive the awards during the evening. She received the Phyllis Scott Activist Award, named for Phyllis Scott, who fought for the rights and dignity of minority students in a time when many inequalities were prevalent in the Grand Rapids Public Schools.

"I have witnessed Vanessa's tireless efforts on behalf of the students at Hope College that are a true reflection of the meaning of this award," said Christina Arnold, who is director of the Bob and Alecia Woodrick Diversity Learning Center at GRCC, which coordinates the awards program. "This award is a just a fitting reflection of her daily dedication not only to the health and strength of Hope College but of our full community."

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MYSTERY HONORED:

The children's book *The Secret of the Lonely Grave* by Dr. Albert Bell Jr. of the history faculty has won the inaugural Evelyn Thurman Young Readers Book Award from Western Kentucky University Libraries.



To be eligible for the award, books must have a significant Kentucky-related theme or have been written or illustrated by a Kentucky author or illustrator. Dr. Bell's book is set in modern-day southern Kentucky and focuses on a mystery dating back to the Civil War.

Dr. Bell was honored with a reception at the university on Saturday, Feb. 16. He was also the featured speaker during an event sponsored by the university's Center for Gifted Studies for students in grades one through seven.

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CULINARY KUDOS:

Tom Hoover, executive chef with Hope College Dining Services, has been named the "Chef of the Year" by the Greater Grand Rapids Chefs Association of the American Culinary Federation (ACF).



He was recognized during the "Grand Culinary Affair" held at Grand Rapids Community College on Tuesday, Feb. 19, which was sponsored by the association and *Grand Rapids Magazine* to recognize the restaurants presented with 2007 dining awards by the publication as well as the top chefs, educators, students and other culinary professionals honored by the association. The winners were also highlighted in an article in the March 2008 issue of the magazine.

In his work with Hope College Dining Services, Hoover works with special events both on-campus and off-campus. He is also involved with residential dining at the college.

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SERVICE HONORED:

Dr. Robin Klay of the economics faculty has received a Michigan Campus Compact (MCC) Faculty/Staff Community Service-Learning Award for her role in establishing an international program with a service emphasis.



The award recognizes outstanding community service and service-learning by faculty and staff at the colleges and universities that are members of MCC. Recipients are honored for engaging or influencing students to be involved in community service or service-learning through modeling, influence or instruction.

Dr. Klay is a professor of economics at Hope, where she has taught since 1979. She was recognized for her role in establishing the college's "Hope Blooms" off-campus study program in Mexico, an internship-based experience that emphasizes service and cultural immersion and reflects her longstanding commitment to helping others.

Through "Hope Blooms," students spend eight weeks in Puerto Escondido on the southern Pacific coast of Mexico. The students learn about the community's needs and how to help meet them by serving as interns in local civil and mission organizations, and learn more about Mexican life and culture by living with host families.

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LASTING RECOGNITION: After spending more than four decades helping to put the spotlight on Hope students, faculty, teams, coaches and athletes, Tom Renner '67 in turn received some enduring recognition from the college.

Renner, who is associate vice president for public and community relations, and his wife Carole DeYoung '67 Renner were honored for their significant roles in the life of the college by having the media section of the Richard and Helen DeVos Fieldhouse named in their honor. A bronze plaque commemorating the recognition was unveiled during pre-game activities for the Hope men's basketball game on Friday, Dec. 7.



Through the years the entire Renner family has been active in assisting in the college's sports information program. The couple's four children, all of whom attended Hope, all helped during Hope events while growing up, and Carole continues to assist Tom with his sports information work both at events and at home.

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TRANSLATION AWARD: Dr. Anne Larsen '70, professor of French, has been awarded the "Translation or Teaching Edition Award" for her book *From Mother and Daughter: Poems, Dialogues, and Letters of Les Dames des Roches*, published by the University of Chicago in 2006.



Madeleine and Catherine des Roches were among the best-known and most prolific French women

writers of their era, and excelled in a variety of genres.

The Society for the Study of Early Modern Women presented Dr. Larsen the award during the annual meeting of the Sixteenth-Century Studies Conference in October.

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ADDITION: The December issue's story about the collaboratively written book *Beyond Tests and Quizzes: Creative Assessment in the College Classroom* ("Faculty Kudos," page 22) omitted one of the faculty authors. In addition to those who contributed chapters to the book, Dr. Scott VanderStoep '87 of the psychology faculty co-wrote the conclusion.



Theatre Earns National Honor

Hope College Theatre is playing on the national stage.

The college's production of *Rose and the Rime* is one of only three full-length college- or university-staged plays nationwide invited to be presented during the Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival (ACTF) National Festival in Washington, D.C., this month.

Rose and the Rime, which was written at the college, was chosen for this year's national festival from among the best productions highlighted during the eight ACTF regional festivals held around the U.S. in January and February. *Rose and the Rime* was the only production from the ACTF Great Lakes Region festival in Milwaukee, Wis., to have the honor of being under consideration for the national festival.

"We are incredibly excited and honored to be selected to perform *Rose and the Rime* at the Kennedy Center in our nation's capital," said Professor Michelle Bombe, who is director of theatre at Hope. "This honor is the culmination of an amazing journey—from humble ideas of what might happen if we brought in a guest artist to write a play with and for our students, to a challenging and motivating process of creation, to the incredible success it had on our campus last spring, to having college theatre students jumping to their feet at the regional festival in Milwaukee, and now to be recognized on a national level—truly amazing."

Considering the quality and volume of competition for selection, earning a place on the Kennedy Center stage is a rare distinction.



The college's production of *Rose and the Rime* has earned national recognition. Developed at Hope, the play is one of only three full-length college- or university-staged productions from across the U.S. chosen for presentation during the Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival this month.

The non-competitive national festival—Professor Bombe noted that selection is the recognition—is running Monday-Sunday, April 14-20, at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. Hope College Theatre is presenting *Rose and the Rime* on Thursday, April 17, at 7:30 p.m.

Considering the quality and volume of competition for selection, earning a place on the Kennedy Center stage is a rare distinction. Hope previously earned an invitation to the national festival once before, in 1983, for theatre's production of *Tea and Sympathy*.

Even being chosen for the regional festival is a major and rare honor—only nine full productions were chosen for the Great Lakes festival in January from among all of the college and university theatre programs in the five-state region. The last Hope production chosen for presentation during the regional festival was *The Dining Room* in 1988.

The other Hope productions selected for regional presentation through the years have been *Hallelujah* (1971), *Bull Moose* (1975), *Mack and Mabel* (1981), and *Tea and Sympathy*. Most recently, in 2004, a scene from the college's production of *Iphigenia and Other Daughters* was chosen for presentation during the regional

festival's "Evening of Scenes."

Rose and the Rime is set in the fictional town of Radio Falls, Mich., where it is always winter. The community has been laid waste by the terrible Rime Witch, and is a world without flowers, apples, mail or dancing—but with an abundance of snow, wind and ice cream. The shining beacon in the wintry gloom is a young girl named Rose, who takes it upon herself to make a treacherous journey to the frozen cave of the Witch in the hope of changing her town's fate.

Hope College Theatre originally presented *Rose and the Rime* in April 2007. The show was written and created by guest artist Nathan Allen, who is the artistic director of the House Theatre Company in Chicago, Ill., and was the production's director, in a collaborative effort with the cast and design team.

The Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival is a national program designed to encourage excellence in college and university theater in the United States. Started in 1969, the program involves 18,000 students from more than 600 academic institutions throughout the country. 🦋

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A Jewel in the Crown

One of Hope's oldest and most distinctive buildings is being brought into the modern era while at the same time being returned to its original glory in an "adaptive restoration" that began earlier this spring.

Site preparation for the work at historic Graves Hall, which contains classrooms, meeting rooms and offices, started in February, including the temporary removal of the signature "Hope College" arch from in front of the building to provide access for construction equipment, with major work beginning earlier this month. The project, which will total \$5.7 million, is scheduled for completion by the beginning of the spring 2010 semester.

Dedicated in 1894, Graves was constructed as the college's chapel and library in addition to originally housing four classrooms on the



By the time this photo was taken sometime after the middle of the 20th century, Winants Chapel had become a library reading room. The restoration will include installing new stained glass windows. The originals were removed in 1980.

second floor. Graves, which has continued to serve as a classroom building in more recent years, is Hope's third-oldest building (after Van Vleck Hall and the President's Home).

"Graves Hall is a vital historic building as well as a beautiful one," said Dr. Elton Bruins '50, an expert on Hope's history and researcher with the college's A.C. Van Raalte Institute. "One reason that Graves is so important is that it's really the front door of the college."

The project has been planned to restore the character of the building as it existed before a major interior renovation in the 1960s while also meeting contemporary standards for access, safety and use, according to Greg Maybury, director of operations.

"The project is an 'adaptive restoration,'" Maybury said. "We're trying to get as true a restoration of the interior as we can but also make it as well-suited as possible for current needs. It's a beautiful building with a rich history that we hope to honor and that we hope students and visitors will enjoy as they learn and attend events there."

Graves was built to house the college's chapel, named Winants Chapel, and library because Hope had outgrown the two locations previously serving that purpose, and served in those roles until it, too, was outgrown. Winants remained the college's chapel until Dimnent Memorial Chapel was constructed in 1929, and Graves served as the college's library until Van Zoeren Library (also since replaced) was completed in 1961.

The former Winants Chapel became part of the library in Graves after Dimnent Chapel was completed, and after the library moved out Graves was renovated in 1962 to provide more classroom space. Also during the 1962 renovation, the former chapel became a general-use auditorium, which was renovated in 1980.

Graves has housed a variety of Hope programs and departments since the 1962 renovation, and most recently was the headquarters of the department of modern and classical languages for many years until that program moved into the new Martha Miller Center for Global Communication in August 2005. Graves is also the home of the Children's After School Achievement (CASA) and Upward Bound programs, which have relocated for the



One of the oldest buildings on campus, stately Graves Hall is a landmark amongst landmarks, surrounded by the Hope College arch, Dimnent Memorial Chapel, Voorhees Hall, the college's symbolic anchor and the Pine Grove. The restoration project that began earlier this semester is designed to restore the interior of the building to the beauty it enjoyed when built in the 1890s as the college's chapel and library.

construction but will return when the project is finished.

The interior work will undo many of the 1962 and 1980 changes, and has been informed by original blueprints from the college's collection in the Joint Archives of Holland.

When the auditorium was next renovated in 1980, the deteriorating stained glass from the building's chapel days was removed and the seating was angled toward the southwest instead of the south. The project will include restoring stained glass to the auditorium's windows based on surviving samples and reorienting the seating to the original southern facing of the chapel era. The seating will drop to 163 from 190, but will include additional space for wheelchairs.

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Also in the 1962 renovation, some of the larger spaces were divided to create additional classrooms and office space on both floors, including the addition of a knee-walled second floor within the high-ceilinged northern end where the library stacks had been.

The smaller classrooms and meeting rooms that were carved out of the central part of the main floor in 1962 are also being reconfigured. The former "Presidents' Room" immediately inside the main western entrance, which prior to 1962 had been a study alcove and since was a conference room which housed portraits of A.C. Van Raalte and past Hope presidents, will become a gathering and pre-function area for the main auditorium. Another large classroom will be created on the northwest side of the lobby. The main floor will also include enlarged and improved restrooms as well as a small kitchen for events in the building.

The 1960s-era interior walls and the added second floor that divided the northern end are being removed and replaced by a large, single-storied room that will occupy most of the space, save for a secondary stairwell being installed along the eastern interior to meet fire code. The new large room will also become the new home to the presidential and Van Raalte portraits.

The restoration will also return the original central second story back to a four-classroom configuration, with the addition of access to the northeastern staircase.

The CASA and Upward Bound programs

will both continue to reside in the building's lower level, although they will each gain space from portions of the level formerly used as offices for campus departments. The lower level will also continue to house the small Schoon Meditation Chapel created in the 1960s



This 1890s view shows Winants Chapel in its original configuration, the model that will be followed in positioning the seating and stage during the restoration.

and named for the Rev. Henry Schoon, a former Hope professor.

In a significant change from the original, the modernization is prompting construction of a two-story addition on the building's eastern side, which faces the central campus. The addition is needed, Maybury noted, to allow the college to include an elevator which will provide access to the top and basement levels for those with mobility impairments.

Maybury explained that particular care was taken to plan an addition that will blend as well as possible with the original structure, with considerations including not only its design but also its exterior covering. Sufficient quantities of the local stone used on the rest of the building are not available for the entire addition (although some will be used on portions of it), but with the help of a historic-renovation architect Hope has located similar stone in Ohio.

The college will remove the open metal exterior stairway on the building's northern end. Although familiar to recent generations, the stair, which provided wheelchair access to the building's main floor, wasn't original to the building.

Graves Hall and Winants Chapel were named in honor of Nathan Graves and Gerrit Winants respectively. The Graves and Winants families had each contributed \$10,000 toward the approximately \$40,000 that it is estimated that the building cost to construct. The families' ties to Hope came through the Reformed Church in America, the college's parent denomination, whose eastern members provided critical support to Hope in its early years. Nathan Graves also donated books from his private library to the project. ↵



Rockhounds West

As a new department was forged, so, too, were bonds that led a group of alumni to gather in a unique—and entirely fitting—celebration of their time at Hope.

Most of the time students encounter an academic department as an established fact, but geology was a work in progress in the latter 1960s and early 1970s. Dr. Cotter Tharin started the program when he joined the faculty in 1967, and the students in those first years grew close not only experiencing but also helping to begin a new fixture in the Hope curricular landscape.

So it was that when one of their number died last April, they decided to organize a reunion.

“With the untimely death of one of our classmates, Paul Hilbelink [’71] this past spring, we decided that we should make an effort to get together,” said Dori Smith ’72 DeLuca of Birmingham, Ala., who organized the event “In those early years, the Geology Department was so small that we were really like a family. We participated in many field trips together and became great friends.”



Seven of the department’s alumni gathered in Glenwood Springs, Colo., on Thursday-Friday, Aug. 23-24, for the first “Hope College Rockhound Reunion,” and in keeping with their Hope experience they not only reminisced but enjoyed a field trip focused on geology.

