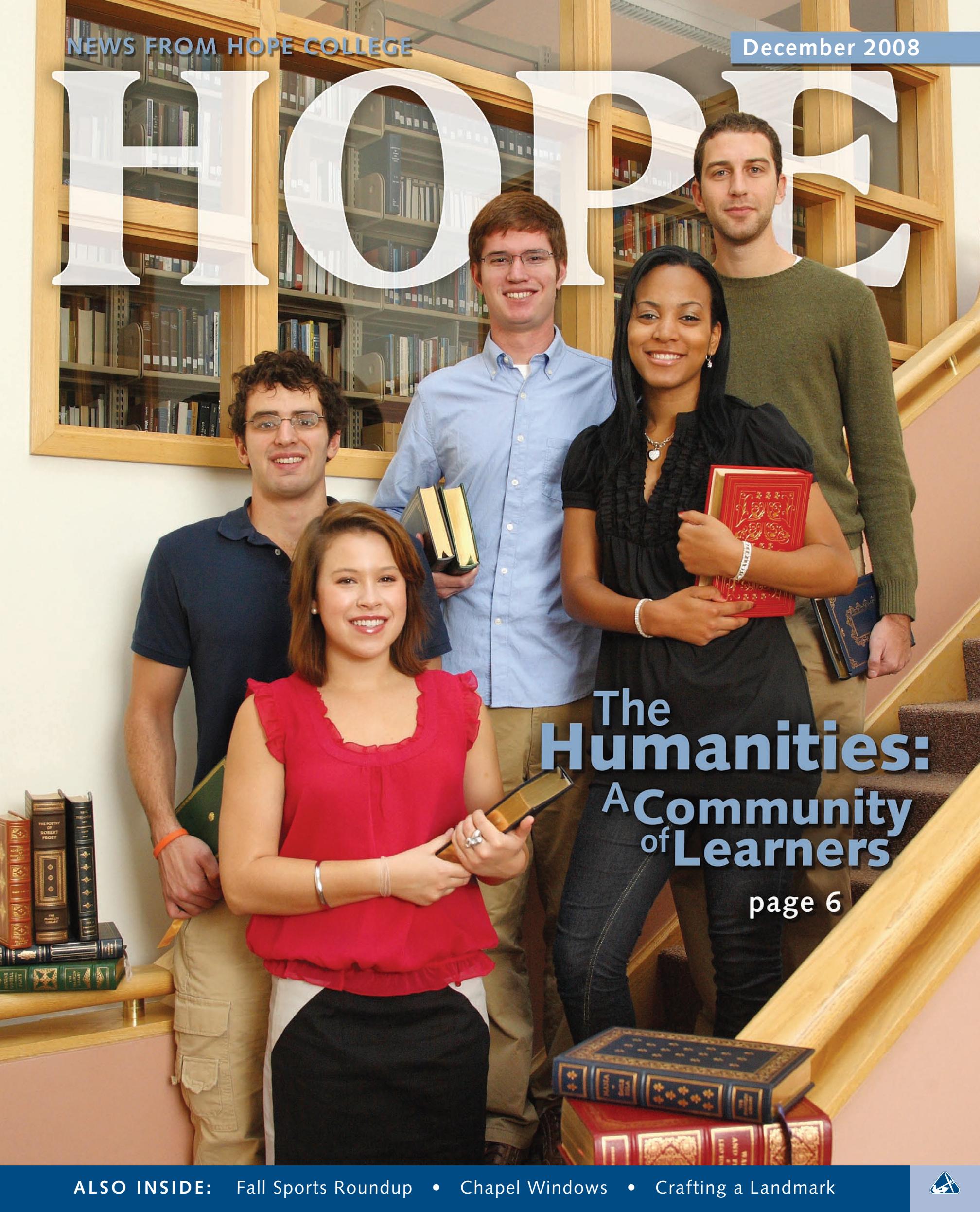


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Five students, each focused on one of the humanities departments, represent the *raison d'être* of the division. Pictured from left to right, accompanied by volumes from the Rare Book Collection, are James Richardson, Allison Hawkins, Jeffrey Skaff, Leticia Parker and Michael Bertrand. Reflections from each are included in the story on pages six-nine.

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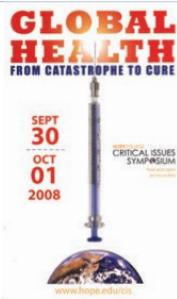
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"Quote, unquote"

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



Each fall, the college devotes an evening and a full class day to the Critical Issues Symposium, so that the entire Hope community

can engage intensively with a topic of global significance through presentations by invited speakers as well as experts from the college's faculty and staff. This year's symposium, held on Tuesday and Wednesday, Sept. 30 and Oct 1, examined "Global Health: From Catastrophe to Cure."

The opening keynote address was presented by award-winning medical writer and biologist Laurie Garrett. She examined the disparity in health between developed and developing nations, where on measures such as life expectancy and infant mortality the latter lag behind where the former were decades ago. Citing challenges such as poverty and a corresponding lack of infrastructure, she called upon developed nations to adopt a model that not only provides resources but emphasizes sustainability—even as they struggle with needs of their own. Here are her closing remarks.

"When most of those people depend on outside resources, how can that be sustainable, especially if those resources depend on altruism and concern in a whole other part of the world? Us. The Angelina Jolies, the Bonos, the celebrities, the Bill Gates. Can we sustain this? Are we in there for the long haul, especially as our own health care costs skyrocket and our

own sense of not being able to care for our own people here in the United States of America, where up to 47 million lack health insurance? Are we going to remain hanging in there, generous and caring about the rest of the world?

"And can we build something that can withstand shocks that arise? Our shock was Katrina. What's their shock? The shock for the poor world right now is the skyrocketing cost of food. Since January, wheat has gone up 130 percent; corn has gone up 31 percent; and rice, which is the major staple of the world, 74 percent. The director of the World Bank says because of these food cost increases, two billion people are in greater stress for basic nutritional needs every day—100 million have gone down to one meal a day, affording only one meal a day. When our stock market goes crazy, their food costs go up. There's a direct relationship.

"Do we have an ability to integrate research for new tools, better ways of tackling global health problems into the kinds of programs that we execute overseas? Right now we're not doing a very good job and we don't do very well at innovating and creating new ways of responding to changes on the ground. For example, cell phones. Why wait for everybody to get land-line telephones when you can use cell phones in the middle of nowhere now? We should be building everything to do with health delivery, monitoring our inventory, vaccination programs, all based on cell phone technology. We need to take advantage of the new innovations and do things better.

"It's time to rethink. Not this charity mode of how we go about global health, but a mode that says we're going to fundamentally and permanently change this picture, and fundamentally and permanently do it in a way that brings dignity and self reliance to the poor peoples of the world: raises those boats, gets people out of a mode of dependency. It's easy to give money. It's hard to build a program that will last when you leave. That's the challenge." ✈



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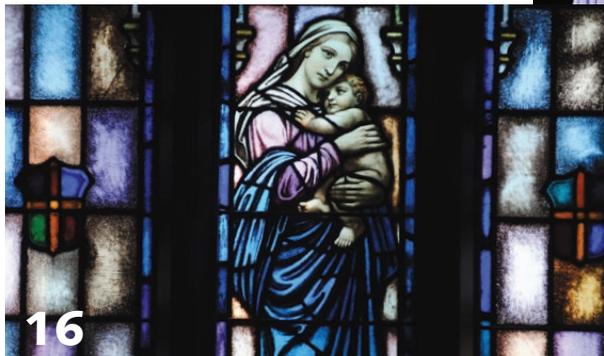
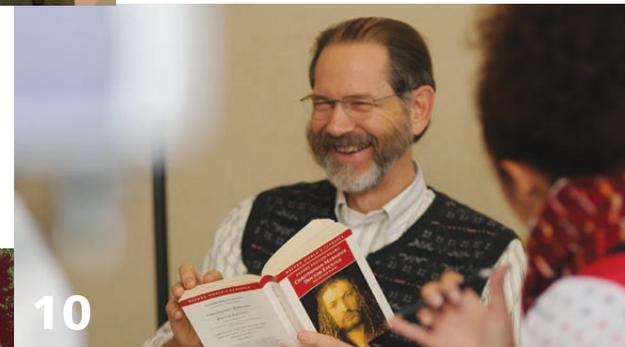
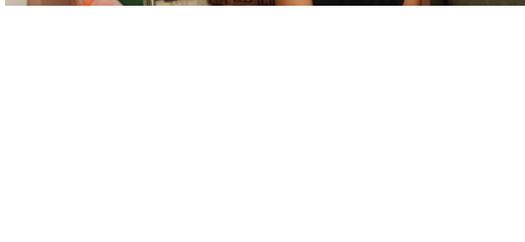
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Wind Symphony—Friday, Feb. 20: Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.

Jazz Ensembles—Wednesday, Feb. 25: Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.

Opera Workshop—Thursday, Feb. 26: Wichers Auditorium of Nykerk Hall of Music, 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.

Orchestra and Symphonette—Friday, Feb. 27: Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.

Guest Artist—Friday, March 6: Jackie Tice, Native American folk musician, Wichers Auditorium of Nykerk Hall of Music, 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5 and are available at the DeVos Fieldhouse ticket office.

Musical Showcase—Monday, March 9: DeVos Performance Hall, Grand Rapids, Mich., 8 p.m. Tickets are \$10 and are available at the DeVos Fieldhouse ticket office.

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

Jazz Combos—Monday, April 6: Wichers Auditorium of Nykerk Hall of Music, 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.

DANCE

IDT—Friday-Saturday, Jan. 16-17 Knickerbocker Theatre, 8 p.m. Tickets are \$7 for regular admission and \$5 for senior citizens and students, and will be available at the door.

Dance 35—Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 26-28, and Friday and Saturday, March 6-7 Knickerbocker Theatre, 8 p.m. Tickets are \$7 for regular admission and \$5 for senior citizens and students, and will be available at the door.

ADMISSIONS

Campus Visits: The Admissions Office is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays, and from September through early June is also open from 9 a.m. until noon on Saturdays. Tours and admissions interviews are available during the summer as well as the school year. Appointments are recommended. **Visitation Days** offer specific programs for prospective students, including transfers and high school juniors and seniors. The programs show students and their parents a typical day in the life of a Hope student.

The remaining days for 2008-09 are Monday, Jan. 19; Friday, Jan. 30; Monday, Feb. 16; and Friday, Feb. 27.

Junior Days: Friday, March 27; Friday, April 3; Friday, April 17
Pre-Professional Day: Wednesday, May 20

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



DE PREE GALLERY

"Printed Image: Selections from the Kawashima Collection"—Monday, Feb. 23-Friday, March 13

Senior Art Show—Friday, March 27-Saturday, May 2
Work by graduating seniors.

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.

INSTANT INFORMATION

Updates on events, news and athletics at Hope may be obtained online 24 hours a day at www.hope.edu/pr/events.html.

GREAT PERFORMANCE SERIES

Chuchito Valdes Quartet—Friday, Jan. 16: Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 7:30 p.m.

Aquila Theatre—Friday-Saturday, Feb. 13-14: Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 7:30 p.m.

Quartet San Francisco—Tuesday, March 31: Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 7:30 p.m.

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



TRADITIONAL EVENTS

Celebration of Undergraduate Research and Creative Performance—Friday, March 27
DeVos Fieldhouse

Honors Convocation—Thursday, April 23, 7 p.m.

Dimnent Memorial Chapel
Baccalaureate and Commencement—Sunday, May 3

THEATRE

Big Love—Friday-Saturday, Feb. 27-28, and Wednesday-Saturday, March 4-7

By Charles Mee
DeWitt Center, main theatre, 8 p.m.

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

WINTER SPORTS

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



VESPERS ON THE AIR

This year's Christmas Vespers service was recorded for presentation on PBS television, and the service will also be carried by radio stations around the country. Please visit Hope online or call the Office of Public and Community Relations at (616) 395-7860 for more information.

ALUMNI, PARENTS & FRIENDS

Satellite Basketball Gatherings—Saturday, Jan. 17

Gatherings around the country watch the 3 p.m. Calvin-at-Hope men's basketball game live.

Winter Happening—Saturday, Jan. 31

Includes multiple seminars and home winter sports action.

Alumni Weekend—Friday-Sunday, May 1-3.

Includes reunions for every fifth class, '44 through '84.

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/.

JACK RIDL VISITING WRITERS

Monday, Feb. 16—Lynne Thompson, GLCA New Writers Award winner

Wednesday, March 11—Francine Prose, novelist

Wednesday, April 15—Minton Sparks, spoken-word artist, with John Jackson, guitarist
The readings will be at the Knickerbocker Theatre beginning at 7 p.m. Live music by the Jazz Chamber Ensemble will precede the readings beginning at 6:30 p.m. Admission is free.