Dr. Tharin, who retired in 1996, remembers the era—and students—fondly. “They were certainly a highlight of my time at Hope,” he said.

“That was an unusual group of kids. We were in the basement of Voorhees at the time,” he said. “We only really had one lab.”

“They really bonded because of the somewhat adverse conditions—not horrible conditions—that we had to work in,” Dr. Tharin said. “We were very active in just trying to get things together.”

The simple origins led quickly to impressive results. Many in those early classes went on to distinguished careers in the discipline, in settings including industry and government.

The reunion field trip was guided by Ernie Otto ’70. Hope’s major was established too late for him to add it to his undergraduate degree, but that didn’t stop the department from changing his life. He’d been majoring in mathematics intending to complement it with *something*—and Dr. Tharin’s new program provided the answer.

“I kind of dabbled in all the sciences and

nothing stuck,” he said. “Then I took my first geology course, and I said, ‘Aha! I know what kind of science I want to hook my math to.’”

His training led him to a master’s in geology at the University of Utah and two decades in the oil and gas industry. He subsequently co-owned the Otto Brothers Brewing Company (now Grand Teton Brewing Co.) with his brother Charlie Otto ’78, and then became active as a community volunteer, leading a drive to re-open and then helping shepherd a neighborhood school.

Even after he left geology as a profession he stayed involved with the discipline, continuing connections with the university and leading other trips in the area for student and lay-person groups. For his classmates, though, he ramped up the presentation, spending 30 hours gathering more information in preparation, knowing that his audience would have the background to appreciate it. And so together they saw Pre-Cambrian rocks; a lava flow; a breached anticline; a monocline; a shield volcano; alluvial, colluvial, eolian, glacial and sinter deposits; a piercement diaper; faults; unconformities; and karst topography.

“The weather was just perfect, and I had educated geologists along—so I was taking notes,” Otto said.

And, of course, they saw each other.

“It turned out to be a super trip,” he said. “It was just one of the highlights of my year.” 🐾



Some of the geology program’s first graduates gathered last summer for an appropriate mini-reunion: a geological exploration of the Glenwood, Colo., area. Their shirts feature a logo designed just for the occasion: “Rockhound Reunion—Hope College 2007,” with a graphic of mountains and a rock hammer. From left to right are Cal VanHolland ’71, Jan Moore ’72 Ouellette, Bob Zilinski ’73, John Heinsius ’72, Chris Hahn ’72, Dori Smith ’72 DeLuca and Ernie Otto ’70.





**Mary Boelkins '96
Remenschneider**
Alumni Director

I like to think that I experienced a lot when I was a student at Hope College: that I took advantage of opportunities afforded to me, that I learned within the classroom as well as in extracurricular activities, and that I formed relationships with people who would strengthen and broaden my learning and understanding of the world. These are all critical pieces to becoming a global citizen who understands and respects differences that cross cultural, racial, economic and other lines.

Hope students today are poised and ready to experience these things. No longer is the conversation "if" someone will study off campus; it is "when." Young students with whom I meet, freshmen and sophomores, are already planning how to incorporate an off-campus semester into the academic coursework in order to graduate on time. Summer programs are filled to capacity with students anxious to get a glimpse of the larger world and to see how they fit within it. Students return from these experiences with a clearer understanding of their own personal and world views.

This attitude is apparent in the learning opportunities on campus in which students participate. In the feature articles preceding this column, Alfredo Gonzales, Vanessa Greene, Amy Otis and Chuck Green, among others, all shared examples of the programming available at which students can connect to different cultures and experiences other than their own. These experiences are deepened by the international and minority students who attend Hope. The alumni office is also committed to increasing outreach and engagement efforts for our alumni of color. Throughout the coming year the Advancement Office and the Office of Multicultural Education are partnering to host focus groups with alumni of color in cities across the country. Alumni who participate in the focus groups will be asked to share information about their experience at Hope, their perception of Hope, and their experience as alumni. We hope to strengthen our connections with alumni of color, not only so that Hope can better serve all members of the alumni family but also, we hope, to identify new ways to engage our alumni in helping build a stronger Hope to enrich the experience of today's and tomorrow's students.

Window to Hope's History



The Hope May Term in Yugoslavia was legendary, a reputation earned not least of all because of the energy, passion and dedication of its founder and faculty leader, Dr. Michael Petrovich (near the center in blue, short-sleeved shirt). Traveling in vans, at a pace perhaps best described as intense, the participants visited not only the titular nation but a variety of other countries as well. "The whole concept of May Term is three-fold: to travel, to learn and to have fun doing the first two," Dr. Petrovich told *News from Hope College* in 1983. The photo above shows the 1979 group. Dr. Petrovich, an associate professor of the history who died in July 1986, is honored on campus through a memorial scholarship established in his name in 1987.

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40s

Alice Laughlin '46 Veldhuis and **Jerome "Jerry" Veldhuis '49** of Atlanta, Ga., celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Thursday, Dec. 20. They met at Hope.

50s

L. James Harvey '52 of Caledonia, Mich., reports that Kregel Publications of Grand Rapids has just published his fourth book in a series. It is titled *701 Sentence Sermons - Vol. 4* and provides material for signs that churches use to reach their "drive-by congregations."

Jerrald Redeker '56 and **Elsie VandeZande '57 Redeker** of Holland, Mich., received the 2007 Family Award from the Community Foundation of the Holland/Zeeland Area. The award is presented annually to a couple who, in the opinion of the Board of Trustees, has given sacrificially through the foundation for the growth and benefit of the community.

John S. Jeltz '58 of Hudsonville, Mich., was selected to the inaugural class of inductees into the Lee High School Hall of Fame. The induction ceremony took place on Saturday, Feb. 2. In high school, John was quarterback of the football team, all-conference guard in basketball, and two-time state champion in tennis. At Hope he lettered in basketball and was a four-year letter winner in tennis. He had a long career in public education, first as a teacher, coach and athletic director at Kelloggsville High School. Then he spent 23 years at Kentwood Public Schools as a middle school principal, assistant superintendent of personnel, and superintendent of schools. Following his retirement in 1990, he served as interim superintendent of schools at Godfrey-Lee Public Schools during the 1991-92 school year.

Don Andree '59 of Richland, Mich., was inducted into the Gull Lake High School Athletic Hall of Fame on Friday, Sept. 7. He began his 30-year teaching and coaching career in 1959. He was a varsity baseball and softball coach in

Marking a Milestone

G.J. Kollen was president of Hope the year she was born.

Graves Hall was both the library and the chapel the year that she graduated, although President Edward Dimment's magnificent Memorial Chapel was only a few years away.

As Hope's longest-living alumna, **Alice Brower '23 Hoffs**, who turned 106 on February 25, is among select company nationwide. The U.S. Census Bureau estimated that there were only 70,104 centenarians in the U.S. as of July 1, 2005, out of an overall population of 296.4 million. Hope has seven on the alumni roll, out of a total population of 28,289.

Hoffs was born in Hamilton, Mich., in 1902, the youngest of four children. She attended the Hamilton Public Schools, and then went on to Hope Preparatory School before continuing at Hope. As a student she was a

charter member of Sigma Iota Beta (the Sibylline Society). She majored in English and music and subsequently taught in Wayland, Mich., for two years in addition to working at her father's bank in the summer. She married Dr. Marinus Hoffs '24 in 1927 and they settled in Lake Odessa, Mich., where she was a volunteer organist at Central Methodist Church for 42 years.

Dr. Hoffs died in 1970, and Alice has lived at Friendship Village in Kalamazoo since 1976. She marked her birthday quietly, with a lunch with her three daughters and their husbands, Louise and Albert Peppel, and Jayne and Tom Cummings, who live in Holland, and Carole '55 (Robert '52) Bos of Pasadena, Calif. Her family also includes six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Hope's other known centenarians are **Isla Pruim**



Alice Brower '23 Hoffs

'24 Van Eenenaam of Grand Haven, Mich. (105 on Nov. 17, 2007); **Cecilia Ver Hage '27** of Zeeland, Mich. (102 on Oct. 29, 2007); **LaVerne Dalman '28** of Zeeland (turning 102 on April 18); **Anne Carrigan '29 Taylor** of Greenfield, Mass. (turning 101 on April 9); and **Berns Cook '30** of Oshkosh, Wis. (101 on Feb. 27). Hope is missing contact information for **Clark Howell '25**.

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addition to being the middle school athletic director from 1968 to 1985.

60s

Katherine Reynolds '61 Bitner of Durango, Colo., is serving on the board of the Durango Choral Society, for which she has established the Choral Festival Scholarship Fund. The group toured in November with concerts in Telluride and Durango. She is also involved in efforts to promote the preservation of Antarctica after a visit in December that included eight shore landings and observations of wildlife and operations at the Chilean and Polish bases.

Tom Bos '61 and **Jane Dykhuizen '71 Bos** of Holland, Mich., recently received a "BaccaLooperate" degree from America's Great Loop Cruisers' Association. It is given in recognition for completing a trip around America's Great Loop, a continuous waterway composed of the Atlantic and Gulf Intracoastal Waterways, the Great Lakes, the Canadian Heritage Canals, and the inland river systems. On Saturday, Aug. 25, 2007, they completed the 8,500-mile Loop taken in stages during 34 months aboard their 33-foot boat, *Lady Jane*. The wife of **Lewis Scudder '63** was incorrectly identified on page 24 in the December issue of *News from Hope College*. Her name is Nancy Scudder. **Ken Cook '64** of Holland, Mich., showed his extensive collection of photography on the Falkland Islands at Herrick District Library in Holland,

Mich., on Monday, Dec. 10. He has been active in photography for more than 20 years, specializing in wildlife and landscapes.

Thomas L. Ogren '67 of Pennington, N.J., was elected to a three-year term on the Pennington Borough Council last November.

Albert VanderMeer '67 left First Reformed Church of South Holland, Ill., to accept another interim minister assignment at Trinity Community Church of Brown Deer, Wis., on Friday, Feb. 1. While he was serving as interim minister at First Reformed for the past two years, the congregation received an award from Diversity Inc. Working for Sustainable Diverse Community, given in recognition of the church's contribution to the advancement of multicultural religious worship in the village of South Holland. Diversity Inc. is sponsored by AT&T, Comcast and other businesses that value diversity.

Carol Van Middlesworth '67 Van Wyk of Tall Timbers, Md., recently retired from the Naval Air Systems Command. She served for more than 22 years directing the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) and the Commercialization Pilot Program projects. She had previously taught middle school science in Hatboro Horsham, Pa., and worked as a parasitologist in Philadelphia.

Jim Slager '69 of Oxford, Ohio, recently retired as senior administrative director for health services at Miami University, a position he held for 15 years. He went to Miami in the fall

of 1982 as director of the student counseling service. Prior to that he worked in the counseling centers at the University of North Carolina-Wilmington and Albion College after receiving his Ph.D. in counseling psychology in 1972. Jim will remain in Oxford, having assumed a new half-time position as senior psychologist and coordinator of Counseling Services for Student Athletes at Miami.

Mary Richards '69 Watson of Chappaqua, N.Y., along with other singers from the New York Choral Society, has been doing concerts with Andrea Bocelli, beginning with the Statue of Liberty Concert, broadcast live on PBS. The most recent concerts were on Friday, Dec. 7, in Madison Square Garden and Saturday, Dec. 8, at the Meadowlands Izod Center.

70s

Junardi Armstrong '71 of Tucson, Ariz., was featured in the September/October 2007 issue of *Tucson Home Magazine* as a papermaker.

Allen L. Garbrecht '71 of Battle Creek, Mich., was appointed by the Michigan Supreme Court to a new two-year term as a chief circuit judge, beginning Tuesday, Jan. 1. He was first elected to the bench in 1992 and named chief judge in 2001.

Karen Schra '71 and her husband of Holland, Mich., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Friday, Feb. 8. **Joyce Borgman '72 deVelder** of



Schuylerville, N.Y., continues as pastor of Old Saratoga Reformed Church.

James DeVries '72 of Kendall Park, N.J., was honored as "Spiritual Caregiver of the Year" by the New Jersey Hospice and Palliative Care Association. He is director of pastoral care at Hunterdon Medical Center and chaplain for Hunterdon Hospice. He is in his 28th year as a full-time chaplain.

Chris Hahn '72 recently relocated from Merced, Calif., to Bozeman, Mont. He is the author of the book *Doing Qualitative Research Using Your Computer: A Practical Guide*, being released next month by Sage Publications Inc. This past summer he was among the early graduates of the college's geology program who participated in the "Hope College Rockhound Reunion" in Colorado (a story about the reunion is on page 22.)

Michael L. Stampfer '72 of Portage, Mich., owns and manages Civic-Quest Consulting and was a senior consultant for Management of America on state and local government issues last year.

Jennifer Gould '73 of Byron Center, Mich., was featured in the Dec. 2, 2007, edition of *The Grand Rapids Press* in an article about her textile art. She has been creating fabric dolls for 30 years. They are purchased by art collectors across the country. She also makes painted-fabric jackets and works in other fiber arts, including free-form crochet and



Barbara Dee Folensbee '43 Timmer of Holland, Mich., has contributed a formative piece of Hope history to the college. On Thursday, Jan. 31, she presented a framed copy of an original program from the first Christmas Vespers service ("A Christmas Vesper"), which had been held, coincidentally, on Pearl Harbor Day, Sunday, Dec. 7, 1941. Pictured from left to right are Dr. Brad Richmond, associate professor of music and director of choral activities; Barbara Dee Folensbee '43 Timmer; Robert Snow '49 and Lois Hinkamp '44 Boersma. Barbara Dee had performed in the event as accompanist, and Lois was in the Chapel Choir (in addition, her father, the Rev. Paul Hinkamp, had presented the invocation and benediction during the event). Bob's mother, Esther Snow, had directed the Girls' Glee Club, and his brother Murray '45, who now lives in Maryland, had performed in a string trio.

embroidery. She teaches classes in all media and works part time at a foster home for adults with mental disabilities.

Charlene Bos '75 Alexander and her husband are RCA missionaries to Taiwan. They began a one-year home assignment last July, meeting with North American supporting churches. When they return to Taiwan, they will be living at the Tainan campus of Tainan Theological College and Seminary. Previously they served 25 years in Kaohsiung, Taiwan.