TICKET SALES

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





STATEWIDE MUSIC AWARD: Violinist Alexandru Hamzea, a senior from Brasov, Romania, won First Prize in the Senior Division of the Michigan Solo Competition sponsored by the Michigan American String Teachers Association and held on Saturday, Oct. 18, at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

The 15th biennial competition awarded Grand Prize and First Prize honors in Junior and Senior divisions. The competition for each of the four awards included musicians from throughout the state performing either violin, viola, cello, double bass, classical guitar or harp.

Dr. Mihai Craioveanu, who is a professor of violin and has instructed Hamzea throughout his time at Hope, noted that the breadth and level of the competition—which includes graduate-level students—makes the recognition especially significant.

“It’s prestigious for both Alexandru and Hope College,” Dr. Craioveanu said. “The competition includes performers from many programs, with strong representation from large programs, so it’s nice to have a student from Hope go in and excel at that level.”

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NURSING WINNER: Sophomore Jeana Longoria of Howard City, Mich., has won one of only six scholarships awarded statewide to Hispanic students by the National Association of Hispanic Nurses-Michigan Chapter (NAHN-MI).

Selection criteria included a letter of recommendation from a faculty mentor and an essay including background

information, college and community involvement and goals after graduation. Longoria and the other five recipients received their \$500 scholarships on Friday, Nov. 7, during the NAHN-MI annual Nursing Scholarship Fundraiser in Detroit.

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CHAPTER HELPS: The college’s Alcor chapter of Mortar Board placed first in the national organization’s recent “Virtual Book Drive.”

The drive was held to help support local literacy initiatives, providing children from low-income families the opportunity to read and own their first new books. The program raised a total of \$25,586.24.

Hope’s chapter raised \$4,716.65 for the drive, exceeding the total raised by the second-place finisher by more than \$1,300. As a prize, the chapter received a \$500 Borders gift card to buy books for a local community organization.

SICK DAYS: An outbreak of a norovirus illness prompted Hope to cancel all activities from 1 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 7, through Wednesday, Nov. 12, at 6 a.m.

By early morning on Thursday, Nov. 6, about a dozen students had reported the severe flu-like symptoms that characterize the highly contagious virus, and even as the college worked with the Ottawa County Health Department to identify and take steps to limit its spread, by mid-morning Friday some 140 had reported being infected. The health department subsequently mandated the shutdown to help limit public gatherings and to enable the college to focus on sanitizing the campus and thus impede the spread of the illness. Ultimately, the reported number of cases peaked at 518 students, faculty and staff.

The shutdown covered not only classes but also all of the activities of Parents’ Weekend, and included Saturday’s Nykerk Cup competition (rescheduled to the following Friday), multiple concerts, and home and away athletic contests such as the MIAA volleyball tournament that Hope was to host. Campus dining prepared box meals so that students could avoid gathering while eating, and the custodial staff spent the duration cleaning.

The outbreak has earned distinction as the largest in state history, but the general experience hasn’t been unique to Hope. Colleges and universities across the nation have reported norovirus outbreaks this year.

ADVANCEMENT AWARDS: Hope has won multiple honors in the “Pride of CASE V Awards Program” sponsored by the Great Lakes District V of the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE).

Publications used as case statements in fund-raising efforts were honored in two categories, one at the Gold level and the other at the Bronze level. Development of the pieces was shepherded by Jason Cash ’07, Kate Frillmann and Scott Wolterink ’88 of the Advancement Division.

The video *The Mission of Hope College: Anchors of Hope* won the Bronze Award in the “Best Video/DVD/CD-ROM, Fundraising, Alumni Relations or Commercial Spots” category. Developed by Jason Cash ’07 and Scott Travis ’06, the program debuted as the college’s halftime segment during the televised spring 2008 Hope-Calvin basketball games and has since been used for a variety of projects.

News from Hope College won the Bronze Award for “Most Improved Alumni/Institution Magazine” among colleges and universities with 3,000 to 9,999 students, for the redesign that debuted in April 2007. Editor Greg Olgers ’87 coordinates the design of each issue with Wes Wooley ’89, who developed the new look. *News from Hope College* was the only publication recognized in the category.



POW WOW: For the fourth consecutive year, Hope was among the sponsors of a traditional Native American pow wow held in Holland.

The first year, in 2005, the pow wow took place in the Pine Grove. It has since been in the Holland Civic Center, a less weather-dependent location.

Held this year on Saturday, Oct. 25, the pow wow features authentic Native American dancers in regalia, Native singers and drummers, along with Native American-made jewelry and other goods for sale.

The Native Americans of the area refer themselves as the People of the Three Fires, also known as the Ottawa (Odawa), Chippewa (Ojibwe) and Potawatomi (Bodewatomi). The Ottawa had two settlements in the area prior to the arrival of the Rev. Albertus C. Van Raalte and the other colonists from the Netherlands who founded Holland.

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OUTSTANDING VOCALISTS: Multiple Hope singers earned honors in the National Association of Teachers of Singing (NATS) Michigan State Chapter Auditions, held at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo on Saturday, Nov. 1.

Hope students earned four first-place awards and one second-place award.

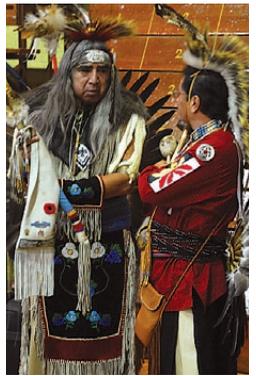
The first-place winners were: sophomore Sarah Ashcroft of Holland, Mich., Second-Year Women’s Division; junior Jared Graybiel of Lebanon, Ind., Advanced Musical Theatre Division; junior Ross Green of Plainwell, Mich., Second-Year Men’s Division; junior Briana Sosenheimer of Fort Wayne, Ind., Third-Year Women’s Division. The second-place winner was senior Katie Ross of St. Louis Park, Minn., Fourth-Year Women’s Division.

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HOPE IN PICTURES: Please visit the college online to enjoy extensive photo galleries organized by topic and chronicling a variety of events in the life

of Hope. At right is a moment from this fall’s “Relay for Life,” held on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 24-25, in the Dow Center (relocated from the Pine Grove due to inclement weather) as a fundraiser for the American Cancer Society. Hundreds of students participated in the sixth annual event, which raised \$40,600.

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Connections for Life

Dig into the meaning of the expression “liberal arts,” and the role of the humanities division at Hope reveals itself readily.

A liberal arts education is about intellectual development, with students educated holistically, learning that knowledge exists not in isolation but in relationship, informing and informed by the perspectives and experiences of multiple disciplines. It’s an idea that grew out of the earliest days of the academy in the Middle Ages but is even more relevant in the present as the boundaries between subjects continue to blur and technology brings the peoples of the globe into closer community than ever before.

And it all hinges on the humanities with their emphasis on context. As a collection of disciplines, the humanities—at Hope, it’s English, history, modern and classical languages, philosophy, and religion—explore the human experience. They offer the lessons and ideas of the past as a way of understanding the present and future, and by stressing thinking about and articulating how those concepts relate they prepare students to navigate the world’s complexities.

“Courses in the humanities examine perennial human situations and issues—problems of identity, purpose, relationship, meaning, and the roles of faith and religion in individual lives and the larger society,” said Dr. William Reynolds, who is dean for the arts and humanities and a professor of English. “In addition, they foster problem-solving skills, critical thinking, and openness to new and complicated ideas.”

“Lives of Leadership and Service”

The lessons are for all of the college’s students—yes, those who major in one of the five humanities and who intend to make their career in the discipline, but also those whose academic and career focus lies elsewhere, whether business, government service, medicine, ministry, teaching or any other field imaginable.

“In general, philosophy is about training people to think deeply and clearly about everything and apply reason to humanity’s problems,” said Dr. Andrew Dell’Olio, professor of philosophy and chairperson of the department.

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Senior **Allison Hawkins** of Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., is majoring in French and minoring in studio art and art history, and hopes to combine them in a career in the contemporary art world. She spent a semester in Paris with additional time in Morocco, and highly recommends the lessons that come with living and studying abroad—lessons, she notes, “that cannot be learned in any other way.” She appreciates how the college’s language program helped prepare her. “The classes that the French department offers are interdisciplinary in nature—French literature, art, music, poetry, etc., are all studied within the context of French history; classes are conducted entirely in French, preparing students to be confident and secure in their language competency. The program is also ingeniously designed—once a student has taken their first 300-level course, they should be ready to study abroad.”



“From the beginning, Plato gives us this great story of the cave in *The Republic*, where the cave represents the darkness of our existence and philosophy is about how to break free of the chains that keep us in the cave,” he said. “Philosophers go back into the cave and serve humanity. What this does for our students is that it gives them not only an ability to help solve problems, but a conscience and a sense that they are responsible to help the world become a better place.”

The humanities present thousands of years’ worth of human experience as a resource for students as they make sense of the world in which they find themselves—not only during their college years, but beyond.

“When students are reading great literature, they’re coming into essential definitions of the human being and human life, the understanding of faith and doubt, of what it means to love, what it means to lose, to suffer,” said Dr. David Klooster, professor of English and chairperson of the department. “These are the conversations that we’re having in our classrooms—the kinds of conversations that most of us would agree are essential to the liberal arts.”

“If you want to know why to study history, just look at the headlines,” said Dr. Janis Gibbs, associate professor of history and chairperson of the department. “You really can’t understand the world unless you read a little bit of history to understand how we got to where we are now.”

It’s work that’s done with recognized excellence, as demonstrated by a variety of measures. This past spring, for example, graduates with majors in the division earned three of the approximately 1,500

Senior **Leticia Parker** of Holland, Mich., is planning on a career in law focused on civil litigation. She is a sociology major and English minor—and would have majored in both, if she could have fit it in, finding the two disciplines complementary. “Sociology ties hand-in-hand with some of the material we read in English,” she said. She has appreciated the availability of her professors. “The professors in the English department are really nice,” she said. “They are always accessible even after office hours.” She has also valued the opportunity to hear from authors directly through the college’s acclaimed Jack Ridl Visiting Writers Series, as well as the breadth of the department’s offerings. “The wide range of English courses at Hope was appealing because they feature a wide spectrum of authors and subjects in the English world.”



Fulbright fellowships awarded nationwide for students to study, conduct research or teach abroad. Students regularly have their work chosen for presentation during professional conferences, including the Michigan Academy of Science, Arts, and Letters; and the annual National Council on Undergraduate Research conference. Members of the faculty have received prestigious fellowships from the National Endowment for the Humanities (English, French, philosophy and religion) and the National Endowment for the Arts (English), and Fulbright faculty awards (in English and history). Recent years have seen student work selected for publications ranging from *The Writer’s Chronicle* to the *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*—their competition having included Ph.D.-level scholars. Faculty publish prolifically and with distinction. Among other recent recognitions, Dr. Ion Agheana (Spanish) was one of only six scholars worldwide interviewed in-depth for the book *Cioran. The Seductive Pessimist*; Dr. Albert Bell (history) was honored by the Western Kentucky University Libraries for his historical children’s book *The Secret of*

the Lonely Grave; and Dr. Anne Larsen ’70 (French) received two awards from scholarly societies for her book *Encyclopedia of Women in the Renaissance: Italy, France, and England*. The honors are internal as well—students have chosen members of the religion faculty to receive the Hope Outstanding Professor Educator (H.O.P.E.) award nine times, more than any other department.

“In a Global Society”

While fostering a global perspective is a priority across all of the division’s departments, it’s embodied most fully in the department of modern and classical languages. “There are probably few departments that contribute more to global understanding than we do,” said Dr. Sander deHaan, professor of German and chairperson of the department.

Students can study languages including Arabic, Dutch, French, German, Greek, Japanese, Latin, Mandarin Chinese, Russian and Spanish. If they major in a language, they’re expected to spend at least a semester overseas. “That reinforces what they have learned in the classroom and allows them to expand on what they’ve learned and reinforces their fluency in the language,” Dr. de Haan said.

Language instruction is only part of the process. “We try to expose students, whatever language they’re taking, to significant aspects of the foreign culture. That often involves some of the history of the country, customs and the culture,” he said.

The language programs also do their work in one of the college’s newest buildings, the Martha Miller Center for Global Communication, which was designed to celebrate and facilitate deeper institutional engagement with diverse peoples and the world by housing the department of communication and the offices of international education and multicultural life as well and encouraging connections between all four. “As I look around the country, I see

language departments stuck in basements, space that no one else wants to have,” Dr. de Haan said. “Here we’re in a brand new building.”