Harvey Burkhour '75 of Hudsonville, Mich., became a grandfather on Saturday, Jan. 12, upon the birth of Jackson Xavier to Joshua '05 (Courtnee) Burkhour.

Sam Terfa '75 of Grand Rapids, Mich., opened a restaurant, GoJo Ethiopian Cuisine and Deli, in the Eastown neighborhood of Grand Rapids in November.

David VanderHeide '75 of Holland, Mich., has been hired as city assessor for Holland, having worked in the assessor's office since 1978. He most recently served as acting assessing administrator while completing state certification requirements for his new position.

Ken DeBruyn '76 of Zeeland, Mich., is the third-generation owner of DeBruyn Seed. He is also an avid bicyclist and mentor to high school students.

Robert Klomprens '76 of Midland, Mich., recently taught at an extensive 11-day orthodontic course at the Charles H. Tweed International Orthodontic Foundation in Tucson, Ariz.

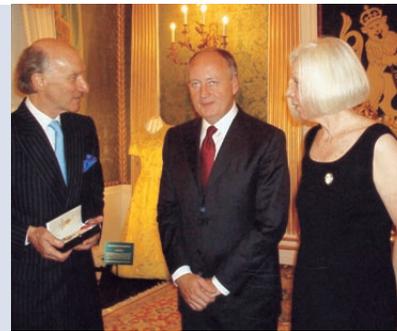
Daniel L. Young '76 of Indianapolis, Ind., is a special-education teacher in the Indianapolis Public Schools. He has three adult sons.

LouAnn Mohr '77 Shapley of Saginaw, Mich., reports that she is busy raising their five children and working as a realtor with Prudential Real Estate. She has also been elected to a second term as president of the Saginaw County Republican Women's Club and serves as a precinct delegate and member of the Saginaw County Republican Executive Committee. Saginaw County is part of Michigan's 98th District, currently served by Representative John Moolenaar '83. **Janet Brock-Currie '78** of Colorado Springs, Colo., hiked the Grand Canyon on Friday, Nov. 30. She invites visitors to Colorado Springs who would like to hike to give her a call.

Brian Stauffer '78 of Holland, Mich., swam the Straits of Mackinac this past Labor Day. The approximate five-mile swim from the Upper Peninsula to the Lower Peninsula took place the same time as the Annual Labor Day Bridge Walk. Brian was one of 50 swimmers selected to participate in the one-time event to help celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Mackinac Bridge. The swimmers also raised thousands of dollars to support children's mentoring programs in the state of Michigan.

Brad Ackermann '79 of Carmel, Ind., recently received the Distinguished Analytical Scientist Award at the 2007 CPSA meeting on Chemical and Pharmaceutical Structure Analysis, held in Philadelphia, Pa. This peer recognition is given to scientists exhibiting a sustained record of analytical innovation, including active

Andrew Sens '62 was named a CBE (Commander of the British Empire) by the British Government on Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2007, for services connected to the peace process in Northern Ireland. He is pictured on the left with Sean Woodward, Britain's Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, and his wife, Sharon Sens. Sens served as a U.S. foreign service officer from 1966 to 1997. His assignments included political or economic positions at U.S. missions in Uganda, France, Norway, Iran, Pakistan and Argentina, and various positions in Washington, D.C. Upon retirement from the U.S. Department of State, he accepted a joint appointment from the British and Irish governments



to the Independent International Commission on Decommissioning in Northern Ireland, a group set up in 1997 to facilitate the disposal of paramilitary arms from both sides of the Northern Ireland conflict. He has been actively engaged in negotiations with British and Irish officials, Northern Ireland's political parties, and the paramilitaries on both sides since then.

participation in the external literature and at national meetings. Brad is a senior research advisor for Eli Lilly and Company of Indianapolis, Ind. He is engaged in the field of biomarker qualification in support of translational medicine. He has worked in the pharmaceutical industry for 21 years.

80s

Brian Brooks '80 of Hudsonville, Mich., earned an M.Div. (please see "Advanced Degrees") and was ordained by the Reformed Church in America last July. He is a resident pastor at Church of the Servant (CRC) in Grand Rapids, Mich.

Bob Johnson '80 of Zeeland, Mich., has joined Hope's college advancement staff as a planned giving officer.

Mike Dalman '81 of Zeeland, Mich., received the Region 12 Honors Award in recognition of his leadership skills from the Michigan Elementary & Middle Schools Principals Association. He is principal of Woodbridge Elementary School in Zeeland.

Tom Bayer '82 of Green Bay, Wis., was appointed chief operating officer of St. Vincent Hospital in September. He was previously the hospital's interim administrator.

Nancy Brumm '83 Boote of Columbia, Mo., is a distance-learning student at Western Theological Seminary.

Brian Schipper '83 of Mountain View, Calif., has been elected to the board of directors of Verified Person Inc., a provider of background screening services. He is senior vice president of human resources for Cisco Systems Inc.

Joseph H. Doele '84 of East Grand Rapids, Mich., has joined Miller Johnson as a member in the Grand Rapids, Mich., office, practicing family law. He is a State of Michigan court-certified domestic relations mediator and active with the Grand Rapids Bar Association Family Law Section.

Stephen Underwood '84 is in his third year as news editor for DyeStat.com, a national high school track and field and cross-country Web site. During a 12-day trip last fall, he covered cross-country's two national prep championships, the Nike Team Nationals in Portland, Ore., and the Foot Locker Finals in San Diego, Calif. He has relocated from St. Ignace, Mich., to Grand Ledge, Mich.

Michael Wissink '84 of Big Rapids, Mich., is a campus pastor at Ferris State University. He recently received the Pete Peterson Pride Award from the university's athletic department for his work with student athletes, coaches and staff.

Anne Boonstra '85 Peterson of Leesburg, Va., is the owner of Magenta Designs, a one-person business specializing in personalized watercolor paintings and stationery products. She



In celebration of their 40th year since graduating from Hope, seven members of the class of 1967 took a cruise together on the Rhine River last October: Lynn Kraemer Mace, Jim Mace, Carol Van Middlesworth Van Wyk, Carl Van Wyk, Beth Oosting Van Lente, Fred Van Lente, and Leslie Brueggemyer Murphy. The cruise began in Amsterdam and ended in Basel, Switzerland.



The Alumni Association will present Distinguished Alumni Awards to **Dr. Donald Kroodsmma '68** and **Ruth Ziemann '67 Sweetser** during the annual Alumni Banquet on Saturday, May 3.

Dr. Kroodsmma, who lives in Amherst, Mass., is an internationally renowned ornithologist who is retired from the faculty of the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. His book *The Singing Life of Birds* (2005), based on more than 30 years of observations of 33 species, received both the 2006 John

Burroughs Medal Award from the John Burroughs Association and the 2006 Robert Ridgway Award from the American Birding Association.

Sweetser, who lives in Lombard, Ill., is serving a second consecutive two-year term as national president of the American Association of University Women (AAUW). As director of professional learning and business relations in the Graduate College at the Illinois Institute of Technology (IIT), she is a key member of the university's corporate relations team.

They were each highlighted recently in the "Alumni Profile" feature of *News from Hope College*, Dr. Kroodsmma in June 2006 and Sweetser in August 2006. The full-page stories are available online, as is the college's news release announcing their recognition.

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has been in business close to a year and a half, and designs birth announcements, magnetic photo frames, calendars and gift cards, as well as other items.

Mark Rebhan '85 of Farmington Hills, Mich., was named vice president and group director of planning at Digitas in Detroit, Mich. Digitas is a Publicis Groupe agency specializing in emerging media communications.

Todd Recknagel '86 of Ann Arbor, Mich., is president and CEO of Mr. Handyman. He joined the company five years ago. Its revenue has been increasing as it grows by adding franchise units and expanding into international markets.

Abby Madison '86 Reeg of Spring Lake, Mich., was recently re-elected

to serve as president of the Walden Green School Foundation for a second term. She is also treasurer of the Spring Lake chapter of PEO, a philanthropic educational organization that raises funds for women's education projects.

David Kuiper '88 of Zeeland, Mich., is a mortgage planner with First Place Bank in Holland, Mich. He is a contributing author to *Real Estate 2008*, a book of top ideas for the challenging market of 2008.

Jana Reister '88 was ordained to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church (USA) on Sunday, Nov. 4, at First Presbyterian Church of Ann Arbor, Mich., where she is currently serving in her first call.

Jon Hofman '89 and **Richelle Korterling '90 Hofman** live in

Holland, Mich. Jon began working as human resources manager for the Holland Board of Public Works on Tuesday, Feb. 5. He previously worked for Grand Haven (Mich.) Board of Light & Power. Richelle has been teaching English at Hamilton (Mich.) High School for 17 years. They have two daughters, Taylor (age six) and Brianna (age three).

Helena (Leni) Weisl '89 earned a second master's degree (please see "Advanced Degrees"), joined the National Health Service Corps, and relocated to Kingman, Ariz., where she is employed as an adult therapist at Mohave Mental Health Clinic. She recently completed certification in Cognitive Behavioral Therapy through the Cleveland Institute with Aaron Beck. She is working toward her LCSW and then her certification in international social work to continue her life's work in Africa or China. In 2006 she was honored with the Sally Meyers Award in Lansing, Mich., for her 20 years of work in substance abuse and mental health. She has taught classes in alcohol and drug studies and has been a guest speaker on various mental health topics. She continues to act in theatre, sings jazz and travels.

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Tim Gortsema '90 of Hudsonville, Mich., is senior vice president of business operations for the Grand Rapids Griffins (American Hockey League). He was previously vice president of finance and administration for the Griffins and the Grand Rapids Rampage (Arena Football League). He and his wife, **Suzanne Hartong '90 Gortsema**, have three children, Danielle (age 11), Justin (age nine) and Madelyn (age four).

Jennifer Baker '91 recently moved to London, England, after living in southwest England for four years. She is an associate pastor at Westminster

Community Church.

Kara Buhl '91 Mann of Evanston, Ill., is a freelance producer. She and her husband have two children, Madison (age four and one half) and Emersen (19 months).

Rachel Reenstra '91 of Atlanta, Ga., is the new host of *Designed to Sell* (Atlanta team) for HGTV. Each episode focuses on renovating a home that is about to go on the market.

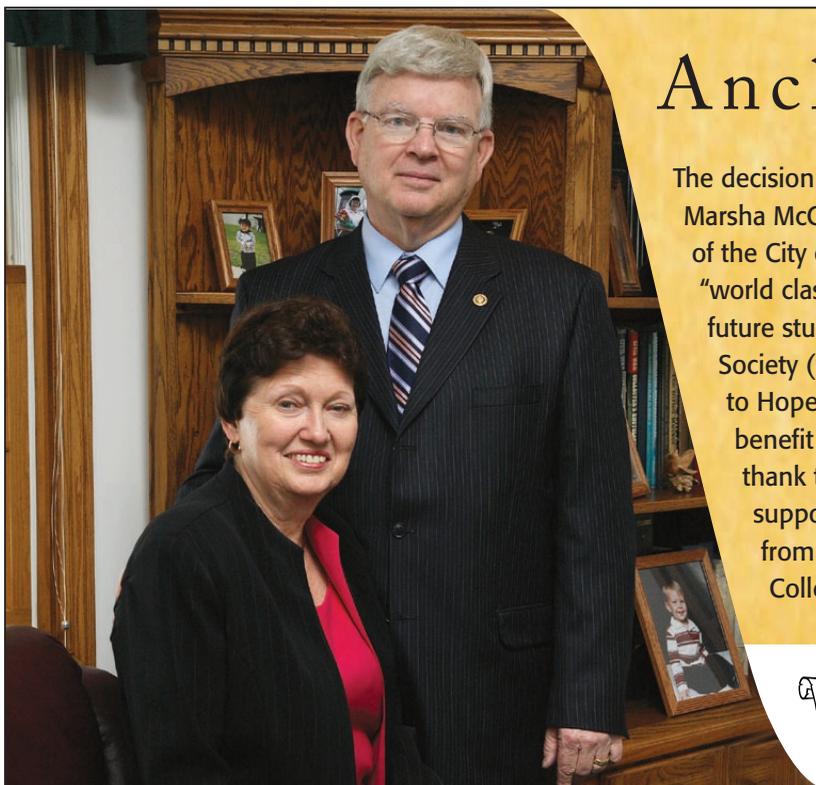
Mike Stevens '91 and **Dave Engbers '93** both of Grand Rapids, Mich., opened Founders Brewing Company, a microbrewery in Grand Rapids, in 1997. Their brands, many highly rated, are distributed in seven states, with plans to expand to three more. Mike is the president and Dave is the director of sales and marketing. The business moved to a new facility last fall, with increased brewing capacity, a larger taproom and an expanded deli menu.

William Charles Crowley '92 of Bay Harbor, Fla., recently served as dance coordinator of the Florida Grand Opera's production of Bizet's *The Pearl Fishers*, which included performances at the Carnival Center for the Performing Arts in Miami and the Broward Center for the Performing Arts in Fort Lauderdale. As artistic director of Next Step Dance, he is currently preparing the company for the "5th Annual Next Step Dance Series" at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts in June.

Deb Vashaw '92 Sleeman of Zeeland, Mich., is the new varsity softball coach for West Ottawa High School. For the past eight seasons, she had been an assistant softball coach at Hope.

Michael Theune '92 of Bloomington, Ill., was awarded tenure and promoted from assistant professor to associate professor of English at Illinois Wesleyan University.

David Hart '93 is director of open source programs at the Singularity Institute for Artificial Intelligence. His responsibilities include community



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The decision to help ensure the future of Hope College was an easy one for Albert '66 and Marsha McGeehan. Serving as a teacher, city council member and, since 1993, as mayor of the City of Holland, "Mayor Al" has always had an interest in maintaining Holland's "world class" community. This includes supporting his alma mater, Hope College and its future students. Marsha and Al have become one of Hope's newest Dimnent Heritage Society ("DHS") members by including Hope College in their estate plan. Their bequest to Hope College will assist the Secondary Education Department, which, in turn, will benefit generations of students and aspiring teachers. Hope College would like to thank the McGeehans and all the 600 plus members of DHS for their generosity in supporting Hope College through planned gifts. For over 30 years, planned gifts from donors such as Al and Marsha have helped shape the character of Hope College and its community. Please let us help you create your Hope legacy.