Global perspective manifests itself division-wide in a variety of ways. The department of philosophy administers the college’s Asian Studies program, with an exchange that includes hosting students from China each year. Coursework in religion includes not only Christianity but world religions, with the department also sponsoring off-campus summer programs in India and at the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. In English, it includes faculty whose teaching specialties include African-American and Latin American literature, as well as administration of the Vienna Summer School by Dr. Stephen Hemenway. Faculty specializations in history include Africa, China and Latin America.

“We’re interested in introducing students to the study of cultures across time and space, and the way that cultures have changed over time,” Dr. Gibbs said. “It’s the process as much as the end.”

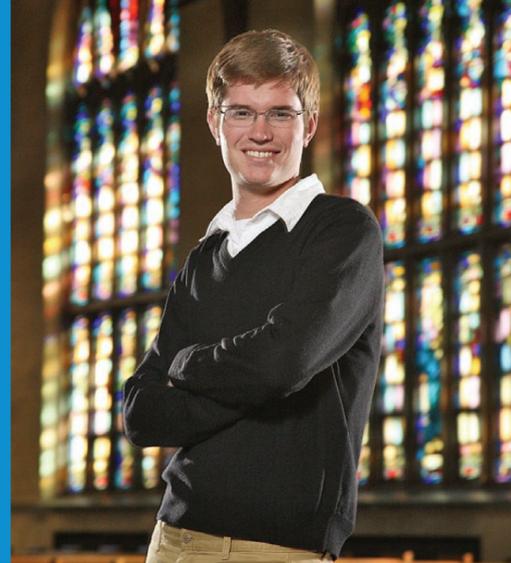
“Historic Christian Faith”

Just as global connection is embodied by the department of modern and classical languages, so is the college’s Christian focus manifested most directly through the department of religion. Every student enrolls in two religion courses, one introductory and one upper-level.

More significant than the existence of the expectation, though, is its character.

Department chair Dr. Steven Bouma-Prediger ’79 noted that college and university religion programs tend to follow one of two

Junior **Jeffrey Skaff** of Flint, Mich., intends to pursue a master’s and doctorate in dogmatic theology and then teach. He appreciates Hope’s blend of faith and scholarship. “When I entered Hope I was not planning on studying religion, but reading books and talking with people on my own convinced me that studying theology is where God was leading me. I have come to believe that there is a serious need in the church and in the academy for committed Christians who believe that classically orthodox Christianity and being intellectually responsible are not mutually exclusive. Studying religion at Hope has, among other things, introduced me to a larger conversation in which one can be a world-class scholar and remain a faithful Christian.”



models. At a secular school, they usually emphasize religious studies—scholarly in emphasis, but careful to avoid deepening student commitment to any faith in particular. At many church-affiliated schools, he said, programs are prescriptive, offering only courses in biblical studies and theology as instruction in the institution’s faith tradition.

“There are two poles, and we are neither of those,” he said. “We’re this curious hybrid and have been for a long time.”

“We teach the academic study of religion,” he said. “Religion courses are not Sunday school classes or summer camp. They involve the rigorous and disciplined study of religion, including Christianity.”

At the same time, Dr. Bouma-Prediger said, “Religion courses are designed to help students who are Christians to deepen their faith, and assist students who aren’t Christian to accurately know what Christian faith is.”

It’s particularly important that the department of religion isn’t the only place where students and faculty engage with faith.

Throughout the college, departments provide opportunities for students to consider how a mature faith can inform their lives with a sense of calling and shape their choices and priorities. It’s an emphasis that fits especially naturally with the humanities.

“Almost all of our courses deal with issues of faith and reason, whether it’s the History of Philosophy courses or even specific courses in the theory of knowledge,” Dr. Dell’Olio said. “So many of our courses are set within the context of the tension between reason and faith, and also the integration of faith and learning. I sound like a slogan there, but it’s true.”

In the department of history, Christianity weaves naturally into a variety of courses. There are some periods in which the resulting portrait is more flattering than others (examples, after all, can range from Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. to the Spanish Inquisition), but Dr. Gibbs noted that the results are interesting. Students, she said, often comment to the effect that “What I learned here is that I learned to question, and as a result of the questioning my faith got stronger.” She noted, “It’s really interesting to me to hear students independently of each other come into exit interviews saying this.”

It happens that the college’s approach to exploring faith issues winds up being very freeing—and, as a result, more effective. At either secular or faith-prescriptive institutions, certain topics might be off the table.

“I think that most of us feel that there’s more freedom in the classroom to talk about whatever comes up,” Dr. Klooster said.

“To be a serious scholar, you have to be doing the work that is professionally defined and recognized,” he said. “But then we do have some things that allow us to go beyond where they might go.”

“That dimension can be investigated here. It’s open territory,” he said. “It’s bigger here. There’s more freedom, not less.”

Junior **Michael Bertrand** of Naperville, Ill., plans to continue to study philosophy in a Ph.D. program after Hope and eventually to teach at the college level. His career already includes having had a scholarly paper selected for publication in a prestigious international journal. “I have been very fortunate to work closely with my advisor Dr. Joseph LaPorte, who has been a valuable mentor and sounding board for ideas. Under Dr. LaPorte’s guidance, I’ve had the chance to develop a paper written for one of my classes into an article selected for publication in *The Australasian Journal of Philosophy*. I’ve also had the opportunity to develop another paper that has been selected for presentation at an undergraduate philosophy conference held at Southern Illinois University.”

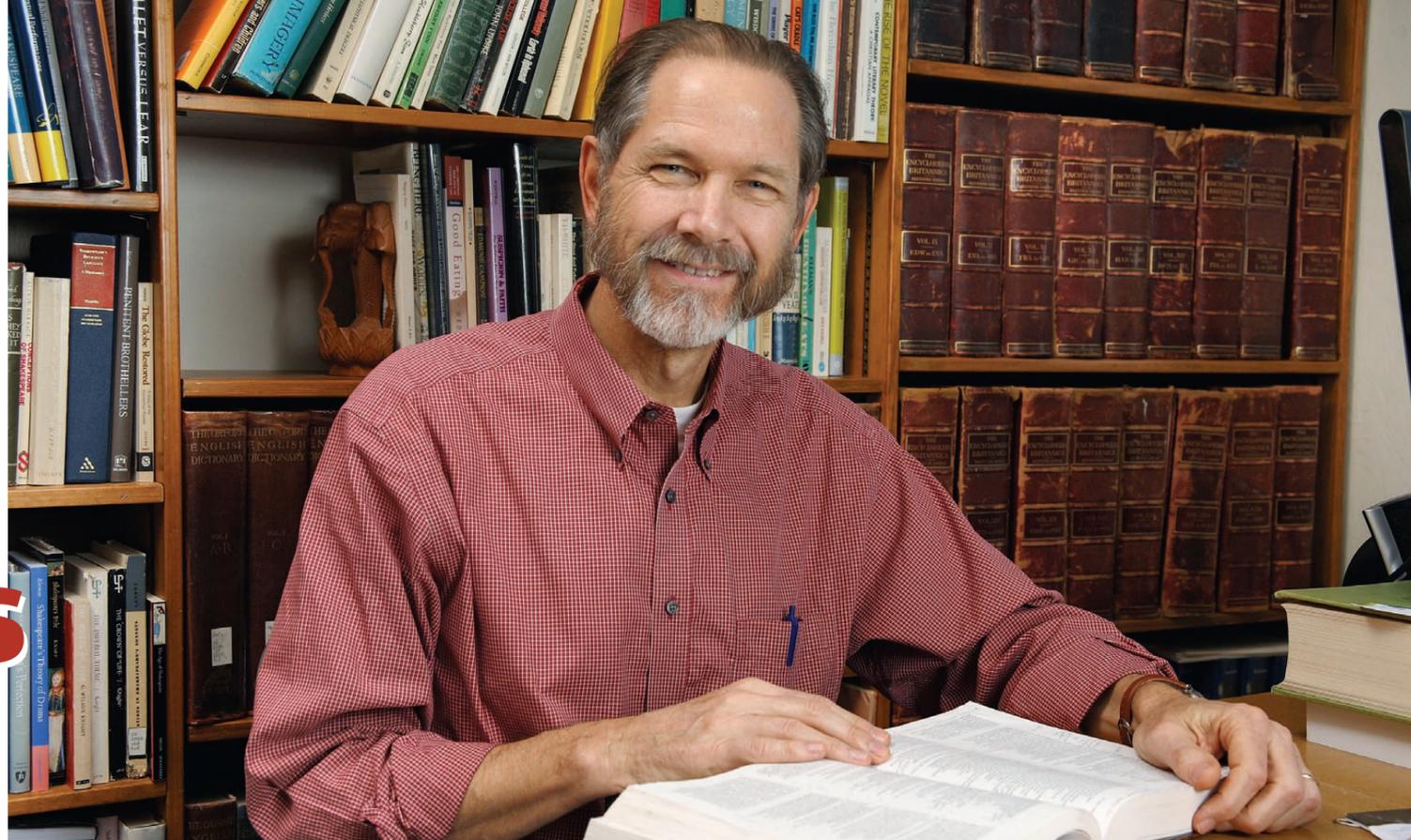


Junior **James Richardson** of Ann Arbor, Mich., intends to teach history at the college level. He has appreciated the opportunity to become involved in faculty research—and has even had a related project of his own selected for presentation during meeting of the Michigan Academy of Science, Arts, and Letters next semester. “The most interesting opportunity beyond the coursework that the history department has offered me is easily my work with Professor Marc Baer this past summer. We worked together on the last two chapters of his book, *Workshop of Democracy: the Rise and Fall of Radical Westminster*. This was easily the most challenging and advanced work I have done thus far at Hope. It offered me excellent insight into the day-to-day work of academic history and research, and allowed me, a college sophomore, to participate in a way that I never thought possible.”





Exploring the Whys and Wherefores



Dr. John Cox '67 is respected internationally as a leading authority on William Shakespeare and for connecting faith with scholarship. Reflecting his passion for helping students making connections of their own, he directed the college's Interdisciplinary Studies program for two decades.

By Greg Chandler

When Dr. John Cox '67 teaches a course on Shakespeare at Hope, he doesn't rely solely on what others have written about the English playwright.

Dr. Cox, the DuMez Professor of English at Hope, draws upon his own research that he has conducted over the years. He believes strongly there's a connection between his study of Shakespeare and his effectiveness in front of the classroom.

"I can be a better teacher because of my scholarship," said Dr. Cox, who has taught at Hope since 1979. "I can only help (students) understand what the scholarly conversation is if I know it myself."

Dr. Cox is one of the nation's leading authorities on Shakespeare, having written three books and edited two others. "He truly has not only a national reputation, but an international reputation," said Dr. William Reynolds, Hope's dean for arts and the humanities and professor of English.

One of Dr. Cox's primary areas of study about Shakespeare over the years has been how faith influenced his works, an area that until recently had not been studied much in the academic arena.

In his most recent book, *Seeming Knowledge: Shakespeare and Skeptical Faith*, published last year as the first book in a series on Christianity and literature by Baylor

University Press, Dr. Cox explores Shakespeare's works in the context of 16th century thought. At that time, such leading thinkers of the day as Thomas More and Erasmus wrote about the weakness of Christians, without casting doubt on the truth of Christianity.

A colleague of Dr. Cox's, Dr. Debora Shuger at the University of California, Los Angeles, says the book "makes apparent how fully the faith informing Shakespeare's plays registers the duplicities of false consciousness and the opacity of mortal suffering."

"I think Shakespeare was much more strongly shaped by his culture's religious assumptions than other academic models have suggested," Dr. Cox said.

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— Dr. John Cox '67, the DuMez Professor of English

In addition to the role of religious faith, Shakespeare was also influenced greatly by the change in English society from medieval to modern, he said.

Seeming Knowledge – the title comes from Shakespeare's play *All's Well That Ends Well* – was written with support from a National Endowment for the Humanities fellowship Dr. Cox received during the 2004-05 academic year. It was the third NEH award he has received, with other awards being used to study and write his other two books – *Shakespeare and the Dramaturgy of Power* (Princeton University Press, 1989) and *The Devil and the Sacred in Early English Drama* (Cambridge University Press, 2000). His other books, which he co-edited, are the Third Arden Shakespeare Edition of *Henry VI, Part 3* with Dr. Eric Rasmussen (Thomson Learning, 2001) and *A New History of Early English Drama* (Columbia University Press, 1997) with Dr. David Kastan.

Dr. Cox has carried his reputation for connecting faith with scholarship into his position as president of the Conference on Christianity and Literature, to which he was recently elected for an unprecedented third two-year term.

"He's stayed on because of his commitment to the organization and to its growth," Dr. Reynolds said.

While Dr. Cox is known in the academic community for his study of Shakespeare, he has certainly not limited his teaching to that topic. He has taught a full range of courses in his nearly 30 years at the college, ranging from freshman composition to Cultural Heritage. He also makes himself readily available to students and the campus community—this fall, for example, he delivered the college's Opening Convocation address.

"He's not the sort of person who comes in to teach, has an office hour once in awhile and is invisible the rest of the time," Dr. Reynolds said. "He's very visible in the department, he's very visible in faculty meetings. When he speaks, people listen to him with respect."

Dr. Reynolds considers Dr. Cox a "triple threat" – effectively combining his academic research with his passion for teaching, as well as a gift for encouraging learning across disciplines, as Dr. Cox showed in his 20 years as director of interdisciplinary studies at Hope. "It's hard to carve out time in a teaching institution to do research during the academic year, but he has done it without sacrificing on the teaching and administrative work (and the committee work)," Dr. Reynolds said.

Dr. Cox believes humanities are a vital part of study in a liberal arts setting, regardless of the vocational or professional direction a student decides to pursue.

"Students at Hope who are going to major in the humanities have to take a natural science course," he said. "Meanwhile, students who are going to major in the sciences, even if they're pre-med, have to take classes in the humanities."

Dr. Cox joined the Hope faculty as an

assistant professor in 1979, after having taught at Westmont (Calif.) College and the University of Victoria in British Columbia, Canada. He was promoted to associate professor in 1982 and became a full professor in 1989, then was named the first recipient of the DuMez Endowed Professorship in 1996. He says a great deal has changed in the academic environment during his career. For example, he has appreciated seeing greater emphasis placed by the academy on gender equality.

"When I started teaching, feminism was unknown," said Dr. Cox, who also served as director of interdisciplinary studies at Hope from 1984 to 2004. "There isn't a young person out there today that is not aware of some of the issues related to feminism."

Dr. Reynolds believes one of Dr. Cox's greatest strengths is his willingness to consider new ideas as he conducts his academic research. "He's never met a good idea that he didn't think was worthy of being explored further," he said.

During his address at the 2008 Opening Convocation, Dr. Cox told incoming students that Hope's emphasis on education in the context of the historic Christian faith will provide them a source of hope and confidence.

"It means, for one thing, that though the truth is in pieces, and though human beings can never know it all, or even know any piece of it with absolute certainty, it nonetheless exists entire in God's view of things," Dr. Cox said during the address. "Knowing that, we undertake the quest for truth with respect and humility." 🙏



Dr. Cox's scholarship informs his teaching. Students benefit not only from his insights as one of the world's preeminent Shakespeare scholars, but from the way that he models active engagement with and enthusiasm for his discipline.





A Story to Tell

By Heather Vander Plaats

Brian Gibbs '84 believes everyone has a story to tell. It's an observation he first made in a large bookstore in Hamburg, Germany, more than 25 years ago. At the time, he was a Hope junior, employed at the shop during a work-study

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– Brian Gibbs '84



Given the importance of his own study-abroad experience, Brian Gibbs '84 has stayed actively engaged with the college as a resource and even host for Hope programs in Europe, where he has lived for most of the years since graduation. He is pictured at center back with participants in the college's London May Term this past summer.

program. It wasn't long before Gibbs learned that three older coworkers had fought in World War II.

"We had discussions every day at lunch," he recalled. "They took great interest in me as a 19-year-old American student, and, since I was interested in European history and had proficiency in German, they were intent on sharing their wartime experiences with me."

"I remember thinking then that you only have to ask people one or two questions, and they're often eager to tell you their life stories."

Many years have passed since those lunchtime conversations, but the insight Gibbs gained has shaped his life significantly. He enjoys developing relationships with those he meets, and he's experienced first-hand how a foreign language enables one to get to know other cultures and people.

For most of the nearly 25 years since Gibbs graduated from Hope, he has lived in Europe. His wife, Barbara, is Austrian, and their three children – Anna, Emily and Liam – are dual Austrian-American citizens.

The family lives in the city of Bad Homburg, near Frankfurt.

Since 1990, Gibbs has worked at PRTM Management Consultants, a global firm that helps technology-based companies better compete in the international marketplace. He helped establish the firm's office in Germany and became a director in 1996. He typically travels four days a week throughout Europe and beyond to support the firm's clients.

"There's been tremendous variety over the years – I'm always working with new people, new companies and on new problems that need solutions," he said. "No project is quite like one I've done before because each company's situation, company and country culture and specific needs are different."

Gibbs' path to living and working overseas began early. While in high school in Union Springs, N.Y., he studied German and participated in an exchange visit in Germany, which sparked his interest. Another interest – economics – prompted him to pursue a

major in business administration when he entered Hope. Because Gibbs had to complete a language requirement, he enrolled in a German class with now-retired professor Dr. Gisela Strand. As each semester passed, she convinced Gibbs to keep studying the language, and, eventually, persuaded him to spend his junior year in Germany, a decision enthusiastically supported by Professor of Economics Dr. Robin Klay, Gibbs' faculty advisor. During his year abroad, Gibbs experienced student and cultural life in two university cities – Hamburg and Freiburg.

"What I liked about my time at Hope was that it was 'discover as you go,'" Gibbs said. "I was able to follow my interests in economics and management." And, because of his desire to study overseas, in addition to his original business major Gibbs completed majors in German and international studies: "One gave me the means to access a culture and the other gave me the context to understand cultures."

As graduation approached, Gibbs applied for a Fulbright teaching position in Austria on the encouragement of the late Dr. Paul Fried '46, who had established the college's Vienna Summer School Program in 1956. Gibbs was posted to Schärding, where he taught for two years. During the summers, he joined the Vienna Summer School as an assistant to Dr. Stephen Hemenway, who had had Gibbs in his freshman English course. Gibbs returned to the U.S. to attend the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University, where he earned his master's degree with a specialization in international business policy and technology management. Following an internship in the Economics Section at the U.S. Consulate in Hamburg, he joined PRTM and soon returned to Europe. He has relished living an international life ever since.

Throughout the past 25 years, Gibbs has maintained very close ties with Hope College, particularly with Dr. Hemenway and the Vienna Summer School. In the early '90s, he taught an economics course for the program for three years. In addition, in all but two years since he graduated from Hope, Gibbs (along with his wife and children in more recent years – they're pictured on page three) has flown to Vienna each summer to join Dr. Hemenway and the students on an overnight Alpine hiking trip. During the excursion, Gibbs addresses the students as part of their "Values in Transit" Senior Seminar.

"Brian really reaches the students in terms of talking about the decisions that he has made in his own life," said Dr. Hemenway. "He always brings some originality, creativity and a new approach to his address."

In addition to establishing a scholarship for the Vienna Summer School, Gibbs and his family have supported other Hope programs. For the past several years, Gibbs has traveled to the U.K. to meet with retired economics professor Dr. Jim Heisler and Professor of Management Dr. Tom Smith and to host the Hope London May Term students for dinner and a senior seminar discussion. This summer, he welcomed the touring Hope women's basketball team to Frankfurt and arranged for them to perform a service project at the international Anglican/Episcopal church (where Gibbs serves as Senior Warden), followed by a barbeque at his family's home. In the fall of 2005, Gibbs made a special trip to Hope from Germany to be a guest speaker at the dedication of the Martha Miller Center for Global Communication. The family has also supported the Baker Scholar Program in various ways.

"It's been extremely satisfying to have had so much contact with Hope faculty and

hundreds of Hope students over the years, even though I live so far away," Gibbs said. "Several faculty members have become family friends, and I enjoy the opportunities to encourage students to experience life outside of the U.S. and to learn a second language. I believe it is fundamental that students spend time abroad regardless of their major because it gives them new perspectives, valuable skills and an awareness that they otherwise wouldn't have. These are all vitally important in our age of globalization."

Because his life has been shaped by Hope professors who took the time to share their life stories and encourage him along the way, Gibbs believes it is important to do the same for current students. One word of advice he often gives them is to "get comfortable not knowing" what their future might hold.

"I tell them to leave room open for discovery and adventure," he said, "and they may end up somewhere doing something they never thought possible, living an enormously fascinating and enriching life."

Then they, too, can share their stories with others. 🙌



Every day is different for Brian Gibbs '84 as he travels throughout Europe and beyond through his work with PRTM Management Consultants, putting his majors in German, international studies and business administration to good use.



The Show Must Go On

It was a Nykerk like no other.

Of all the event disruptions prompted by the norovirus in November (as explained on page five), it's likely that none had a broader impact on the Hope community than postponement of the Nykerk Cup competition. The hundreds of freshman and sophomore participants spend weeks preparing. The 74-year tradition consistently plays to a massive audience built largely of families that have traveled from around the country for the Parents' Weekend of which it is the headline event. It has never been cancelled.

Thus, when the college learned in the afternoon of Friday, Nov. 7, that the county health department was ordering all Hope activities shut down—including the next evening's Nykerk contest—it was never a question of *whether* Nykerk would be rescheduled, but *when*.

And, *where*. Nykerk had originally been scheduled to take place, as it had since 1956, in the Civic Center, but given the short notice the building was unavailable on other dates that fit with the college's calendar. Fortunately, Central Wesleyan Church presented an outstanding alternative. Its spacious sanctuary hosts a variety of events, including premier Tulip Time concerts each May.

Yes, there were some changes—without the Civic Center's bleachers, the song sections needed to take center stage and then leave again rather than remain ensconced on either side; absent a curtain, the play casts needed to adjust their staging and pacing; and the orators found their audience in much closer proximity—but everyone made it work.

The success was a testimony to something that didn't change. The Nykerk spirit, exemplified by the "meeting in the middle" that traditionally takes place when the contest concludes, lived throughout the process as the event (which the freshman Class of 2012 won) took place on Friday, Nov. 14.

"In light of everything that happened I'm really pleased about the way the night went," said senior Lisa Borton of Hudson, Mich., who was this year's general chairperson. "Everyone was willing to work together without worrying about who was Odd- or Even-Year because they all wanted Nykerk to go well. It's nice to know that Nykerk means more than just a competition between classes—it's about coming together to carry on a tradition that is unique to the students of Hope College."



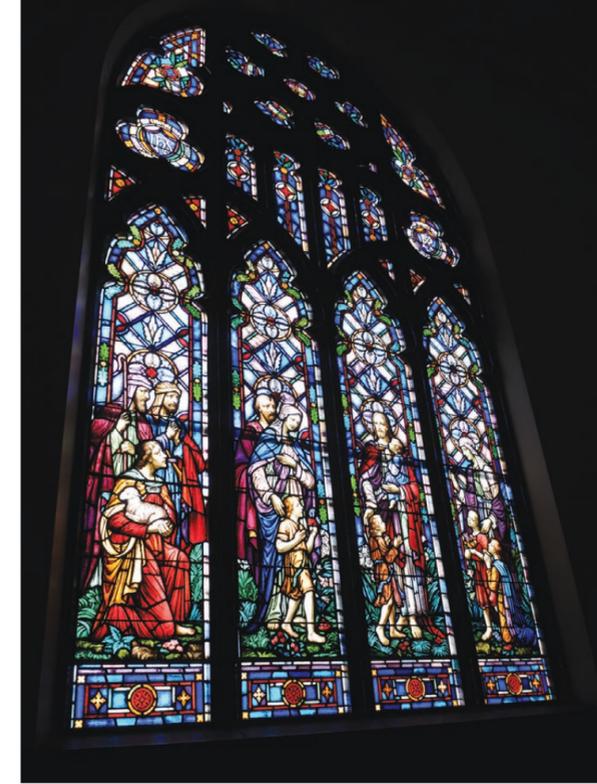
Nykerk moments. **Top Row:** celebrating the 2012 freshman win; and the freshman song section, which performed "Spoonful of Sugar." **Middle Row:** the sophomore play, "The Office: From Scranton to Holland"; and freshman orator Jordan Walters. **Bottom Row:** the freshman play, "Little Rascals"; sophomore orator Robin Baker; and the sophomore song section, which performed choral highlights from "Hairspray." For a gallery of more than 70 images, please visit the college online.

More ONLINE www.hope.edu/pr/gallery



Eternal Illumination

Soaring skyward, the breathtaking stained glass windows of Dimnent Memorial Chapel provide illumination both literal and figurative. Majestic and silent, framing the space and defining its purpose, they offer both sunlight and message gently, sharing inspiration for generations as members of the Hope family and friends have worshipped and reflected within.



History Online

The history of Dimnent Memorial Chapel and its magnificent stained glass windows—among the most impressive in Michigan—comes alive online at www.hope.edu.