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engagement and project-managing software development efforts.

Liz Haag '93 Schroeder of Columbia, Md., is a special education teacher in the academic life skills program with the Howard County Public School System.

Peter Stuursma '93 of Grand Rapids, Mich., coached East Grand Rapids High School to its fourth Division 3 state football championship on Saturday, Nov. 24. The 46-39 game at Ford Field in Detroit, Mich., went into five overtimes, a playoff record.

Rennie Brissenden '94 and **Megan Holden '95 Brissenden** have relocated to Kingwood, Texas. Rennie is an attorney with the law firm Kelly, Smith and Murrah in Houston. Megan stays home with their children, Lexie (age six) and Ethan (age four).

Derek Draft '94 of Zeeland, Mich., and his staff were guest grillers at bd's mongolian barbecue in Grand Rapids, Mich., on Saturday, March 8, to raise funds for portable dental x-ray equipment for Sudan. Derek will make a trip to Sudan this month and donate his services as a dentist.

Amanda Kitterman-Miller '94 of Saginaw, Mich., was re-elected to the Saginaw City Council on Tuesday, Nov. 6. She is a teacher at Arthur Eddy Academy.

Scott Nelson '94 of Saugatuck, Mich., practices dentistry at Nelson Family Dentistry. An open house on Thursday, Jan. 24, celebrated the opening of the practice's new office in Zeeland, Mich.

Jonathan Schakel '94 and his wife Megan Sharp of Charlottesville, Va., presented a guest recital (as a harpsichordist and soprano respectively) at Hope on Thursday, March 6. They are the directors of music ministry at the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Charlottesville, where Jonathan is organist and Megan directs the choirs.



Tim Brown '73 of Holland, Mich., has been named the 11th president of Western Theological Seminary. He is the Henry Bast Professor of Preaching at the seminary, a position he has held since 1995. He served as Hope's Dean of the Chapel from 2001 to 2005 and continues as an adjunct professor of religion. He will assume the presidency on Tuesday, July 1, succeeding Dennis Voskuil, who is retiring.



Sue Markusse '81 Peterson of Weslaco, Texas, was recently named the Texas Association of Secondary School Principals "High School Principal of the Year for the State of Texas." She will be recognized at the organization's summer conference in Austin, Texas, in June. Sue has been the principal of Weslaco East High School for the past eight years.

Matthew Thompson '94 of Bismarck, N.D., was installed as missionary at large with the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LCMS) in Bismarck-Mandan on Sunday, Oct. 28. He is responsible for developing the core of a new LCMS church in north Bismarck. He and his wife, **Pamela Gunther '94 Thompson**, have four sons. The older boys attend Martin Luther School. Pam is at home with Ethan (age four) and working as a freelance writer.

Carrie Borchers '95 of Grandville, Mich., is a sales account manager at IT Resource Inc., in Coopersville, Mich. The company helps customers throughout the Midwest with network administration and management, IP telephony, data center management and consultation, co-location services, and hardware and software procurement, configuration and installation. Carrie notes that she initially connected with **Leo Reap '83**, an owner of the company, through Hope's Career Network.

Kip Doezema '95 of Grand Rapids, Mich., joined Byron Bank as associate vice president in mortgage lending last fall.

Eric Foster '95 of Grand Rapids, Mich., began a new role in college advancement at Hope on Tuesday, Jan. 1. He is the advancement officer for diversity and inclusion, a newly created position. He has been at the college since 2004.

Carl Haan '95 is currently the assistant conductor playing first keyboard for the national tour of *My Fair Lady*. The tour itinerary can be found on the Web. Since moving to New York City, he has played on Broadway in *Lestat*, and off-Broadway in *Five Course Love*, *Miracle Brothers*, *On the Town*, *Pirates of Penzance* and *We're Still Hot*. He has taught musical theater classes at Wagner College and CAP 21 at New York University. He spent last winter as the musical director for Second City aboard the *Norwegian Spirit* touring the Caribbean.

Lynda Hakken '95 recently earned a Ph.D. (please see "Advanced Degrees"). Her research culminated in the

development of a textbook for keyboard harmony studies titled *Keyboard Harmony - A Beginning Method*. She is contacting publishers with hope of the text being published in the near future. She is employed at Cornell College in Mount Vernon, Iowa, as the college organist. She teaches music theory as well as studio organ and piano, and accompanies faculty and student recitals during the school year.

Peter Hicks '95 was recently appointed County Commissioner for Precinct 1 in Bastrop County, Texas, the area where he has lived since 2002. He serves as part of the five-person board which governs the county for day-to-day operations. His term will expire Dec. 31, 2008, when he will be replaced by the person elected during the November general election.

Kevin Nienhuis '95 and **Janay Wormmeester '96 Nienhuis** live in Collierville, Tenn. Kevin continues to work for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Janay recently accepted a position as a product manager for FedEx Corporation in Memphis, Tenn. They have two daughters, Elle (age five) and Macy (age two).

Steve Shilling '95 of McMurray, Pa., has had poems published recently in *English Journal*, *Red Wheelbarrow*, *Aethlon: The Journal of Sports Literature*, *The Loyalhanna Review*, *Voicings From The High Country*, and *Bear Creek Haiku*. His poem "Football and Crossword Puzzles" received honorable mention for a cash prize in *Lucidity*.

Eric Almlı '96 of Baltimore, Md., has been practicing medicine in Baltimore for three and one-half years.

Dirk DeWitt '96 and his wife live in Charleston, S.C., and are the owners of the new Velocity Sports Performance in Mt. Pleasant, S.C. The sports training at the facility focuses on giving athletes — individuals and teams — a competitive edge and preventing repetitive-use injuries.

Jason Dillabough '96 and **Karin Schaefer '98 Dillabough** live in Lee's Summit, Mo. Jason has owned his own mortgage company, AAA Mortgage, since 2001. Karin stays home with their children.

Catherine Keich '96 of Chicago, Ill., is the content and Web development manager with Monster Worldwide in Chicago, working on content for Monster's educational directories and related Web sites.

Kevin G. Kooiker '96 of Hudsonville, Mich., joined Nelson Family Dentistry in Zeeland, Mich., in January. He has practiced in the Grand Rapids area for the past seven years.

Melissa O'Connor '96 Meuzelaar is a school-based therapist in the Mapleton District of Adams County. She provides individual, group, and family therapy in English and Spanish at three different public schools for students in grades K-12. She lives in Arvada, Colo., with her new husband (please see "Marriages").

Sara Hewitt '97 of Margate, Fla., recently earned a master's degree (please see "Advanced Degrees") and is a registered intern with the State of Florida, pursuing licensure and studying

to complete the Certified Addiction Specialist state exam.

Matthew Bakker '98 and **Tammy Krcmar '98 Bakker** of St. Charles, Ill., recently celebrated their eight-year wedding anniversary along with the first birthday of their fourth and fifth children (please see "New Arrivals"). Older siblings include Kaylin Elise (age three), Gregory Matthew (age two) and Gwendolyn Justine (age two). Matt is the director of North American Operations for Axon Cable, a manufacturer of cable, cable connectors and cable harnesses based in France. Matt was asked to give a lecture on Multinational Companies International Economics at the Universidad Anahuac and received a Diploma of Recognition. **Pete Houlihan '98** of Grand Rapids, Mich., is president of The Printery in Holland, Mich. The award-winning company has found a niche in high-end, low-volume printing, and won awards last year for work done for Time Inc. **Ryan Janus '98** of Colorado Springs, Colo., was spotlighted in the world premiere of Lewis Spratlan's "Concerto for Saxophone and Orchestra" at the Holland (Mich.) Symphony Orchestra's *New Beginnings* concert on Saturday, Nov. 17. Ryan is principal saxophone in the U.S. Air Force Academy Band. He commissioned the piece with help from 28 other saxophonists.



Brian Mork '83 of Holland, Mich., returned to Hope this fall as a visiting assistant professor of chemistry and resident director of Lichty Hall. He has been serving in the U.S. Air Force since 1988, most recently in the Reserve, and earlier this year was promoted to lieutenant colonel. His "campus south-side" residence-life colleagues participated in the ceremony at the downtown restaurant Froggy's on Friday, Jan. 4 (from left to right with him are Matt D'Oyly of Kollen Hall, Jessica Kast-Keat of Scott Hall and Rosanne Barton-DeVries of Wyckoff Hall). He has been an Air Force pilot for 12 years, and since 2002 has been serving as a flight test engineer and instructor at the USAF Test Pilot School (TPS). TPS is at Edwards Air Force Base in California and is home to the Air Force Flight Test Center (AFFTC).



Heather Hebert '94 of Rockwood, Mich., is entering her fifth year of playing women's semi-pro football. During her first year she played middle linebacker and quarterback for the Toledo Spitfire in the NWFA (National Women's Football Association). The following year she played in the IWFL (Independent Women's Football League) and was team captain and in the top five in tackles for the league. During the past two years she has been middle linebacker and defensive tackle for the Detroit Demolition in the IWFL, playing in the championship game each year. Her team beat the Atlanta Xplosion last August for the Demolition's fifth national championship in six years and an overall record of 65-3. Heather has worked at Ford Motor Company for 11 years, where she has been in the residual risk department for the last three years.

Sherri Ann Meyer-Veen '98 and **Michael Meyer-Veen '99** of Schoharie, N.Y., are co-ministers at Schoharie Reformed Church.

Theresa Spencer '98 MicKelwait of Paris, Ky., is an academic advisor for students in psychology at the University of Kentucky.

Michael Nagelvoort '98 of Holland, Mich., is an investment executive with Macatawa Bank at its Eighth Street location.

Jessica Owens '98 accepted a position with the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Refugee and Asylum Law Division, and moved from San Francisco, Calif., to Washington, D.C. She provides legal advice on domestic asylum law and practice, overseas refugee resettlement programs, temporary protected status, T and U visas, special immigrant juvenile petitions, and the Convention Against Torture.

Christopher "Kip" Van Dam '98 of North Miami, Fla., is an attorney. He was admitted to the Florida Bar in 2002 and the Michigan Bar in 2006. He was also admitted as a USPTO Registered Patent Attorney in 2006. He is a SCUBA licensed diver and an FAA-certificated private pilot.

Jamie P. Buckingham '99 of Jackson,

Mich., was promoted to senior geologist at the Lansing, Mich., office of Soil and Materials Engineers Inc. in November. He is a member of the American Institute of Professional Geologists.

Tasha Guild '99 Mulder of Saginaw, Mich., has worked at Sport & Spine Physical Therapy and Rehab in Saginaw since July 2001, and is the athletic trainer for Nouvel Catholic Central High School.

Lance Pellow '99 of Holland, Mich., joined Hope's college advancement staff as a regional advancement director in January.

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Mike Harris '00 and Mat Nguyen '00, owners of Worksighted, were featured in a Thursday, Jan. 10, article in *The Grand Rapids Press* that highlighted the steady growth of the computer networking company they founded after graduating from Hope.

Clinton Randall '00 of Louisville, Ky., is a chaplain resident at University of Louisville Hospital.

Michael Zuidema '00 of Ada, Mich., is a regular guest on "Sports Talk with Ryan Terpstra," on WGHN-AM (1370) in Grand Haven, Mich. His "On Our Radar" segment airs on Friday afternoons. Michael also writes "The Benchwarmer," a column for *The Grand Rapids Press*.

Robert Bartlett '01 recently earned an M.D. (please see "Advanced Degrees"). He and his wife moved to Charleston, S.C., where he has a residency in anesthesiology at the Medical College of South Carolina.

Joshua Carstens '01 of Marietta, Ga., is the financial coordinator for the Children's Healthcare of Atlanta Foundation.

Laura Grit '01 of Seattle, Wash., completed her Ph.D. (please see "Advanced Degrees") and is now a technical program manager at Amazon.com in Seattle.

Benjamin Hansen '01 and his wife are living in Baltimore, Md.

Craig Tommola '01 of Holland, Mich., founded Thirty Six Squares LLC three years ago. The graphic design studio has three full-time and three contract designers on staff.

Rebecca LaRoy '01 Town and **Greg Town '02** have each accepted a call to co-pastor yoked churches, Prattville Reformed Church (RCA) and Jewett Presbyterian Church (PCUSA), in the Catskill Mountains in New York. Rebecca was ordained by the Southwest Michigan Classis of the Reformed Church in America at Twin Lakes Reformed Church in Kalamazoo, Mich., on Sunday, Oct. 28, 2007. Greg was ordained as Minister of Word and Sacrament on Sunday, Oct. 28, 2007.

Jeffrey Wilcox '01 of Asheville, N.C., is an assistant professor in the Department of Environmental Science at the University of North Carolina at Asheville. He and his wife have a daughter, Anna (age 21 months).

Miriam Takish '02 Dery and her husband live in Rochester, Minn., where she is an RN at the Mayo Clinic.

Nate Haveman '02 of Gallup, N.M., was named "Businessman of the Year" by the Gallup-McKinley Chamber of Commerce. He is publisher of the *Gallup Journey*, a monthly publication that covers a wide range of the area's historical and cultural heritage. His and his wife, **Heather Post '02 Haveman**, who does most of the editing, own 50 percent of the paper. Nate also sings with the pop-rock band Subtle Groove.

Jennifer Hill '02 of Allen Park, Mich., was ordained into the Ministry of Word and Sacrament by the Presbytery of Detroit (Mich.) on Saturday, March 1, 2008, at Allen Park Presbyterian Church. After graduating from McCormick Theological Seminary in May 2007, she was hired by the Chicago Metropolitan Sanctuary Alliance. She is currently working as the coordinator for the Chicago New Sanctuary Coalition, part of an interfaith movement in support of immigrants' rights.

Becky Sutton '02 Klingler of Holland, Mich., coached the Fennville (Mich.) High School girls' basketball team with her husband, **Ryan Klingler '01**. She previously was an assistant women's basketball coach at Hope for three years and at Grand Valley State University for two years. Ryan coached the Fennville boys' and girls' teams, who played during the same season for the first time.

Amanda Ausen '02 Root and **Derek Root '02** purchased the Sweet Bean coffee shop in downtown Zeeland, Mich. They are learning the business from the previous owners and planning to expand the menu. They are also converting the upstairs into two apartments, with plans to live in one and rent out the other. Their daughter, Lauren, is eight months old.

Treasure Givan '02 Samuel of Seattle, Wash., is a children and teen services librarian for Seattle Public Library at the International District Chinatown branch.

Jeff Van Putten '02 of Plymouth, Mich., is a business banking officer at United Bank & Trust of Ann Arbor, Mich.

Christopher Winkler '02 of Orlando, Fla., was recently appointed director of administration for the offices of the president at Wycliffe Bible Translators USA. His responsibilities include managing the office and most of the staff who support the president. He reports that he is looking forward to this new challenge and is very grateful to the Hope friends who are partnering in this ministry with him.

David Ferens '03 of Noblesville, Ind., is a financial analyst with The Stanley Works.

Jeremy Hoekstra '03 and his sister, **Cara Hoekstra '06**, performed "Rudolph's Razzle Dazzle Christmas" in December at Lemonjellos in Holland, Mich., and at Four Friends in Grand Rapids, Mich. The performance of Christmas music was arranged by them. Jeremy composes, records and performs, in addition to leading music for the contemporary worship service at First Evangelical Covenant Church in Grand Rapids.

Martin Kane '03 of Champaign, Ill.,

began working at Wolfram Research as a software developer in the Web R&D department last August.

James Plasman '03 has joined the U.S. Foreign Service and will be posted for two years in Georgetown, Guyana, beginning in June.

Matthew Roefer '03 has moved from Michigan to Austin, Texas, to take a job as a child life specialist at Dell Children's Medical Center.

Lizzy Slentz '03 of Alexandria, Va., is a senior task manager with Delta Resources Inc., a defense contractor in Washington, D.C. She oversees a team working in financial analysis, strategic planning, and program management for the Naval Sea Systems Command of the U.S. Navy. She was also chosen as runner up for the 2007 Employee of the Year.

Eric Branch '04 is the new youth pastor at Sparta (Mich.) United Methodist Church. He previously served as youth director at Hager Park Reformed Church in Jenison, Mich. He and his wife have a daughter, Isabelle (age two).

Katrina VanEssen '04 Bylsma of Grand Rapids, Mich., is a real estate agent with Patriot Realty.

Tiffany Drendall '04 of Cape Coral, Fla., is a teacher at Oasis Charter Elementary School.

Melissa Sulok '04 Hamby of Chicago, Ill., and four friends completed the Sunburst 5K run in South Bend, Ind., the morning of her wedding day last summer (please see "Marriages").

Joy Pope '04 of Tucson, Ariz., is a school psychologist in the Tucson



John Conlon '97 of Byron Center, Mich., received the "2007 Coach of the Year Award" for Division I high school boys' soccer from the National Soccer Coaches' Association of America (NSCAA) on Friday, Jan. 18, in Baltimore, Md. He led the East Kentwood High School boys' team to a state championship last fall with a record of 25-1-1. He was also named Michigan High School Soccer Coaches' Association (MHSSCA) Division I "Coach of the Year" and NSCAA large school "State Coach of the Year." John is also president of the MHSSCA. He and his wife have one son, Brody (age 23 months).



The Alumni Association will honor **Kristina Kyles '04** of Boston, Mass, with a Young Alumni Award during the college's annual Alumni Banquet on Saturday, May 3.

Kyles is president and chief executive officer of Houston Academics Inc., and directs the Metropolitan Council for Educational Opportunity (METCO) Program for the Marblehead Public Schools.

She co-founded Houston Academics Inc. in 2006. Houston Academics is an educational consulting firm designed to assist underrepresented minorities from around the world in gaining access to higher education and assisting school districts and educational organizations with progressive and culturally relevant curriculum development. The firm's student clients have gained admission to colleges and universities around the country.



She joined Marblehead Public Schools in August. As director of the METCO Program, she supervises the academic, social and emotional growth of 72 students in grades 1-12 who commute to the district from inner-city Boston.

The news release about her award is available online. She will be featured in an Alumni Profile in the June 2008 issue of *News from Hope College*.

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Unified School District.

Christen Conner '05 Bordenkircher of Holland, Mich., is the serve director for Engedi Church, overseeing its local and international partnerships and creating ways for people at Engedi to be involved in serving anywhere from Holland, Mich., to Choma, Zambia.

Betsy Finn '05 of Dexter, Mich., was named one of the "Top Seven Photographers of 2008" by the Professional Photographers of Michigan at its convention held in Ypsilanti, Mich. The award was given in recognition of her accomplishments at the 2008 Print Competition and based on her overall score for four images. All of the prints she entered received awards, including three Awards of Excellence, two Gold Court ribbons, and one Award of Merit. Her portrait of a local family received two additional awards. Betsy, owner of Betsy's Photography, is a Certified Professional Photographer. Earlier this year, her work received national recognition when two of her prints hung in the 117th International Exhibition of Professional Photography.

Nichole Schroeder '05 Thorne of Dansville, Mich., is finishing her first year of teaching second grade in Holt, Mich.

Matt Van Der Wende '05 of Kalamazoo, Mich., was promoted to marketing manager at Stryker last December.

Matt Waterstone '05 of Holland, Mich., is pursuing a divinity degree at Western Theological Seminary and is in his third year as assistant coach of the Jensen (Mich.) High School boy's swim team.

Alyssa Garcia '06 Bauer of Grand Rapids, Mich., performed the part of Maria in Grand Rapids Civic Theater's production of *The Sound of Music*, which

ran from Thursday, Nov. 15, through Sunday, Dec. 16.

Jenny Slager '06 Emlet, her husband and some friends are traveling in May to Oregon, where they will start a cross-country bicycle tour to raise money and awareness for the American Lung Association (ALA). They plan to end in Delaware in late August or early September. Jenny's father-in-law (Stanley Emlet) passed away in 2006 after a 24-year battle with emphysema, resulting in the formation of the ALA endowment "Steps for Stanley," for which they will be raising funds.

Anneliese Fox '06 of Mt. Pleasant, Mich., is the co-head coach for the women's tennis program at Alma College. She is also working toward a master's degree in social work at Michigan State University. Since graduating from Hope, she has served as a United States Professional Tennis Association (USPTA) teaching professional at Orchard Hills in Grand Rapids, Mich.

Scott Greenman '06 of Mt. Pleasant, S.C., is a performance coach at Velocity Sports Performance, a sports training facility that focuses on giving athletes--individuals and teams--a competitive edge and preventing repetitive-use injuries.

Steve Haack '06 was promoted to first lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps on Monday, Feb 4. He is a communications officer, stationed in Okinawa, Japan, and a platoon commander in Marine Wing Communication Squadron 18.

Aaron Hawn '06 of Burnaby, B.C., Canada, is education and artistic operations assistant for the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra (VSO), the third-largest orchestra in Canada. The VSO implements more than a dozen annual educational and community programs.

Gracia Kamps '06 of Hudsonville, Mich., has coached her first year of girls' varsity basketball at Covenant Christian School, her *alma mater*. She teaches fifth grade at Heritage Christian School, which is in the same system.

Lanny Lapham '06 of Whitehall, Mich., worked for Saltwater Inc. for three months during the winter of 2007. The private firm contracts with the National Marine Fisheries Service, part of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, to monitor commercial fishing. Lanny trained in Anchorage, Alaska, and served as a groundfish observer on commercial fishing boats in the Bering Sea and the Gulf of Alaska. He plans to begin a graduate degree program this fall, merging his interest in public health and biology.

Andy Phillips '06 of Holland, Mich., is in his first year of coaching the Holland Christian junior varsity boys' tennis team.

Matt Schwabauer '06 has relocated from Lynden, Wash., to Beverly Farms, Mass. He is the office manager/production assistant in the Gordon College Design Center in Wenham, Mass. His duties include managing workflow, correspondence via phone and email, and the budget, and acting as the first point of contact for all customer service needs. The Design Center handles all of the college's promotional needs, including the creation of *Stillpoint*, the college's alumni magazine; advertisements; large format displays; brochures; HTML emails; postcards and stationery; and the maintenance of Gordon's brand and brand standards. Matt is also looking into several graduate programs, hoping to pursue a master's degree in creative writing.

Joanne Stewart '06 of Big Rapids, Mich., is assistant coach for Kuyper College's women's basketball team, and she continues as group sales coordinator for the Grand Rapids Griffins hockey team.

Sean Thurmer '06 of Battle Creek, Mich., is in the U.S. Army Chemical Corps serving in Iraq with the 82nd Airborne from Fort Bragg, N.C. He recently graduated from Army Ranger School and Airborne School in Fort Benning, Ga. In November he was promoted to first lieutenant. In addition to graduating from Hope, he was a distinguished military graduate from Western Michigan University's ROTC program.

Bradley Matson '07 of Holland, Mich., traveled to Chang Mai, Thailand, in January to take an eight-week course that equips business professionals for mission work in the field, allowing them to use their business skills to meet Christian mission goals. Following the course, he traveled to Durban, South Africa, to work with a local AIDS orphanage and meet with several missionaries in the area.

Jennifer Boone '06 VanderLugt is the middle school choir director at Classen School of Advanced Studies in Oklahoma City, Okla. She and her husband live in Norman, Okla.

Maureen Warfield '06 of New York City teaches Spanish at the All City Leadership Academy in Brooklyn, N.Y. **Jeff Guy '07** of Kalkaska, Mich., has joined Merrill Lynch as a financial advisor in the Traverse City, Mich., office.

Bethany Katerberg '07 of Chicago, Ill., in keeping with her interest in working in public health, is employed by Northwestern Medical Faculty Foundation, which works in conjunction with both Northwestern Memorial Hospital and Feinberg School of Medicine (Northwestern University's Medical School). She is an Administrative Assistant II, working for the chair of the Department of Anesthesiology.

Shuchen Li '07 is assistant manager, corporate and marketing communications, for the Infocomm Development Authority of Singapore.

Richard Newman '07 is the John L. Edwards Scholar in organ at St. John's Episcopal Church in Detroit, Mich. The scholarship provides him an opportunity to learn a traditional Anglican musical repertoire under the tutelage of the director of music at St. John's, Dr. Huw Lewis, who is a professor of music at Hope. Richard is also continuing his studies with Dr. James Kibbie at the University of Michigan School of Music in pursuit of a master's degree in church music.

Julie Vallean '07 of Saugatuck, Mich., works at the Constance Petter Gallery in Douglas, Mich., and also creates sculptures in her own studio.

Mike VanderVelde '07 teaches fifth grade in Windsor, Colo., and also co-coaches the Fossil Ridge High School baseball team.

Sarah Diekevers '07 Waterstone of Holland, Mich., is assistant coach for varsity girls' water polo at West Ottawa High School and head coach for the girls' swim team at Harbor Lights Middle School (West Ottawa School District).

Marriages

David Daubenspeck '74 and Kathy Garceau, Dec. 27, 2007.

Ruth Stoecker '78 and Charles Wilson, July 7, 2007.

Shelly Bareman '92 and Robert Blystra, July 28, 2007, Holland, Mich.

Russell Lundberg '95 and Luci Stephens, Oct. 27, 2007.

Cary James Stamas '95 and Jeni Leigh Grasman, March 31, 2007, Lansing, Mich.

Nicole Lamkey '96 and Brian Kothe, April 7, 2007.

Melissa O'Connor '96 and Tom Meuzelaar, Oct. 27, 2007.

Matthew McMurray '97 and Sara LaBelle, Feb. 17, 2007, Caledonia, Mich.

Alexandria Parker '97 and Richard Wibert, Oct. 13, 2007, Battle Creek, Mich.





Stephen Cramer '07 is playing professional basketball in Weiden, Germany, for the Weiden Cocoon Baskets. At the end of January, he was averaging 30.83 points per game, had a high game of 46 points in the regular season and scored 54 points in a preseason game.

Kristi Bakker '98 and Keith "Flash" Stulp, Dec. 28, 2007, Hamilton, Mich.

Sarah Bylsma '98 and Ted Greene, Oct. 6, 2007, Grand Haven, Mich.

David (D.J.) Hammingh '98 and Molly Ketchum, July 28, 2007, Cannonsburg, Mich.

Rebecca Ponka '98 and Burke Lokey, Feb. 11, 2007, New York City.

Jennie L Karr '99 and Alan S. Maruschak, May 26, 2007, Prospect Heights, Ill.

Kimberly Kent '99 and John Meade, July 14, 2007, Chicago, Ill.

Benjamin Sikma '99 and Sarah Mroz, June 9, 2007, Bourbonnais, Ill.

Katie Horsman '00 and Stephen Hall, Oct. 6, 2007, Richmond, Va.

Cathleen Jaworowski '00 and Raymon Wolff, Feb. 16, 2008, Grand Rapids, Mich.

Joellen DeLong '01 and Andrew Shellenbarger, Aug. 4, 2007, Laporte, Colo.

Maryjane E. Murphy '01 and Jon L. McNabb, March 17, 2007, Bloomington, Ind.

Jeffrey Anderson '02 and Jennifer Vandenberg, July 28, 2007, Brighton, Mich.

Charlie Matz '02 and Kristina Torres, Dec. 16, 2006, Anaheim, Calif.

Miriam Takish '02 and Charlie Dery, Oct. 5, 2007, Stewartville, Minn.

Thomas DeMeulenaere '03 and Heather, June 23, 2007.

Ryan Hamby '03 and Melissa Sulok '04, June 2, 2007, South Bend, Ind.

Aaron Johnson '03 and Mary Dobry, Sept. 1, 2007, Grand Blanc, Mich.

Jody Murray '03 and Brett Peters, Oct. 6, 2007.

Kimberly Pett '03 and Chad De Jager, Sept. 29, 2007.

Timothy Barlow '04 and Ashley Johnson '07, Oct. 5, 2007, Minneapolis, Minn.

Benjamin Carlson '04 and Cortney Van Hekken '04, June 30, 2007, Holland, Mich.