The site is especially enriched by four video segments featuring Dr. Elton Bruins '50, who is retired from the Hope religion faculty and from serving as the founding director and a research fellow with the college's A.C. Van Raalte Institute. Respected for his research concerning the history of Hope as well as the Holland community, Dr. Bruins discusses the chapel's

architecture; the stained glass windows in general; the Rose Window in particular; and the organs. He was interviewed for the project by Frank Kraai '60, whose father Floyd had helped build the chapel. The videographer was Phil Blauw '83, who is studio manager and manager of video services at Hope.

In addition to the videos, the site is illustrated with photographs of all of the windows as well as a rotating, 360-degree panoramic view of the chapel. Written narratives describe the history and symbolism of each of the windows, chronicling the biblical figures and the objects that they picture. It is an opportunity for those with an internet connection to visit and enjoy a campus landmark in a new way.

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Faculty Kudos



RESEARCH MENTOR: Dr. Moses Lee, who is dean for the natural and applied sciences and a professor of chemistry, is receiving a national award for his role as a mentor to undergraduate students involved in his research program.

He is receiving the 2009 "American Chemical Society (ACS) Award for Research at an Undergraduate Institution,"

which honors a chemistry faculty member whose research in an undergraduate setting has achieved wide recognition and contributed significantly to chemistry and to the professional development of undergraduate students. The award consists of \$5,000 and a certificate as well as a \$5,000 grant by Research Corporation, the award's sponsor, to Hope in support of Dr. Lee's research.

ACS is presenting awards in more than 50 categories to scientists around the world who are engaged in education and industry. The recipients will be honored during a ceremony that will take place on Tuesday, March 24, in conjunction with the 237th ACS national meeting, being held in Salt Lake City, Utah.

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AUTHOR HONORED: A book co-edited by Dr. Anne Larsen '70 of the French faculty has received two awards.

The book, the *Encyclopedia of Women in the Renaissance: Italy, France, and England*, was honored by the Society for the Study of Early Modern Women as the best collaborative project published in 2007 and received the 2008 "Roland Bainton Prize for Reference Works" from the Sixteenth Century Society and Conference. The awards were presented during the two organizations' annual meetings, which were held jointly on Thursday-Sunday, Oct. 23-26, in St. Louis, Mo.

It is the second consecutive year that Dr. Larsen has received recognition for a book from the Society for the Study of Early Modern Women. In the fall of 2007, she received the society's "Translation or Teaching Edition Award" for her book *From Mother and Daughter: Poems, Dialogues, and Letters of Les Dames des Roches*.

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ENGINEERING FELLOW: Dr. John Krupczak Jr., professor of engineering and chairperson of the department, has been appointed a Senior Fellow of the Center for the Advancement of Scholarship on Engineering Education (CASEE), a program of the National Academy of Engineering.

Through the one-year appointment, which began in September, he is conducting research on courses on technological literacy and integrative learning in engineering.

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FAVORITE FACULTY MEMBER: Dr. Boyd Wilson, professor of religion, received the 13th annual "Favorite Faculty/Staff Member" award presented by the student body on Saturday, Oct. 4, during halftime of the Homecoming football game at Holland Municipal Stadium.

Recipients of the "Favorite Faculty/Staff Member" award are chosen through a vote open to the entire student body and conducted at the same time as elections for the Homecoming court and king and queen. The students are not provided with a list of candidates for the award, but rather are asked to write in the name of the person that they feel should be honored. The award was first presented in 1996.

A member of the faculty since 1982, he is pictured with his wife Sara '75.

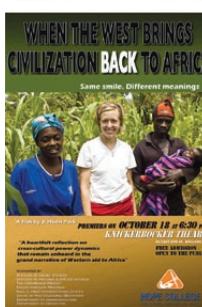
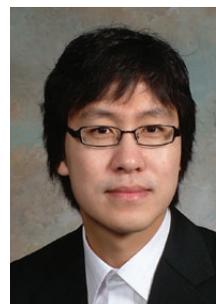
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DOCUMENTARY PROJECT: A documentary produced at Hope considers the cross-cultural dynamics of service projects geared toward developing nations.

When the West Brings Civilization Back to Africa premiered at the Knickerbocker Theatre on Saturday, Oct. 18.

Created by Dr. Ji Hoon Park, assistant professor of communication, with Hope senior Samantha Webbert of Holland, Mich., the film focuses on the college's ongoing service and



research project involving the village of Nkuv in Cameroon. It explores how the project, which has focused on improving water quality and hygiene education in the remote and rural community, has had some unintended consequences, with some of the villagers feeling

discouraged as they became aware of the resources and opportunities they lacked even as it has literally saved lives.

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NURSING RESEARCH AWARD: A nursing research project led by Dr. Susan Dunn of the nursing faculty and focused on the recovery of heart patients has won this year's "New Investigator Award" presented by the American Association of Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Rehabilitation (AACVPR).

The award was presented on Saturday, Sept. 20, during the AACVPR's national annual meeting, held in Indianapolis, Ind. The award is given to a scholar making a first-time presentation at the meeting. Selection for the award is based on the quality and significance of the research and the presentation.

Dr. Dunn is an associate professor of nursing and chairperson of the department. Her co-authors on the project, titled "Development and Testing of a New State-Trait Hopelessness Scale for Use with Patients with Coronary Heart Disease," were Dr. Nathan Tintle of the mathematics faculty; Emilie Dykstra '08, a nursing major who participated as a research assistant; and Sue Hulst and Sheryl Mulder, registered nurses at Holland Hospital.

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ARTWORK EXHIBITED: The University of Indianapolis featured a solo exhibition of work by Katherine Sullivan, assistant professor of art, in September.

The exhibition, titled "Katherine Sullivan: Body Electric," featured 19 pieces (seven paintings and 12 works on paper), and was on display in the university's Christel DeHaan Fine Arts Center Gallery, from Friday, Sept. 5, through Friday, Sept. 26. Professor Sullivan was also invited to the university as a visiting artist, engaging in conversation with several classes of art majors and presenting a public lecture.

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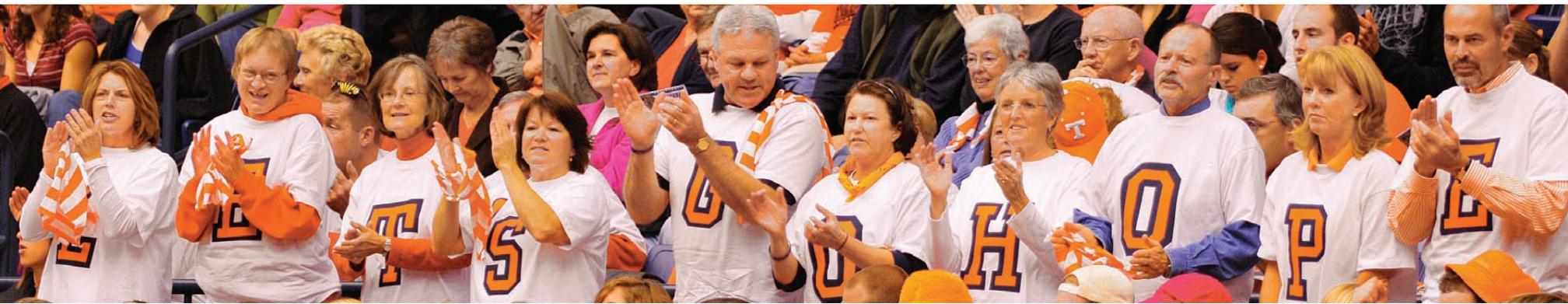
AREA HISTORY: The journals kept by a pioneering missionary couple provide insights into life in the Holland area in the years before the arrival of the Rev. A.C. Van Raalte and his countrymen from the Netherlands.

A new book makes the accounts available for a general audience for the first time. They are featured in *Old Wing Mission: Cultural Interchange as Chronicled by George and Arvilla Smith in their Work with Chief Wakazoo's Ottawa Band on the West Michigan Frontier*, edited by Robert P. Swierenga of the college's A.C. Van Raalte Institute and William Van Appledorn (pictured right-to-left) and published by the Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co.

From 1839 until 1849, the Rev. George Smith and his wife Arvilla ministered to the Ottawa Indians who came south to the Black Lake (Macatawa) region each fall from their summer lodgings around Harbor Springs, Mich. The mission predated the founding of Holland, which was established when Van Raalte and his fellow Dutch colonists arrived in 1847.

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Outstanding Together

Consistent play contributed to an outstanding fall sports season as Hope's teams put the college on track for winning yet another conference Commissioner's Cup for the best all-around program.

The fall season is the school year's busiest, with eight sports teams competing for conference championships. No fall Hope team finished below third place in its Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association (MIAA) standings. The consistency has put Hope in first place in the Commissioner's Cup and the Men's and Women's All-Sports standings heading into the winter season.

Hope won the conference championship in volleyball, with runner-up finishes in four other sports: men's and women's cross country, men's soccer and men's golf. Finishing third were teams in football, women's golf and women's soccer.

The most amazing finish came in football. After losing their first seven games of the season, the Flying Dutchmen rallied to win their final three, including a season-ending victory on a snow-covered field. The game against Alma had been delayed two weeks because Parents' Weekend was cancelled when an illness that swept across the campus caused the college to close for five days.

Two athletes were voted the most valuable in their MIAA sport: junior golfer Steven Strock of Grandville, Mich., and senior soccer midfielder Allison Van Beek of Libertyville, Ill.



The Flying Dutch volleyball team (above) celebrated its fourth consecutive 20-plus victory season. Fall sports standouts (pictured below from left to right) included MIAA golf medalist Steven Strock; MIAA soccer MVP Allison Van Beek; and cross country national qualifier Seth Weener.

Senior Seth Weener of Grandville, Mich., qualified for the NCAA Division III cross country championships, finishing 109th in a field of 280 runners.

Volleyball coach Becky Schmidt '99 achieved her 100th Hope coaching victory

in her fifth season at the helm of the Flying Dutch, who qualified for the NCAA playoffs.

A complete summary of the fall sports season can be found on the Hope College athletics Web site.

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Endowing Exceptionality

Endowed professorships are essential in the college's effort to provide a transformational education.

Highly prized within the academy, such named professorships give distinctive recognition to outstanding members of the faculty. They also provide significant resources that support their recipients in the work that they do so well, including their teaching and mentoring of students and their scholarship.

The college currently has 19 endowed professorships, spread across all four academic divisions. They are so indispensable that Hope would like to have a dozen more.

The college has added two professorships this year, each to be held beginning in July. Their stories reflect unique personal journeys and show that widely differing paths can lead to Hope. They also, however, share two crucial commonalities: generosity of spirit and a commitment to touching lives in perpetuity.

The Geneva Thome Begg Director of Libraries

Geneva Thome Begg's interest in the college stemmed from the one year early in the 20th century that her late husband Raymond had attended the high school that Hope had operated in its earlier decades. Married only 11 years prior to his untimely death in 1956, they had visited Hope and Holland together just once, because she wished to see one of



Kelly Jacobsma has been appointed to the college's new endowed director of libraries professorship, created through a bequest by Geneva Thome Begg.



Donna and Ronald Granger, pictured at left and right, have journeyed with Hope for more than a quarter century, first as parents and now as grandparents. Their appreciation of the impact of the Hope experience led them to establish an endowed professorship in economics, management and accounting. They are pictured with the professorship's first recipient, Dr. Todd Steen, at center.

"We at Hope are pleased when alumni support the college because of their own outstanding experiences and when parents support Hope because the college has made a positive difference in their children's lives, but it is also very meaningful to us when someone outside of the immediate Hope family values what the college has to offer and chooses to support Hope and its mission."

– President James E. Bultman '63

the places in which he had spent his youth. From that single visit her relationship with and appreciation for the college grew.

Following Raymond's death, she established the Raymond VanRenssalaer Begg Scholarship at Hope in his honor. She added to the fund over many years, and enjoyed corresponding with the dozens of students assisted by her generosity.

As she had received training in library science and worked for several years in a library, she began planning to also give an endowed professorship for the director of libraries at Hope. She died at age 95 on November 2, 2007, and her love of libraries and the college resulted in her bequest to establish the Geneva Thome Begg Professorship.

The first recipient of the endowed professorship is Kelly Jacobsma. A member of the Hope library faculty since 1988, she became director of libraries on July 1, 2008, following the retirement of long-time director David Jensen.

The Granger Endowed Professorship In Economics, Management and Accounting

For more than a quarter century, Ron and Donna Granger have seen Hope's impact, first as parents and then as grandparents. Three of their four children attended Hope, their eldest grandchild graduated in 2007, and three of their grandchildren and a grandnephew are attending Hope currently.