Dawn DeVries '04 and Wayne Porter, Oct. 6, 2007, Elgin, Ill.

Katrina VanEssen '04 and Matthew Bylsma, Sept. 16, 2006, Grand Rapids, Mich.

Aaron Viles '04 and Linnae Klompemaker '06, May 5, 2007, Holland, Mich.

Laura Boerema '05 and Luke Fischer, Dec. 8, 2007, Hoffman Estates, Ill.

Erin Collison '05 and Gregory Anderson, July 28, 2007, Muskegon, Mich.

Stacey A. Lizzo '05 and David L. Weatherly '06, Sept. 1, 2007, Naperville, Ill.

Christopher Nuiver '05 and Samantha Wilson '05, July 6, 2007.

Katie Stark '05 and Luke Ohlman, Aug. 25, 2007, Brooklyn, Mich.

Jennifer Yamaoka '05 and Justin Barr, Aug. 11, 2007, Holland, Mich.

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

Jenny Slager '06 and Jonathan Emlet, August 2007.

Kristi Joy Wilkins '06 and Jeremy Berghorst, April 28, 2007, Holland Mich.

Lisa Wisniewski '06 and Rick Schindler, July 14, 2007, Palatine, Ill.

Kurtis DeHorn '07 and Stephanie Poll '07, Sept. 15, 2007, Hudsonville, Mich.

Timothy Kragt '07 and Tricia Oumedian '07, June 2, 2007, Holland, Mich.

Laura Larkin '07 and Jason Loewen, June 9, 2007, Holland, Mich.

New Arrivals

Paul Baker '85 and Ines Baker, Danil Iain Crisdean Baker, adopted from Murmansk, Russia.

Stephanie Strand '88 and David Muires, Silvia Rose Strand Muires, Aug. 13, 2007.

Brett Holleman '90 and Karen Holleman, Owen Brett Jian Holleman, born May 10, 2006, adopted in Fuzhou, China, on Dec. 28, 2007.

Kris Ritton '91 and Kim Mason '98 Ritton, Liliane Ruth, Nov. 19, 2007.

Michael Folkerts '92 and Lydia Yin Folkerts, Grant William, Jan. 30, 2007.

Brian Gerhardstein '92 and Yasmine David '93 Gerhardstein, William Lee, June 24, 2007.

Robert Wertheimer '92 and Jennifer Wertheimer, Alice Elizabeth, July 22, 2007.

Julie Tillmann '93 Clark and Kelly Clark '93, Cooper Tillman Clark, Nov. 11, 2007.

Laura Wilson '93 Uldrich and Mike Uldrich, Cayden, Nov. 25, 2007.

Jennifer Hand '93 Walter and Daniel Walter, Kali Raquel, July 19, 2007.

Nancy Feider '94 Barnard and Erik Barnard, Owen Michael, March 27, 2007.

Nathan Graybill '94 and Theresa Graybill, Zion Mercy, May 9, 2007.

Jennifer Syler '94 Taylor and Kent Taylor '95, Margaret "Meg" Lynay Sept. 21, 2007.

Blair Farwell '95 and Nicole Hauck '97 Farwell, Adrienne Joy, June 12, 2007.

Tracy Duros '95 Hammontree and Scott Hammontree, Jordan Scott, Nov.

29, 2007.

Shane Goldwood '95 Kline and David Kline, Iris Michelle, Nov. 12, 2007.

Stacy Kronemeyer '95 McNeely and Matt McNeely, Eli Walker, Oct. 5, 2007.

Meridith Hudson '95 Osborne and Jim Osborne, Ashley Quinn, Aug. 31, 2007.

Stephanie Spurway '95 Ruwet and Joshua Ruwet, Maxwell Joseph, Dec. 5, 2007.

Melissa Neckers '95 VanderLeek and Scott VanderLeek, Benjamin Scott, Jan. 5, 2008.

Mark Westerbeke '95 and Tonya Westerbeke, Ella Ann, Oct. 10, 2007.

Kristen Thomason '96 Abbas and Geoff Abbas '99, Gideon Parry, Nov. 14, 2007.

Eric Almlil '96 and Arathi Almlil, Vishnu Eric, Dec. 4, 2007.

Matthew Bakker '96 and Tammy Krcmar '98 Bakker, Addison Rose and Wyatt Corwin, Dec. 6, 2006.

Jason Dillabough '96 and Karin Schaefer '98 Dillabough, Jenna Brice and Kenedie Grace, July 19, 2007.

Kevin Kooiker '96 and Nicole Kooiker, Sofia Barbara-Elaine, Dec. 1, 2007.

Bill McGovern '96 and Vicki Folta '96 McGovern, Julia Lynn, Nov. 2, 2007.

Sari Nienhuis-Jones '96 and Kevin Jones, Charlotte Noel, Dec. 4, 2007.

Kristen Douglass '96 Pologruto and David Pologruto, Kate Addison, Oct. 30, 2007.

Colleen Antvelink '97 and Matt Leonard, Bram Gerald Leonard, Oct. 9, 2007.

Joanna Bowman '97 Childers and Tim Childers, Tobin James, Oct. 25, 2007.

Timothy Su '97 and Ann Su, Colleen Yi-Lin, Jan. 10, 2008.

J. Kirsten Wuchter '98 Brown and Bob Brown, Hannah Ruth, Aug. 21, 2007.

David Brzezinski '98 and Erin Schiller '98 Brzezinski, Faith Erin, Oct. 4, 2007.

Jennifer Smith '98 DeBoer and Michael DeBoer, Jonathan David, June 25, 2007.

Robert DeVries '98 and Andrea Hays '00 DeVries, Madison Julianna, Sept. 21, 2007.

Christine Herman '98 Kern and Greg Kern '98, Jonathan Charles, Nov. 27, 2007.

Carrie Waterloo '98 Krause and Kenneth Krause, Anneke Elise, March 2, 2007.

Theresa Spencer '98 MicKelwait and Kyle MicKelwait, Owen Henry, Aug. 11, 2007.

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

Elayne Provost '98 and Michael Wolfgang, Daniel Provost Wolfgang, Oct. 21, 2007.

Caryl Scott '98 Wierengo and Jonathan Wierengo '98, Molly Kate, Sept. 21, 2007.

Michael Adamski '99 and Leslie Cogan '00 Adamski, Lilian Jane, Nov. 12, 2007.

Lori Guse '99 Day and Don Day, Drake Dennis, Oct. 12, 2007.

Angela Boullis '99 Dumler and

Tyler Murphy '97 and Kimberly Murphy had the first baby born in the new year at Holland (Mich.) Hospital. Andrew Matthew was born at 1:57 a.m. on Jan. 1, 2008. The family of three was featured on the front page of the Tuesday, Jan. 2 edition of the *Holland Sentinel*.

Patrick Dumler, Matthew Keith, May 9, 2007.

Ashli Simpson '99 McCune and Michael McCune '99, Caleb Patrick, Jan. 19, 2008.

Russell Metcalf '99 and Maryellen Ward '00 Metcalf, Isaac Ward, Sept. 21, 2007

Melissa Manchester '99 Mulder and Jack Mulder '00, Maria Sophia, born Nov. 13, 2007, adopted Nov. 15, 2007.

Gina Rowe '99 Pellow and Lance Pellow '99, Tate Richard, Feb. 23, 2008.

Melody Morscheck '99 Steensma and Tim Steensma, Maysen Laurel, June 12, 2007.

Laura Neumann '99 Trout and David Trout, Audrey Rose, Aug. 18, 2007.

Dana Andrews '00 and Gretchen Andrews, Lucia Elizabeth, Dec. 10, 2007.

Cynthia Knight '00 Calhoun and Tyler Calhoun, Vienna James, Nov. 6, 2007.

Brian Dryfhout '00 and Becca Dryfhout, Elena Joy, Jan. 16, 2008.

Jennifer Yonker '00 Harris and Chad Harris, Gavin Matthew, Sept. 13, 2007.

Stephanie Hyma '00 Kowall and Mike Kowall, Emmett Randall, Oct. 27, 2007.

Philip Leete '00 and Angela Lee '01 Leete, Madelyn "Maddy" Jeanne, Jan. 12, 2008.

Holly Van Dam '00 Meeuwsen and Todd Meeuwsen, Bosley Edward, Sept. 28, 2007.

Kristin Kooiker '00 Vanden Heuvel and Jon Vanden Heuvel, Tyson John, Oct. 1, 2007.

Nathan Hart '01 and Nancy Hart, Riley Wilhelm, on Jan. 21, 2008.

Jared Henderson '01 and Rachel Dean '01 Henderson, Harriet Rachel, Sept. 24, 2007.

Katie Wierenga '01 Leestma and John Leestma, Paige Abigail, Oct. 12, 2007.

Kate VerHeulen '01 Thornton and Andy Thornton, Melanie Joy, Sept. 11, 2007.

Michelle McDougal '01 Yurk and Brian Yurk '03, Porter Joseph, Dec. 22, 2007.

Julie Hofman '02 Karsten and Dave Karsten, Melana Jolie, May 27, 2007.

Lori Brown '02 Kemp and John Kemp, McKenna Alison, Oct. 19, 2007.

David Ferens '03 and Meghan Breen '03 Ferens, Cayden Michael, Oct. 30, 2007.

Bryan Van Hal '03 and Jennifer Dutra '03 Van Hal, Anna Marie, Dec. 11, 2007.

Christian VanSlooten '03 and Nichole VanSlooten, Clayton Hendrik, June 12, 2007.



Lindsay Bosak '04 Hoyt and Doug Hoyt, Seth Douglas, Aug. 28, 2007.
 Nathan vanHofwegen '04 and Laura Chucta '05 vanHofwegen, Asher Smith, Sept. 9, 2007.
 Joshua Burkhour '05 and Cortnee Burkhour, Jackson Xavier, Jan. 12, 2008.
 Ashley Feenstra-Hernandez '07 and Domingo Feenstra-Hernandez, Sofia Esperanza, Nov. 20, 2007.

Advanced Degrees

Dianne Reifsnieder '66 Spence, Ed.D., Pepperdine University, October 2007.
 Mary Sovern '70 Hall, master's degree in instructional design and technology, Philadelphia University.
 Christine Goulding '73 Alexanian, MSW, Eastern Washington University, June 16, 2007.
 Gary Oster '78, Doctor of Strategic Leadership, Regent University, Aug. 19, 2007
 Brion Brooks '80, M.Div., Western Theological Seminary, May 2007.
 Kimberly S. Holt '86, Master of Education in educational technology, University of Texas at El Paso, December 2007.
 Julie Maire '88 Turner, Ph.D. in educational leadership and policy analysis, University of Missouri-St. Louis, summer 2007.
 Helena (Leni) Weisl '89, Master of Social Work, Western Michigan University, August 2007.
 Tom Scholten '92, Master of Arts in applied geography, *cum laude*, University of North Carolina at Greensboro, Dec. 20, 2007.

Brett Geier '94, Doctorate of Education in educational leadership, Western Michigan University, December 2007.
 Lynda Hakken '95, DMA in organ performance and pedagogy, with a minor in music theory, University of Iowa, December 2007.
 Melissa O'Connor '96 Meuzelaar, Master of Arts in community counseling, with honors, May 2007.
 Colleen Antvelink '97, master's in nutrition, University of Washington, fall 2007.
 Sara Hewitt '97, master's in social work with a certificate in addictions, Florida International University, August 2007.

Anne Horton '97, M.Ed. in curriculum and instruction, National-Louis University, August 2007.
 Kristin Kelley '98, master's in public history, Loyola University Chicago, May 2007.
 Kimberly Kent '99 Meade, master's in educational leadership, Concordia University, May 2006.
 Shonda Perdue '00 Evans, Master of Education degree in special education administration, Grand Valley State University, August 2007.
 Katie Horsman '00 Hall, Ph.D. in bioanalytical chemistry, University of Virginia in May 2007.
 Clinton Randall '00, Master of Divinity, Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, December 2007.
 Stacey Slad '00, master's in educational leadership, University of St. Francis (Joliet, Ill.), December 2007.
 Louis Canfield '01, master's degree in public administration, Grand Valley State University, April 2007.
 Laura Grit '01, Ph.D. in computer

science, Duke University, December 2007.
 Rebecca LaRoy '01 Town, M.Div., Western Theological Seminary, May 2007.
 Jeffrey Wilcox '01, Ph.D. in geology, University of Wisconsin, August 2007.
 Elisabeth Sawchuk '02 Avery, J.D., Thomas M. Cooley Law School, Sept. 23, 2007.
 Adam Reddick '02, J.D., *cum laude*, Thomas M. Cooley Law School, Jan. 27, 2008.
 Gregory Town '02, M. Div., Western Theological Seminary, May 2007.
 Robert Bartlett '03, M.D., Indiana University School of Medicine, May 2007.
 Jennifer Coleman '03 Hendricks, Master of Arts in educational administration and leadership, Western Michigan University, November 2007.
 Mindy Beukema '04 Vork, Master of Education, Indiana Wesleyan University, August 2007.
 Kate Orbaker '05, Master of Science in literacy education birth-12th grade, Nazareth College, Dec. 15, 2007.
 Jordy VandeBunte '05, M.A. in Near Eastern studies, University of Arizona (Tucson).
 Laurelin VanGinhoven '06 Barkel, Master of Science in applied educational psychology, Northeastern University, August 2007.
 Sarah Short '06, Master of Science in journalism, Boston University, January 2008.
 Peter Wright '06, Master of Business Administration, Daniels College of Business at The University of Denver, November 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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Word has been received of the death of **Leroy F. Alder '42** of Drexel Hill, Pa., who died on Wednesday, Aug. 15, 2007. He was 87.

Barbara Johnson '51 Allen of Kalamazoo, Mich., died on Thursday, Jan. 10, 2008. She was 78.

After graduation from Hope, she taught in elementary schools for one year in Grand Rapids, Mich., and one year in Pontiac, Mich. She then did social work for two years before raising her family.

She was preceded in death by a great-granddaughter, Natalie Allen.

Survivors include her husband of 49 years, Darrel Allen; two sons, Timothy (Diane) Allen and Todd (Janet) Allen; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Charles L. Baskin '49 of Zionsville, Ind., died on Friday, Dec. 21, 2007. Her was 80.