Ron and Donna have been longtime supporters of the annual Hope Fund. They also established the Ronald Keith and Donna Mae Granger Scholarship Fund at Hope in 2004.

The new chair is designated for an outstanding member of the faculty with a spiritually mature Christian faith whose teaching and actions are exemplary; and who makes a positive difference in the lives of Hope students, sharing his or her own Christianity to help them grow in their own faith, and the world beyond.

Ron is co-chairman of the board of his family-owned business, Granger III & Associates. Granger is a leader in performing environmental management-related services; specifically in the area of solid-waste collection and disposal, recycling, composting and landfill gas-to-energy applications.

Ron and Donna are active in their church, Mt. Hope United Methodist in Lansing, as well as their private foundation which was established with Ron's two brothers and their wives in 1978.

The first recipient of the Granger Professorship is Dr. Todd Steen, who has taught at Hope since 1988. 🙌

"Ron and Donna Granger are business leaders known for demonstrating their Christian faith by investing their time, talent and financial resources, and making a positive difference in the community. We are grateful for their longtime involvement in the life of the college."

– President James E. Bultman '63

More about each of the professorships, and about the faculty who have been appointed to them, can be found online.

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A Legacy in Stone

As a newly enrolled ancient civilizations and English major, Mike Brooks '85 met Graves Hall early and visited often.

Home at the time to the department of modern and classical languages, the building even hosted the first Hope class he ever attended back in the fall of 1981. "My first course as a freshman was 'The Golden Age of Greece' IDS [a 17-credit course]," he said.

Even then, he appreciated the unique building with its quarried stone exterior and round tower. "It's undoubtedly one of the most remarkable buildings on campus. It's distinctive," Brooks said.

He never imagined, however, that he would one day be back as part of the building's story himself, helping to preserve the historic 19th century structure so that it can continue to serve future generations of students. Since exterior work began in May, he has been part of the large team of craftsmen whose hard work and skill are giving the building new life, serving as an apprentice stone mason with Potts Masonry, one of the project's subcontractors.

Scheduled for completion in time for the start of classes next fall—a semester earlier than originally projected—Graves Hall is in the midst of a \$5.7-million adaptive restoration.

"I can drive by here and can tell my kids I helped make this building what it is now, and that's a special thing."

– Mike Brooks '85



As a freshman in 1981, Mike Brooks '85 attended his first class at Hope in Graves Hall. Now he is part of the team of craftsmen who are restoring the historic building so that it can remain a vital part of the Hope campus for decades to come.

The project is returning the building to the character and elegance it enjoyed when dedicated in 1894 as the college's chapel and library, although with an emphasis on contemporary classroom needs and with the addition of an elevator that will open each of the building's three floors to those with mobility needs.

The stone work has included both repair to the original building, which was significantly worn by the elements after more than 110 years, and blending the addition into the original. Brooks and his colleagues have used a combination of original, locally quarried Waverly Stone; similar pieces from long-fallen Van Raalte Hall; and stone from Ohio that was chosen to match.

"It's fun being back. It's wonderful, working on the stone," Brooks said. "Doing a building this old is just a super opportunity if you like to do stone work, so I've really enjoyed this part of it."

Brooks came to Hope as a student after four years in the U.S. Marine Corps, during which he had become drawn to cross-cultural mission work. He thus graduated aiming for the mission field, and went on to complete a master's in linguistics at the University of Texas-Arlington and serve with the Summer Institute of Linguistics and Wycliffe Bible Translators.

He and his wife were overseas helping translate the Bible into non-written languages when they both became ill, prompting the

couple to return Stateside for medical care. The move also prompted Brooks to make a career change.

"It was hard to find work as an anthropological linguist in Western Michigan," he said. "But I felt that we needed to be here."

It's not where he set out to be, but he has enjoyed his work in masonry. He finds the creativity rewarding, and appreciates the good balance between the time he spends on his craft and the opportunity to be with his wife and their three adopted children. Crucially, he remains involved in teaching and ministry through his church—and, he notes, by example and opportunity in everyday life.

"I find that I have just as much ministry opportunity as a layman, maybe more, than I did as a professional minister and missionary," Brooks said.

"God has done some wonderfully miraculous things in my life," he said. "If we trust in *who* God is, it doesn't matter what path our journey takes us on," he said. "He's going to be leading us on a straight path all the way. He's always there, and he always makes our journey worthwhile."

"I can drive by here and can tell my kids I helped make this building what it is now, and that's a special thing, I think. That's a different kind of legacy," Brooks said. 🙌

(Editor's note: For more images of the Graves Hall project, please visit the college online.)

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Home for Christmas

The best things in life *are* free.

As the members of the Menning family approached Christmas 2007, they made a bargain: the gifts needed to cost less than \$5.

That could have inspired a trip to a discount store, but Jesse Menning '01 chose to get creative. The decision set off a chain of events that ultimately brought his dad, Dr. Mark Menning '68, and Mark's longtime friends Gary Peiper '67, Bob Schroeder '68 and Dirk Walvoord '68 back to campus as the headline performers during the college's Homecoming tailgate picnic in October.

The four comprise the Gassmen, a band formed by members of the Arcadian Fraternity in 1964. The roster changed some in the early years, but the band still includes two of the original members and has had its current line-up since 1966. They also have a longevity matched by few groups other than the Rolling Stones—even as the four went on to their individual careers, they have made a point of reuniting regularly to perform together, to record, and just to enjoy each other's company.

The band's reunions themselves became family affairs, vacations that Jesse remembers fondly. "Bobby has a place on Russell Island, which is near Detroit," he said. "Up until I was about 10 we'd go there every summer. Collectively the Gassmen have seven kids, so while they were practicing we'd be running around the island and jumping on the trampoline. I am the proud winner of several medals in the Gassmen Olympics."



A son's Christmas present to his father last December led to this year's Homecoming appearance by the Gassmen, formed at Hope as a student band in the 1960s and still performing together. From left to right both above and at lower left are Dirk Walvoord '68, Dr. Mark Menning '68, Gary Peiper '67 and Bob Schroeder '68.

Knowing that the college's Homecoming picnic featured live entertainment, Jesse saw a natural opportunity as he made his Christmas plans. "Arranging a gig for the Gassmen seemed like an ideal gift, since it was free and would get my dad back together with some of his best friends in the world," he said.

He contacted Mary Boelkins '96 Remenschneider, director of alumni and parent relations, who quickly concluded that the Gassmen would be an ideal fit for the tailgate and crafted a letter of invitation for Mark to open on Christmas Day.

"The first reaction was confusion, of course, since the offer came out of nowhere," Jesse recalled. "Once he read through the letter and got the details he was grinning ear-to-ear. And immediately after all the gifts were opened he grabbed the phone and started dialing the other members."

"It was a complete surprise—one of the better Christmas presents I ever had," Mark said.

Ironically, the band's name is derived from a Homecoming performance that didn't go so well. As the Gassmen's Web site explains, "taking gas" was a popular expression at Hope in the 1960s "for things like bombing an

exam, messing up in a sporting event or just suffering through some form of humiliating experience." The band was originally called "The Beach Bums" because of its all-Beach Boys song list, but, the site notes, "after a disastrous Homecoming performance that practically sent the band into hiding the new name seemed obvious."

Fortunately, that student-era Homecoming experience didn't prove prophetic. To the contrary, the Gassmen enjoyed an appreciative Homecoming 2008 audience at the Smallenberg Park venue as they performed a mix of well-known classics from the 1960s and original compositions—the set including many pieces they'd played at Hope as students, even on some of the same instruments.

"It was a great addition," Remenschneider said. "They sounded great, and were so energetic and positive the whole time. They brought a whole new dimension of friends, family and history to the event."

"We like to take opportunities to do things that are unique and meaningful when we can, and to touch alumni lives," she said. "To be included in this way in a family's Christmas and create an opportunity like this for four alumni and their families—it was an absolute treat." 🐦

(Editor's Note: More about the Gassmen, including additional history and recordings of the group's music, may be found online at both the band's official Web site, www.nonags.org/members/menn46/, and www.soundclick.com/bands/default.cfm?bandID=338315.)



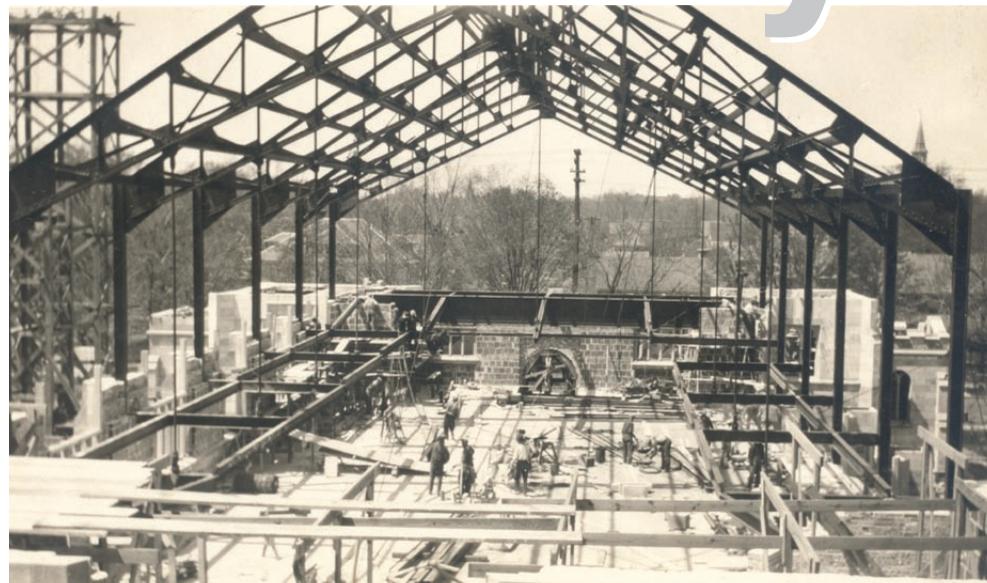


**Mary Boelkins '96
Remenschneider**
Alumni Director

Try to imagine being at Hope 80 years ago. Imagine standing on the steps of a brand new building on campus; the chapel. Imagine the vision, the dreams and the hopes of the students, faculty and administrators as they looked at the vastness of a sanctuary that seated more than twice as many people as were enrolled at Hope. Could they have dreamed that all that space would soon be needed in the late 1940s? Could they possibly have imagined that the chapel, later dedicated as the Dimnent Memorial Chapel, would be overflowing multiple times a week nearly a century later?

The windows of Dimnent Memorial Chapel have witnessed the changes at Hope for the past 80 years. The windows, each depicting their own faith story, have inspired and enlightened generations of Hope students in their faith and studies. I'm sure we all have memories of the chapel windows that remain close to us today. I have my own favorites, including the many nights walking through the Pine Grove when a student was playing the organ and the lights within the sanctuary illuminated the windows, creating an enchanting moment. I also have very fond memories of watching the windows transform during Vespers programs; glowing with the setting sun or darkening with warning of an evening snowstorm. I spent five days a week in the chapel for Chapel Choir rehearsals, and although I didn't study the windows every day, whenever I looked at them I gained inspiration and comfort in their beauty, their artistry and their stories. Hope was founded by individuals with great faith, vision, and hope for the future. Dimnent Memorial Chapel was no different. Now you can walk through the chapel from anywhere in the world. As described in the story on pages 16 and 17, you can see the image in each window, and learn the stories and the history by visiting the new stained glass windows Web site. And when you next visit campus in person, your expanded knowledge and understanding of an important campus landmark will make your trip all the more memorable.

Window to Hope's History



The soaring stained glass windows are a breathtaking, inspiring part of the Dimnent Memorial Chapel experience. The Hope community almost endured a different presentation. As this west-facing construction-era photo shows, the chapel's balcony was originally to have extended along the sides of the building—note that the supporting steelwork is even already in place, and cuts across the openings being left for the windows. Fortunately, somewhere in the process the planners must have realized how much the sanctuary would be diminished by the extensions and took the dramatic (and no doubt expensive) step of demolishing work already done and making a crucial revision. Thus, today only the western-most two windows are obscured.

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All submissions received by the Public Relations Office by Tuesday, Oct. 28, have been included in this issue. Because of the lead time required by this publication's production schedule, submissions received after that date (with the exception of obituary notices) have been held for the next issue, the deadline for which is Tuesday, Feb. 24.