He was a veteran who served in the U.S. Army as a military policeman with the occupation forces in Italy following World War II.

He worked as product manager and technical salesperson for Haynes Satellite Co. for 17 years and retired from Coshocton Steel Co. after 25 years.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Geneva Niva and Barbara Loessel.

Survivors include his wife, Joan Wagoner Baskin; his children, Curt (MaryBeth) Baskin and Craig (Sherry) Baskin; four grandchildren; and his siblings, Kenny (Bernice) Baskin, Floyd (Mary Ann) Baskin, Dorothy (Frank) Strach, Carl Baskin, Betty Baskin, and Marvin (Rhonda) Baskin.

Carol Mogle '64 Boerhave of Knoxville, Tenn., died on Sunday, Dec. 9, 2007. She was 65.

She had been a teacher in Grand Rapids, Mich.; Grand Haven, Mich.; and Goshen, Ind. She later moved into jobs in technology and computer science for the Goshen school system.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Gerald Boerhave '67, and by her parents, James and Marjorie Mogle.

Survivors include her daughters, Katherine (Dale) VanSpronsen, Gretchen (Jack) Barr, and Rebecca (Matthew) Holmberg; six grandchildren; her brother, James (Nancy Jo) Mogle; and her sister, Nancy Lee Mogle.

Floyd Brady '68 of Chicago, Ill., died on Sunday, Feb. 3, 2008. He was 62.

He was special assistant to the dean of the College of Business Administration at the University of

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I found my place as a double major in International Studies and Music with the support of professors who have a genuine interest in helping me carve out a place for my unique interests and abilities.

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Illinois at Chicago and also director of the Rev. Dr. H.B. Brady Foundation. His career included serving in the past as senior vice president of CNA Insurance and president of the CNA Insurance Companies Foundation, and as vice president of INROADS Inc.

In 2007 he was a speaker at the Great Lakes Colleges Association Students of Color Leadership Conference, held on Hope's campus Friday-Saturday, Oct. 19-20. In October 2005, he was a featured keynote speaker during the dedication celebration for the college's Martha Miller Center for Global Communication. Earlier in 2005 he had joined other former Hope basketball players cutting down the nets after the Flying Dutchmen played their final game at the Holland Civic Center.

Andrew Bremer Jr. '53 of Fraser, Mich., died on Sunday, Nov. 25, 2007, of complications following a stroke. He was 77.

He retired 14 years ago from the city of Grosse Pointe Farms, Mich., where he had served as city manager for 27 years.

Survivors include his wife of 56 years, Kathryn DeVette '53 Bremer; his children, Pamela (Brandt) Droska and Jeffrey '77 (Christine) Bremer; many grandchildren; and his sister, Harriet Brieve.

Harley L. Brower '59 of Palm Springs, Calif., died on Wednesday, Nov. 14, 2007. He was 70.

He was honorably discharged from the U.S. Army Reserves in 1961.

He was vice-president of sales and marketing at Batts Inc. in Zeeland, Mich., retiring in 1995.

Survivors include his sister, Ardith Brower '60 DaFoe; his brother, Robert (Sue) Brower; three nieces, including Rachelle DaFoe '88 (Robert) Whitacre, and one nephew, and their children.

E. Dorothy Schutmaat '40 Brown of East Lansing, Mich., died on Tuesday, Sept. 25, 2007. She was 89.

She was a school teacher and a librarian.

She was preceded in death by her sister, Harlene Schumaat '45 Craven.

Survivors include her niece and nephews, Carol Trinder, Dean Craven and Frank Craven.

Marion Churchill '50 Brown of Ossineke, Mich., died on Sunday, Feb. 10, 2008. She was 81.

During her varied career, she was a teacher, social worker, Girl Scout Council executive, retailer and real estate agent.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Richard P. Brown '48, in 1996.

Survivors include her three children, Jeffrey (Jaclyn), Kevin (Staci), and Susan; two granddaughters; her brother, Carter Churchill; her sister, Margaret Labovitz; and one niece.

Glenn Bruggers '48 of Holland, Mich., died on Wednesday, Nov. 28, 2007. He was 84.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force.

He served as a missionary in Japan for the RCA for 22 years, and then served as secretary for Asian and African Ministries of the RCA.

Survivors include his wife of 59 years, Phyllis Voss '47 Bruggers; their children, David '73 (Denise) Bruggers, Stephen '76 (Barbara Herbek '76) Bruggers, Joan Bruggers (James Sullivan), and Carolyn Bruggers '81; eight grandchildren, including Seth '00 (Rebecca Potts '00) Bruggers, Daniel Bruggers '03, and John Bruggers '08; his brothers, Laurence '41 (Dorothy) Bruggers and Howard '50 (Henrietta Weener '50) Bruggers; and nieces, nephews and cousins.

Joanne Krause '54 Cupery of Holland, Mich., died on Thursday, Nov. 22, 2007. She was 75.

She was retired from Planters LifeSavers, where she worked as an occupational nurse.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Peter Cupery, in 1965.

Survivors include her children, David Cupery, Douglas Cupery, Donald Cupery and Jody (Dan) Castillo; five grandchildren; and her mother-in-law, Jennie DeJager.

Joyce Van Doorn '57 DeJong of Black Mountain, N.C., died on Friday, Nov. 9, 2007. She was 72.

She was a pre-school teacher at Black Mountain Presbyterian Church.

Survivors include her husband of 50 years, Arthur J. DeJong; her sons, Mark (Julie) DeJong, Paul (Jessica) DeJong, and Richard (Jeanne) DeJong; her daughters, Ruth (Mark) Anker and Beth (Greg) Cook; her brothers, William Van Doorn, and John (Alvina) Van Doorn; her sisters, Joanne (James) Bengelink and Jean (Carl) Hamstra; and seven grandchildren.

Margaret Roggen '39 DePree of Denver, Colo., died on Tuesday, Nov. 26, 2007. She was 91.

She had been an elementary school teacher.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Byron DePree, and a son, Kim DePree '84.

Survivors include her son, Steve DePree; three grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Folkert L. "Red" Faber '69 of Hastings, Mich., died on Saturday, Jan. 19, 2008, following a long battle with ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease). He was 61.

He was an RCA pastor who served at Jamestown Reformed Church, Grace Reformed Church of Holland, and Peace Church of Middleville, all in Michigan. He also served the RCA in the Holland and Zeeland classes and the Synod of the Great Lakes. In 2002, he began participating in ministry at Crystal Creek Community Church and working with friends at two car washes in Holland. Upon retiring from the ministry in 2006, he was declared Pastor Emeritus at Grace Community Church.

Survivors include his wife, Marge Faber; their children, Tamara (Micah) Faber-Doty, Wendy (Jeremy) Podany,

and Philip Faber; two grandchildren; his mother, Julie Faber; his brother, Hylke (Ada) Faber; his sister, Jopie (Hans) Vander Zee; and nieces and nephews.

Harold Grissen '49 of Holland, Mich., died on Thursday, Nov. 29, 2007. He was 83.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force European Theater.

He was a history teacher at Ludington (Mich.) High School from 1949 to 1954. He was a history teacher and tennis coach at Holland Christian High School, and teacher and principal at Maplewood Christian Elementary School from 1954 to 1985.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Elaine Palmbos '66 Grissen, and a son, Michael Grissen.

Survivors include his wife, Virginia Grissen; his daughter, Pat (Mark) Douma; two grandchildren; step-children, Dee Dee (Kevin) Terpsma, Linda Van Hoven, and Michael (Cheryl) Atman; two step-grandchildren; his siblings, John (Eunice) Grissen, Gladys (Don) Smeenge, and Sue Weatherwax; sisters-in-law, Lillian Grissen, Norma (Ed) Postma, and Jan (Frank) Larkin; and many nieces and nephews.

Alma Stegenga '41 Halko of Holland, Mich., died on Tuesday, Nov. 20, 2007. She was 88.

She had been a teacher and social worker, mainly in Pennsylvania and Boston, Mass.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Andrew Halko '50, in 1986.

Survivors include her daughters, Mary Halko-Sheehan (Stephen Sheehan), Nancy (Tommy) Driy, and Michelle DesCloux; six grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; her brother, Gerald Van Faasen; her sister-in-law, Jean Van Faasen; and nieces and nephews.

Wilhelm K. Haysom '36 of Bloomington, N.Y., died on Tuesday, Nov. 13, 2007. He was 94.

He was a pastor who served churches of the Reformed Church in America in New York and New Jersey. Following his retirement from the Federated Church of Kerhonkson, N.Y., he served as stated supply pastor at the Krumville and Lyonsville Reformed Churches, was interim pastor for the Blue Mountain and Katsbaan Reformed Churches, did supply preaching, and served as contract minister for the High Woods Reformed Church in Saugerties.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Minnie Burger Haysom, in 1988, a sister Louise Knaust, and a son, Richard Haysom.

He is survived by his wife, Cordelia Feltman Haysom; a son, Alan Hayson '64; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and a niece and a nephew.

Norman L. Hess '63 of New London, N.H., died on Tuesday, Dec. 4, 2007. He was 68.

He was a fundraising consultant and owner of Advancement Resources. He began his fundraising career at Cranwell School in Rhode Island; then

he was director of annual giving and later director of the bicentennial capital campaign at Phillips Exeter Academy, Exeter, N.H.; he was next director of development for the University of Tulsa and later director of development for Colby-Sawyer College.

Survivors include his wife of 27 years, Patricia Richmond Hess; three sons, Peter (Cheryl) Hess, Kevin Hess, and Brian (Jennifer) Kucharski; four grandchildren; his brother, Hubert (Connie) Hess; his mother-and father-in-law, Herbert and Ruth Richmond; a brother-in-law, Russell (Jennifer) Richmond; a sister-in-law, Polly House; and nieces, nephews and a cousin.

William C. (Bill) Hillegonds '49 of Grand Rapids, Mich., died on Sunday, Dec. 23, 2007. He was 85.

He was a veteran who served in the European Theater during World War II.

He served as chaplain at Hope from 1965 to 1978. His ministry included serving Reformed (RCA) and Presbyterian congregations in Indiana, Iowa, Michigan and New York.

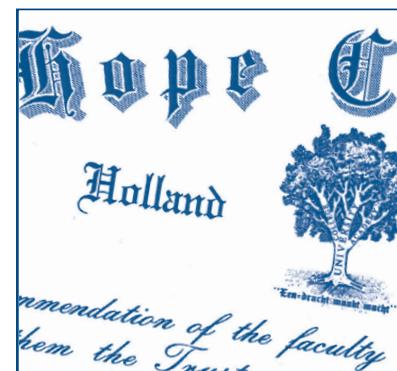
In 1983 he was awarded an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree by Hope, and there is a scholarship fund at the college in his honor.

Survivors include his wife of 61 years, Elizabeth (Libby) Romaine '46 Hillegonds; his sons, Paul (Nancy Phillips) Hilligonds and Timothy '72 (Lynn Klaasen '72) Hillegonds; and five grandchildren, including Rachel Hillegonds '99 (Michael) Myers, Thomas Hillegonds '02, and Rebecca Hillegonds '05 (Justin) Stellema.

Kathleen Walsma '66 Jackson of Grand Rapids, Mich., died on Friday, Feb. 22, 2008. She was 63.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her brother, Paul Walsma '54, and a son at birth, Bruce Alan.

Survivors include her husband of 41 years, Bob Jackson '66; three daughters, Laura (Peter) Klein, Julie Jackson '91 (Tim) Zahm, and Karen Jackson; five grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.



A total of 65 seniors graduated with honors in December. Please visit the college's Web site for the list.

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Kenneth S. Karsten '35 of Spring Hill, Fla., died on Wednesday, Dec. 12, 2007. He was 94.

Survivors include his wife, Bee Karsten; four children; three step-children; eight grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Anthony Kempker '46 of Holland, Mich., died on Monday, Dec. 17, 2007. He was 85.

He was a veteran who served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II as a member of the 391st Bomb Group and received the Air Medal for heroism.

He was retired from Herman Miller Inc.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Ruth Kempker, in 1977, and his second wife, Leona Piers Kempker, in 2003.

Survivors include his children, Garry '74 (Gloria) Kempker and Steven (Nancy) Kempker; two grandchildren; stepchildren, Mary Piers '68 (Dan) George, Jim '69 (DeeDee Gunther '71) Piers, and Scott Piers; five step-grandchildren; three step-great-grandchildren; in-laws, Gerald and Eleanor Bax, Fayne Kempker, Alice Kempker, and Phyllis Swierenga; and several nieces and nephews.

Jonathan (Jono) Krystiniak '09 of Grandville, Mich., died on Tuesday, Jan. 22, 2008, from injuries suffered in an attack in Grand Rapids, Mich. He was 21.

He was a junior at Ottawa University in Ottawa, Kansas, where he was also an all-conference football player.

Survivors include his mother, Susan Kiviniemi; his father, Martin Krystiniak; his grandmothers, Hilda Stariha and Dortha Krystiniak; his brother, Joshua; his sister, Chantal; his step-father, Robert Kiviniemi; his step-sisters, Sarah, Erika and Shana; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Esther Hinkamp '38 McCoy of Holland, Mich., died on Tuesday, Feb. 19, 2008. She was 91.

She was selected to be trained at Smith College as one of the first group of women to become officers in the U.S. Navy's WAVES. She served during World War II coding and decoding messages to and from ships in the Atlantic. She retired with the rank of lieutenant.

She taught high school in Chesaning, Mich., for three years. After her military service, she worked in school and camp advertising and placement for *Redbook*, *Harper's Bazaar* and an independent agency in New York City.

Survivors include her husband, Capt. Donald McCoy, U.S.N.; three stepsons, Don (Melinda) McCoy, Robert (Mary Jane) McCoy, and John McCoy; four step-grandchildren; three step-great-grandchildren; her brother, James '40 (Alice) Hinkamp; her sister, Lois Hinkamp '44 (Vernon '44) Boersma; and several nieces and nephews and their children.

James Z. Nettinga '34 of Fullerton, Calif., died on Sunday, Dec. 2, 2007. He was 95.

He was a retired RCA pastor. He had a long career with the American Bible Society. He also served as director of Young People's Work for the RCA and as acting secretary for the Board of Domestic Pensions.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Margaret Drew Nettinga, and his second wife, Pearl Nettinga; his brother, Paul Nettinga '30; and his sister, Cornelia Nettinga '27 (Alvin '26) Neevel.

Survivors include a son, Jon Nettinga.

Susan Weichsel '71 O'Malley of Lincoln, Neb., died on Monday, Nov. 19, 2007. She was 58.

She was an administrative assistant with the Lincoln Public Schools.

Survivors include her father, George Weichsel; two sons, Stephen Schoo and David Schoo; her brother, Ken (Kay) Weichsel; and two step-daughters, Sue Henderson and Shelley Schoo.

Jay C. Petter '49 of Pentwater, Mich., died on Tuesday, Feb. 26, 2008. He was 81.

He worked with his father at Buss Machine Works in Holland, Mich., until purchasing Pentwater Wire Products in the mid-1960s. He had many patents over the years.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Carol Ten Broek Petter, and his second wife, Rebetta Petter.

Survivors include three daughters, Jamie (Phil) Michael, Mindy (Tim) Pierson, and Stephanie (Rick) Garrett; three grandchildren; and step-children, Arthur (Linda) Swanson, Victoria Fish, and Dwight (Lynn) Swanson.

Vern Schipper '51 of Holland, Mich., died on Wednesday, Jan. 30, 2008. He was 80.

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

He had been a teacher and administrator with the Holland Public Schools, a publisher's representative, and vice president and general manager with Guide Inc., a Holland-based publisher of church school material. He worked at Hope from 1973 until retirement in 1989, serving first as director of the "Build Hope" Fund, subsequently as alumni director, and then as a regional advancement director.

The college's Alumni Association presented him with a "Resolution of Recognition and Appreciation" in 1986, and a Meritorious Service Award in 1997. During Homecoming in October 2004, he and his wife, Isla Streur '50 Schipper, along with two other couples—Lamont '50 and Ruth DeGraaf '50 Dirkse, and Philip '50 and Ann '50 Wolters Fredrickson—received recognition for their decades of service to the college, honored during the dedication ceremony for the sculpture "Wall Relief: Opus A" installed at Nykerk Hall of Music. In addition, Vern, Isla and their family established the

Vernon J. '51 and Isla R. '50 Schipper Scholarship Fund at Hope.

Isla survives him, as do their three sons, Jim Schipper '81 (Jane Frey), Brian Schipper '83 and his partner, Rick Lord, and Steve Schipper '87.

Mlungisi (Lungi) Sisulu '98 died on Thursday, Jan. 3, 2008, of cerebral malaria while visiting London, England. He was 41.

He joined South Africa's Department of Foreign Affairs in 1999 and served as First Secretary in the country's embassy in Prague, Czech Republic. At the time of his death, he was First Secretary of South Africa's embassy in Khartoum, Sudan.

While he attended Hope, Drs. Andrew and Jeanine Dell'Olio of the college's faculty were his host family.

He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Walter Sisulu, a leader of the South African freedom movement and mentor of Nelson Mandela.

Survivors include his wife, Kundi; and his parents, Maxwell Sisulu and Mercy Vuthela; four brothers; and his grandmother, Albertina Sisulu.

Robert J. "Rob" Skalla '93 of Kalamazoo, Mich., died suddenly at his home on Sunday, Dec. 9, 2007. He was 38.

He studied chemistry at Hope and was a member of the Knickerbocker fraternity.

He had worked in administration at Niles Precision Company.

Survivors include his daughter, Neve Angelica; his parents, James and Betty Skalla; two brothers, Jay (Cecilia) Skalla and Thomas Skalla; one sister, Karen (Eric) Vinnedge.

David J. Steenbergen '63 of Grand Rapids, Mich., died on Saturday, Nov. 24, 2007. He was 65.

He was an industrial psychologist and owner of People Performance and Development.

He was preceded in death by his father, Andrew Steenbergen.

Survivors include his wife of 42 years, Lucille DeRoo Steenbergen; his children, Lucinda (David) Richmond and Janel (Raymond) VanArragon; four grandchildren; his mother, Blanche Steenbergen; his brother, Gordon Steenbergen; and several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Morris Tardiff '42 of Indianapolis, Ind., died on Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2008. He was 88.

He began his professional career in electroplating at Keeler Brass and Hanson, VanWinkle, Munning in Grand Rapids, Mich. He transferred to the corporate offices in Matawan, N.J., in 1957 as equipment manager. In 1973 he transferred to Buehler Corporation in Indianapolis. In 1977, he and two friends formed the AEON Corporation, which designed and installed total electroplating systems. He retired in 1987.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Elizabeth Keeler Tardiff, and his son, Raymond Ward Tardiff.

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Survivors include his daughters, Marcia (Donald) Day and Melissa Tardiff; his sons, Michael (Caroline) Tardiff and Steven (Jennifer) Tardiff; his daughter-in-law, Patricia Tardiff; his sister, Vivian Tardiff '44 (Gerard '44) Cook; and 11 grandchildren.

Word has been received of the death of **Lois Henney '43 Troop** of Denver, Colo., who died on Monday, May 15, 2006. She was 84.

Charlotte Curlee '61 Utzinger of Ellensburg, Wash., died on Saturday, Nov. 10, 2007. She was 68.

She had taught kindergarten in Michigan and sixth grade at the old Cascade School in Ellensburg. After raising her children, she had a career at Twin City Foods, where she retired as a testing supervisor.

Survivors include her husband of 45 years, John G. Utzinger, who taught philosophy at Hope from 1959 to 1963; her daughters, Marika (Larry) Fudacz and Andrea Utzinger (Tom Logan); three grandchildren; and her sister, Emelyn Curlee '58 (John '57) Winter.

Gordon Vanden Brink '39 of Omaha, Neb., formerly of Holland, Mich., died on Saturday, Dec. 29, 2007. He was 90.

He was a veteran of World War II. He was preceded in death by his wife, Lena Vanden Brink.

Survivors include his sons, Barry (Kathy) Vanden Brink, Robert (Susanne) Vanden Brink, and Brian (Kathleen) Vanden Brink; three grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Caryl Curtis '52 Van Houten of Holland, Mich., died on Friday, Feb. 8, 2008. She was 77.

She taught second grade in Lansing, Mich., and Holland.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Arthur Van Houten, in 2006.

Survivors include her daughters, Claire (Tom Herr) Ewart, Gwen (Bob) Ewart-Thomas, and Julie (Cindy Freeman) Ewart; four grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; her sister, Dorothy Curtis '42 (Harold '42) Dykema; her brother, Robert S. Curtis '41; step-children, Karen (Greg) Dykema, Kevin (Erica) Van Houten, Mike (Kathy) Van Houten, and John (Marilyn) Van Houten; and three step-grandchildren.

Word has been received of the death of **John Veldman '46** of Northport, Mich., who died on Sunday, Aug. 12, 2007. He was 94.

Barbara Andrews '69 Williams of Wenatchee, Wash., died on Monday, Nov. 12, 2007, of complications due to an auto accident in 2004. She was 60.

She was a physical therapist in Boston, Mass., at the French Hospital in San Francisco, Calif., and at the San Francisco Community and Central Gardens Convalescent Hospitals before relocating to Wenatchee.

Survivors include her husband,

Richard Williams; her daughter, Caroline Williams; her brother, Paul Andrews; and one niece.

Lawrence H. Winberg '54 of West Palm Beach, Fla., died on Monday, Nov. 12, 2007, following a battle with pancreatic cancer. He was 75.

Survivors include his wife, Adrienne Ericson Winberg; his daughter, Lauren Altschuler; and one grandson.

Leon O. Winstrom '34 of East Aurora, N.Y., died on Monday, April 30, 2007. He was 95.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Louise Winstrom.

Survivors include his children, Carol Moskowitz, William L. (Leilani) Winstrom, and Leon (Emily) Winstrom Jr.; six grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Frederick H. Winter '42 of Grand Rapids, Mich., died on Wednesday, Sept. 5, 2007. He was 88.

He was a veteran who served as an officer on the USS *Texas* during World War II.

He served in leadership positions in government and non-profit and church organizations.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Betty Winter, and his brothers, Dick, John and William Winter.

Survivors include his children, Beth Williams, Fred Winter Jr., Dick (Deborah) Winter, and Bob (Carrie) Winter; 10 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and nieces, nephews and extended family.

Words has been received of the death of **Edward C. Workman '43** of Wayne, Mich., who died on Tuesday, Dec. 25, 2007. He was 92.

Kenneth Zuverink '49 of Holland, Mich., died on Monday, Jan. 28, 2008. He was 80.

He was employed at Brouwer Furniture as president and owner from 1950 to 1979, and at MTA Travel as director of marketing from 1980 to 1996.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Myra Brouwer '47 Zuverink, last May.

Survivors include his children, Deborah (Ed) Bloom and Timothy Zuverink '77; three grandchildren; his siblings, Gordon (Mary) Zuverink, George Jr. (Betty) Zuverink, Vernon '58 (Ina Mae) Zuverink, and Bernice Dokter; and his sister-in-law, Marjorie Brouwer '43 Lumsden.

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To the family of **Albert L. Deal**, who died on Thursday, Feb. 14, 2008. He was 93.

He was a veteran who served as a commissioned officer in the U.S. Naval Armed Guard in World War II, during which he saw duty in both the Atlantic and Pacific war operations.

In a career spanning 40 years in Michigan public education, he served four school districts as superintendent.

He served as the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association (MIAA) commissioner from 1971 to 1991. He guided the league through a historic period in which it became one of the first collegiate conferences in America to have a combined governance structure for men's and women's sports. In 2003, the MIAA established the Albert L. Deal Scholar-Athlete Award, which is presented annually to the league's top graduating male scholar-athlete.

Survivors include his wife, Connie; three daughters, Ann M. Vandenberg, Emily J. Dood and Martha E. Butler; four stepsons, Richmond H. (Cindy) Jones, Douglas H. Jones, Donald H. (Maryvic Cuison) Jones, and Craig H. (Lisa) Jones; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

The family of **Ruth Nehlsen Douglass** of Chicago, Ill., who died on Thursday, Nov. 1, 2007. She was 91.

A lifelong resident of the North Park neighborhood in Chicago, she helped to build the Warner Candy Company with her husband, Bernard, until the family sold the business in 2003.

She remained active in the life of the college through the music program. She contributed to the Skinner Organ Restoration Fund and especially enjoyed listening to the Tulip Time organ concerts.

Survivors include her six children, Susan (Martin) Sandstrom, Wylie (Ardyth) Douglass, John (Emily) Douglass, Robert '72 (Teresa) Douglass, David (Susan) Douglass, and Daniel (Holly) Douglass; 17 grandchildren, including James Sandstrom '88, Andrea Douglass '01 (Eric '01) Shaeffer, Heather Douglass '01, Holly Douglass '02 (Christopher '02) Vander Hyde, and Wylie Douglass III '05; and four great-grandchildren.

The family of **Mali Finn** of Sonoma, Calif., who died on Wednesday, Nov. 28, 2007.

In the early 1970s, she taught acting and creative dramatics at Hope, where she was also a part-time English instructor. She also taught theatre and English at Holland (Mich.) High School. After moving to California, she worked in casting for the motion picture industry and eventually ran her own agency.

Survivors include her husband, Don, who taught theatre at Hope from 1967 to 1982; their son, David (Amy) Finn; and two grandchildren.

To the family of **Ruth Stafford Peale** of Pawling, N.Y., who died on Wednesday, Feb. 6, 2008. She was 101.

She was married to the late Dr. Norman Vincent Peale, and she worked with him to build his well-known ministry at Marble Collegiate Church in Manhattan, N.Y. She was the first woman to be president of the National Board of North American Missions of

the Reformed Church in America. She was also the driving force behind the magazine *Guideposts* and the author of several books.

She was a member of the Board of Trustees at Hope from 1967 to 1979 and had been an honorary trustee since 1979. The Ruth Stafford Peale Scholarship Fund was established by Homer Surbeck in recognition of her distinguished service to the college. Dr. and Mrs. Peale established the Norman and Ruth Peale Fund to support faculty/student research at Hope in contemporary religious thought. The Peale Science Center, which opened in 1973 and is now the Peale wing of the A. Paul Schaap Science Center, was named for Dr. and Mrs. Peale; and the college awarded each of them honorary degrees in 1962.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1993.

Survivors include her daughters, Margaret Peale Everett and Elizabeth Peale Allen; her son, John Stafford Peale; eight grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

The family of **Morrette (Morry) Rider** of Eugene, Ore., who died on Saturday, Jan. 12, 2008. He was 86.

He was a veteran who served as a cryptanalyst in China, Burma and India during World War II.

He served on the Hope faculty as professor of music from 1947 to 1975. He was dean for academic affairs from 1967 to 1975. While at Hope, he was the founding conductor of the Symphonette. He was a professional violinist. In 1986 he retired as professor of music and dean of the School of Music at the University of Oregon.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Wanda Nigh Rider, on Sunday, May 13, 2007.

Survivors include his daughter, Rhonda Rider.

The family of **Henry (Hendrik) ten Hoor** of Holland, Mich., who died on Wednesday, Dec. 26, 2007. He was 93.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy who served from 1943 until 1946, commissioned as an officer.

He taught Latin at Castle Heights Military Academy in Lebanon, Tenn., from 1938 to 1943. He taught at Hope from 1946 to 1979, when he retired as professor emeritus of English. His specialty was Shakespeare.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Beatrice Mae Visser '34 ten Hoor, in 1986; his second wife, Gertrude Alphaenaar Versendaal, in 1999; and six brothers and sisters.

Survivors include his daughters, Joan ten Hoor '66 (James Dobson), Lois ten Hoor '70 (Russell) Sterenberg, and Ellen ten Hoor '72 (Kevin) Fitch; six grandchildren, including Matthew '98 (Yuko) Sterenberg; two great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews; and Gertrude's children, Kathleen (Jerry) Wittingen, Sherrill (Robert) Bredeweg, Glenda (Steven) Forsten, and Calvin (Sally) Versendaal.





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