40s

Raymond Lokers '40 of Hamilton, Mich., celebrated his 90th birthday in November at a dinner with family. **Stuart Padnos '42**, senior executive vice president of the 103-year-old Louis Padnos Iron and Metal Company in Holland, Mich., has created more than 70 metal sculptures from the company's scrap. His works are in the collections of the Meijer Garden and Sculpture Park, the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library and Museum, Grand Valley State University and Michigan State University, among others. The majority are located around Holland, Mich., with many along the street that borders the business.

Robert Stewart '35 of Virginia Beach, Va., won five gold medals at the Senior Olympics national games in September in Louisville, Ky. He set two world records in the running long jump and shot put, and he won three more gold medals in high jump, javelin and discus. His long-jump distance of six feet and nine and one-half inches broke the previous record by more than a foot, and he tossed the shot put ball 22 feet and three inches. In September he won 14 gold medals at the Virginia Beach Senior Olympics in running long jump, 50-meter dash, 100-meter dash, one-mile walk/run, discus, shot put, pickleball, shuffleboard, softball hit and throw, basketball free throw, horseshoes, table tennis,

Bob Laman '49 and his wife of Cordova, Tenn., celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Sunday, June 29. They became engaged while on the Men's Glee Club trip to New York City in the spring of 1947. They have four children and eight grandchildren. Bob is retired from Wesley Senior Ministries.

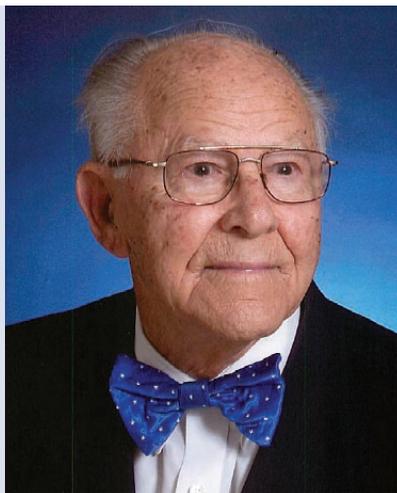
50s

L. James Harvey '52 of Caledonia, Mich., recently had *Does God Laugh?* published. He reports that, thankfully, the conclusion of the book is, "He does."

Ken Louis '53 of Zeeland, Mich., has been the official timer for Zeeland High School football games for 49 seasons. Since the school split into East and West high schools four years ago, he has been working three games a week during the season.

Norman C. Gysbers '54 of Columbia, Mo., received the 49th annual Distinguished Faculty Award from the University of Missouri Alumni Association on Friday, Oct. 10. It is the highest honor that the alumni association presents to a faculty member. In addition to recognizing sustained efforts in teaching, research and service that have added to the excellence of the university, the award also places special emphasis on the faculty member's relationship with students. Norman is a curators' professor.

Warren Kane '57 and his wife, of Arlington, Va., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday, Sept. 6.



standing long jump and bench press. An article in the *Virginia Beach Beacon* quoted him saying, "It's a neat feeling to look at the leader board and see that you've beaten all the 70-year-olds and 80-year-olds." Robert, who is 95, began competing in the Senior Olympics in 1977.

60s

Jan Leestma '60 and **Louise Marsilje '61 Leestma**, live in the Lincoln Park neighborhood of Chicago, Ill. Jan is the author/editor of *Forensic Neuropathology, 2nd edition*, published by CRC Press/Taylor & Francis, Boca Raton, Fla. The first edition, published by Raven Press, New York, in 1988, was for many years the only book on the forensic aspects of neuropathology in existence. Jan is retired from hospital practice but continues his consulting practice of 30 years in forensic neuropathology. Louise continues to work in her family's travel business. They have two daughters and three grandchildren.

Douglas Neckers '60 of Perrysburg, Ohio, was honored on the occasion of his 70th birthday when current and former students, postdoctoral fellows, colleagues, friends and family gathered to celebrate. There was a full-day symposium, and an evening banquet, during which two endowments were announced in his honor. The Neckers Scholars program will fund outstanding third- and fourth-year Ph.D. students in the photochemical sciences and the Neckers Endowed Professorship will help support a distinguished teacher/scholar in the photochemical sciences. Doug is the McMaster Distinguished Research Professor of Chemistry and executive director of the Center for Photochemical Sciences at Bowling Green (Ohio) State University.

Tom Klaasen '61 of Dallas, Texas, received the Exemplary Teacher Award at Texas Wesleyan University in Fort Worth, Texas. The award is sponsored by the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry of the United Methodist Church. As professor of economics and finance, he is in his 20th year on the faculty and now teaches half time under the university's Phased Retirement Program.

Lois Bonnema '61 Schwartz, who writes as Lois Carroll, announces the publication of her fifth book, *Just a Memory*. It is a story of suspense published by Echelon Press LLC.

Jim Jurries '63 and **Ginger Huizenga '64 Jurries** of Holland, Mich., were honored with the Family Award from the Community Foundation of the Holland/Zeeland Area during the foundation's Community Hall of Fame Recognition Awards Gala on Saturday, Oct. 23. They were recognized for their community service.

Lance Stell '66 of Davidson, N.C., was named Davidson College's Samuel E. and Mary West Thatcher Professor of Philosophy and Medical Humanities. The honor recognizes his professional achievements, impressive record of publications, and outstanding leadership of the medical humanities program

Maryanne Beukelman '64 Ward of Mount Vernon, Wash., and a few friends have recently formed "Ghana Together," a nonprofit working in Ghana, West Africa. Ghana Together engages with Ghanaians in grassroots projects to improve educational, social, and health conditions in Ghana, especially in the Axim/Nzema area. Maryanne, as a volunteer, leads the nonprofit, and also is a management consultant to Western Heritage Home, a Ghanaian NGO based in Axim, with which Ghana Together partners. GT has completed a Children's Home/Community Learning Center, with 35 homeless, impoverished children in residence who are attending a local school. It is now focusing on extending piped water, facilitating hand sanitation, creating a computer learning laboratory for vocational computer training, and repairing school roofs.

at the college. Lance has taught at Davidson since 1976.

Judyth Thomas '66 of Holland, Mich., retired this fall from serving as office manager for the department of theatre at Hope. She had joined the staff in 1987.

Linda Vander Heide '68 Gibbs and **Jerry Gibbs '71** of Grand Haven, Mich., recently completed the Great Loop cruise. They left Lake Michigan through Chicago in October 2007. The trip included the Illinois, Mississippi, Ohio, and Tennessee rivers and the Tom-Bigbee system to Mobile, Ala.. They wintered on Anna Maria Island, Fla. In April 2008 the trip was continued through Lake Okeechobee, the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway, Hudson River, Erie Canal, Bay of Quinte and Trent-Severn Waterway in Ontario, Georgian Bay and the North Channel of Lake Huron, and ended in Grand Haven on Lake Michigan in July 2008. Their boat is a 1978 34-foot trawler named *Loophole*. They are both retired.

Barbara Timmer '69 and Catherine Benkaim were married on Sunday, Oct. 5, in their Beverly Hills, Calif., home.

70s

L. Tobey Sanford '72 is the author of *Capturing Light*, which in two volumes (*Seeing the Light* and *Painting with Light*)



explores the impact and use of light in photography, explaining the thinking process that working photographers use and providing examples as a guide for others. As a professional photographer in New York City for more than 20 years, he has had assignments for national publications including *Life*, *Sports Illustrated*, *Time* and *Newsweek*, as well as for a variety of Fortune 500 companies, and has presented numerous workshops on lighting in photography.

Tim Brown '73 of Holland, Mich., was inaugurated president of Western Theological Seminary on Thursday, Oct. 2, at Dimnent Memorial Chapel.

Robert Schellenberg '73 of Jenison, Mich., was appointed to the board of directors of Phoenix Matachewan Mines Inc. in October. He is a CPA and attorney, practicing as a CPA at his firm, Schellenberg & Evers PC.

Tom Staal '74 of Rockville, Md., spent July-October in Beirut as the mission director for the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) office, overseeing all U.S. government foreign aid programs in Lebanon. At the end of October he went back to Washington to his regular position as director of the Iraq Reconstruction office for USAID. Tom has been in this position since July 2006 following his graduation from the National Defense University with an M.S. in National Security Studies.

Pete Hoekstra '75 of Holland, Mich., won reelection as Representative for Michigan's Second Congressional District on Tuesday, Nov. 4. Earlier this fall, he was named a Guardian of Small Business by the National Federation of Independent Business in recognition of his voting records on behalf of America's small business owners.

Carol Hoekstra '75 Sheets of Silver Spring, Md., serves as National Family

Hospitality program manager in the Veterans Health Administration, Care Management and Social Work Service, Office of Patient Care Services, in the Veterans Affairs (VA) Central Office in Washington, D.C. Carol has national oversight for VA's Fisher House Program. The Fisher House Foundation Inc. builds and donates Fisher Houses to the Department of Defense and Department of VA. Fisher Houses are built on or near the grounds of military installations and VA Medical Centers for use by families visiting hospitalized military service members and veterans. Fisher Houses are a "home away from home," and provide care and comfort for families during stressful times.

Jodi Japinga '75 Syens of Holland, Mich., was named transportation services director for the city of Holland. She has served the city for the past 25 years in several positions, including assistant city manager, city clerk, interim city manager and, most recently, interim transportation services director.

Susan Van Dis '77 Campbell of Kalamazoo, Mich., won her eighth Kalamazoo Women's Golf Association City Medal tournament on Wednesday, July 16. She was seven strokes ahead of the second-place finisher.

Scott Dwyer '78 of Grand Rapids, Mich., is a member of Mika Meyers Beckett & Jones PLC. He was selected for inclusion in *Michigan Super Lawyers 2008 Magazine*, an annual listing recognizing lawyers who have attained a high degree of peer recognition and professional achievement. The selection is performed by a blue ribbon panel and a survey of active lawyers in Michigan. Only five percent of Michigan attorneys have been selected as Michigan Super Lawyers.

Mark Higgins '79 of Durham, N.C., is a mortician and owner of four funeral homes in North Carolina.

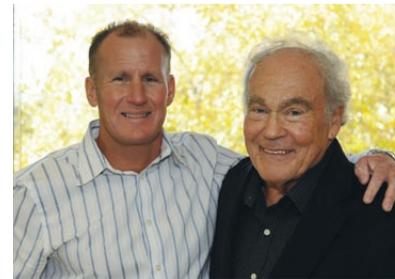
80s

Bob Lamb '80 of Holland, Mich., hunted elk with professional baseball player Barry Bonds during a bow and arrow hunting trip in Colorado this fall. Bob returned with a baseball for his son, Trent (age seven), autographed by Bonds.

Todd Geerlings '82 of Norton Shores, Mich., continues to referee Big Ten football games as well as support two sons who play football, one at the college level and the other in high school. He is also assistant superintendent at Mona Shores Public Schools.

Scott Broekstra '83 of Grand Rapids, Mich., is a member of Mika Meyers Beckett & Jones PLC. He was selected for inclusion in *Michigan Super Lawyers 2008 Magazine*, an annual listing recognizing lawyers who have attained a high degree of peer recognition and professional achievement. The selection is performed by a blue ribbon panel and a survey of active lawyers in Michigan. Only five percent of Michigan attorneys have been selected as Michigan Super Lawyers.

Jane E. Abe '86 of Naperville, Ill., is vice president for business development of the Downers Grove Area Chamber of Commerce & Industry. She has been appointed to the board of regents of the Institute for Organization Management, a four-year professional development program of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. The industry leader in nonprofit education, the Institute is held at five sites each year, and each board of regents is responsible for implementing all policies and directives from the national board of trustees at its individual Institute site. Regents, who are Institute graduates, are nominated



The college's Holland and Zeeland Community Campaign, which involves area businesses in providing support for the Hope Fund, features a notable generational milestone this year. The 2008-09 community chairperson is **Doug Ruch '81**, who is president and chief executive officer of the Fleetwood Group. It's perfect timing. Coincidentally, Doug's father **Rich Ruch '52** had chaired the first campaign in 1978. The campaign continues throughout the school year, but its centerpiece is an intensive morning of personal visits during which community leaders join members of the college's faculty and staff in calling at some 150 local businesses to seek contributions on behalf of Hope. This year's event was held on Wednesday, Oct. 29.

by their peers and serve for a designated term of up to two years.

Joel Lefever '86 of Plainwell, Mich., is leaving the Holland Museum at the end of the year. Since joining the staff in 1986 to work the reception desk on



A Community Blessing

Dorothy Fennema '51 Voss of Zeeland, Mich., has enjoyed a long relationship with Hope College. Dorothy met her late husband Leon while a student at Hope. Together, they co-owned and founded VML and Associates Inc., a local and successful collection agency. Dorothy, pictured at the Dekker Huis/Zeeland Historical Museum, is a founder and has volunteered there since 1974. She held the position of executive director of the Zeeland Chamber of Commerce from 1984 to 1990. For Dorothy, what has nurtured her continuing commitment to Hope is the college's covenant relationship with the RCA and the positive impact Hope has on the people of its community. Dorothy feels fortunate to have entered into a life-income arrangement that benefits both herself and Hope College, and allows her to be at ease about income. In addition to being a proud Second Century member, Dorothy is a longtime member of the Dimnent Heritage Society. Hope College would like to thank Dorothy Voss and all the 680 plus members of the Dimnent Heritage Society for their generosity in supporting Hope College through planned gifts. For over 30 years, planned gifts from donors such as Dorothy have helped shape the character of Hope College and its community. Please let us help you create your Hope legacy.



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Brett Bouma '86 of Quincy, Mass., presented the address “Advances in Optical Imaging and Translation into Clinical Medicine” at Hope on Friday, Oct. 3, in conjunction with Homecoming Weekend through the annual Gentile Lectureship. Brett is an associate professor of dermatology and health sciences and technology at Harvard Medical School, and an associate physicist with the Wellman Laboratories for Photomedicine at Massachusetts General Hospital. His talk discussed the potential for optical imaging to enable clinicians to detect cancerous changes earlier, and thus for cancer to be treated sooner in its development and therefore with a greater chance of success. The lecture series is named for former Hope dean Dr. James Gentile, who is now president of Research Corporation.

weekends, he has served in a variety of capacities, including currently as curator and, since 2005, as president. He next plans to do consulting work.

Scott Wierda '86 of Grandville, Mich., was featured in the August issue of *Grand Rapids Business Journal*. He is a principal and managing partner with CWD Real Estate Investments, a company he founded in June with two other people. He remains co-owner of Jade Pig Ventures, a commercial real estate investment and development company. He and his wife, Rebecca Bowen '90 Wierda, have three children, Spencer (age 12), Gabrielle (age nine) and Hogan (age eight). Rebecca is president of Leigh's, a women's fashion shop in Grand Rapids, Mich.

Jeff Disher '87 of Zeeland, Mich., was named “Small-Business Person of the Year” by the Holland Area Chamber of Commerce in October. Nine years ago he founded Disher Design & Development, which designs and develops products for various industries

and employs more than 50 people worldwide.

Dan Boerigter '88 of Roseville, Minn., continues to practice law in the Minneapolis firm of Yost & Baill. He also serves on the planning commission for the City of Roseville and chairs the Variance Board. He just completed his term as corporate secretary for the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Minnesota. He also stays busy coaching his two sons' baseball and football teams.

Juliann Dagg '89 Joy of Columbiana, Ohio, was installed as pastor of Petersburg Presbyterian Church on Sunday, Sept. 21. A dinner and reception followed the service.

Jeffrey Mulder '89 of West Olive, Mich., has been promoted to corporate president and chief operating officer of ODL Inc. in Zeeland, Mich. He has been with the company, a leading manufacturer of door glass and door treatments, for 15 years and held various management positions in many areas.

Lori Lovas '89 Tinkler of Stilwell, Kansas, was recently named one of the Top 25 Women Who Mean Business (Class of 2008) in Kansas City. She was selected from more than 125 individuals who are the highest-ranking females in their for-profit corporations. Lori is the chief operating officer for Applied Measurement Professionals Inc. and its parent company, the National Board for Respiratory Care Inc. in Olathe, Kansas. She and her husband have two children, Justin (age eight) and Carsen (age four).

90s

Brian Andrew '90 of Grand Rapids, Mich., is a member of Mika Meyers Beckett & Jones PLC. He was selected for inclusion in *Michigan Super Lawyers Rising Stars 2008*. The selection process for Rising Stars is the same as the Super Lawyers selection process except that a candidate must be either 40 years old or younger or in practice for 10 years or less; and candidates for Rising Stars do not go through the peer evaluation by practice area. While up to five percent of the lawyers in the state are named to Super Lawyers, no more than 2.5 percent are named to the Rising Stars list.

Marian Stryker '90 Jenkins is the new Atlanta city editor for the online parent resource “Being Savvy: The Savvy Source For Parents.” She writes daily blurbs on things to do in the city with preschoolers. Marian reports that she is still a stay-at-home mom and loves every minute of it, but that her position gives her another outlet while the children are at school.

Peter Schultz '90 of Kennesaw, Ga., is assistant professor of German and foreign language education at Kennesaw State University.

Cynthia Van Duyne '90 Van Renterghem of East Grand Rapids, Mich., and a friend with an invention

have launched a new business, Plumstone LLC. The venture is the result of Cynthia encouraging her friend to market a device she invented to help gardeners gauge sunlight. The product, SunStick, is a bright green-and-red plastic flower with a chemically reactive sticker that registers sunlight so that gardeners know where to plant sunny, part-sunny, shady or part-shady plants. It is available at some local gardening shops and online.

Todd Adams '91 of Tallahassee, Fla., was recently promoted to associate professor of physics with tenure at Florida State University. In addition to teaching physics and astronomy, he performs research in particle physics at Fermilab outside of Chicago and at CERN outside of Geneva, Switzerland.

Jonathan P. O'Brien '91 of Kalamazoo, Mich., joined the business law firm Honigman Miller Schwartz and Cohn LLP as a partner and chair of the intellectual property practice group of the firm's corporate and securities department. He is a patent attorney specializing in life science and chemical patent procurement and enforcement. **Julie Tillmann '93 Clark** and **Kelly Clark '93** of Tavernier, Fla., report that they have moved from the cold of Traverse City, Mich., and are enjoying the sun and teaching in the Florida Keys. Their children are enjoying swimming and learning about ocean life.

Liz Haag '93 Schroeder of Skokie, Ill., is taking a year off from teaching to be a stay-at-home mom (please see “New Arrivals”).

Jonathan Schakel '94 of Charlottesville, Va., played the organ for the 12th Annual Rietberg Concert at Third Reformed Church of Holland, Mich., on Sunday, Nov. 2.

Deborah Kramer '95 recently moved to Hawaii. She is a fourth-grade teacher at Kamali'i Elementary School in Kihei, located on Maui's leeward side.

Daniel Fischer '96 of Rochester,

Julie Phillipps '94 will have *Wink: The Ninja Who Wanted to Be Noticed*, published by Viking (Penguin USA), released in March. Julie wrote and illustrated the picture book about a ninja student who has a hard time with being stealthy at school and has conflicts with his teacher over it. She has also begun a second book. Julie lives in West Hartford, Conn., with her husband and son, Cameron (almost six). She teaches classes in watercolor painting and drawing, and paints on commission. Her favorite subjects, in addition to portraiture, include flora, shells and fish.



Every day at the Grand Rapids, Mich., office of BDO Seidman is a multi-class reunion event, with a baker's dozen of alumni employed by the firm. They are pictured back on the campus with a familiar Hope landmark (photo by deVries Studio). From left to right are: seated, Christopher Lamb '05, Allison Miller '04, Mary Postmus '91 Van Skiver, Phoebe Booth '06 Preuninger, Diana Esteves '02 Kole; standing, Charlie Banyai '07, Ashley Williams '05 Potts, Kevin Muntter '94, Angie Randall '08, Deb Caulk '04 Blacquiere, Jenny Smith '06 Mann, Shannon Clement '08 Vander Wilp and Joe Albers '07; not pictured is Sara (Gray) Trapp '03.

N.Y., and Beth Quimby '99 of Buffalo, N.Y., performed a recital at St. Paul's Cathedral in Buffalo on Friday, Oct. 17.

Joel Reisig '96 of Birmingham, Mich., and **Scott Voshel '98** of Holland, Mich., were executive producers and wrote the screenplay for the film *Fraternity House*, which was filmed in West Michigan and opened this fall. Described by one reviewer as being in the tradition of films such as *American Pie* or *Van Wilder*, *Fraternity House* follows 24 hours in the life of the fictional Iota Gamma Chi fraternity.

Toby Schuler '96 of Grand Rapids, Mich., recently earned a master's degree (please see “Advanced Degrees”). He is a reference librarian with Kent District Library, and he continues to make home recordings of his music.

Phillip D. Torrence '96 of Portage, Mich., joined business law firm Honigman Miller Schwartz and Cohn LLP as a partner in its corporate and securities department and as the first managing partner of its new Kalamazoo office. He practices in the areas of mergers and acquisitions and corporate finance.

Vicki Van Wagnen '97 de Maldonado of Alpena, Mich., owns Reflections Dance studio and works for Bay Athletic Club.

Rachel Haveman '99 Eriks recently signed with Discovery Toys for national distribution of her children's CD *I'm Going Green*, a newly-released collection



of upbeat songs that encourage outdoor activities and preservation of nature. All of the songs were sung and recorded by Rachel. In early August, she presented the CD at the Discovery Toys national convention in New Orleans, La. She lives in Wyoming, Mich., with her husband, Adam Eriks '01, and their two daughters.

Beth Quimby '99 of Buffalo, N.Y., and Daniel Fischer '96 of Rochester, N.Y., performed a recital at St. Paul's Cathedral in Buffalo on Friday, Oct. 17.

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Meredith Arwady '00 was featured in the October issue of *Opera News* as she prepared to make her October debut at the Metropolitan Opera in New York City. She performed as Pasqualita in the contemporary opera *Doctor Atomic*, reprising the role she first sang in 2007 at the Lyric Opera in Chicago. The article noted, "With her voluminous, bassoon-in-a-bottle timbre, Arwady is the real contralto deal. She is also a quick study who balances a particular flair for physical comedy with an affinity for eking out pathos as the occasion demands..."

Leanne Cronquist '01 of Orland, Calif., manages Farm Sanctuary, a non-profit farm animal protection organization that rescues farm animals from various situations and gives them a peaceful life. Currently about 350 animals live at the rescue farm. After graduating from Hope, Leanne studied to become a veterinary technician at Michigan State University.

Carl Daniel '00 recently graduated from medical school (please see "Advanced Degrees") and was recommissioned as a lieutenant in the Medical Corps of the U.S. Navy. He is assigned to the National Naval Medical Center as a surgical intern.

Matthew Sterling '01 of Ada, Mich., is a firefighter/paramedic with the Delhi Township Fire Department in the Lansing, Mich., metropolitan area.

Rachel Barone '02 Brandenburg of Middletown, Del., recently earned a doctorate (please see "Advanced Degrees") and is working in Delaware Corrections.

Jeremy Hoekstra '02 of Grand Rapids, Mich., celebrated the release

of his second CD, *Awake and Waiting*, at Lemonjello's in Holland, Mich., on Friday, Sept. 19. The album includes 11 original tracks that he wrote and produced since 2006.

Raj Malviya '02 is an associate at Miller Johnson in Grand Rapids, Mich. He was named a "Rising Star" in this fall's edition of the *Michigan Super Lawyers Publication*, part of a national publication recognizing each state's top and most recognized young lawyers. Only 2.5 percent of attorneys in the state are named in the publication each year. Raj began studying in a part-time master's degree program in taxation at Northwestern University School of Law and Kellogg School of Management this fall.

Sarita Hoekzema '02 Shetenhelm of Charlotte, Mich., is the elementary technology teacher for Marshall (Mich.) Public Schools.

Elisabeth Sawchuk '03 Avery of Ionia, Mich., is an administrative law examiner in the Hearings Division of the Michigan Department of Treasury.

Karissa DeYoung '03 DePuis of Holland, Mich., is Kids Hope director for Engedi Church.

Sarah Scholten '04 Gritter recently graduated from medical school (please see "Advanced Degrees") and is an emergency medicine resident physician at Drexel University in Philadelphia, Pa.

Matthew Buursma '05 of Zeeland, Mich., is a sales executive for Spazzles!, a clip-on hat accessory that can be customized for consumers. The company started up in May and planned to go online by late November.

Carrie Camp '05 III of Clark, N.J., is a kindergarten teacher at Brunner Elementary School in Scotch Plains, N.J. She has begun study for a Master of Science in Education degree with a specialization in reading and literacy from Capella University.

Hannah Schroeder '05 of Nashville, Tenn., who is a cellist, accompanied guest artist Brooke Waggoner during the Hope College Concert Series performance on Monday, Nov. 17, at the Knickerbocker Theatre.

Meg Barlow '06 Bartlett teaches inclusion special education in her hometown at Niles (Mich.) High School.

Ellen Reynolds '06 Beckham began her nursing career as a RN on the pediatrics floor at Memorial Hospital in Colorado Springs, Colo., in October.

Lynn Cargill '06 of Tarrytown, N.Y., presented the address "The Development of a Skin Care Product from Concept to Consumer" through Hope's Chemistry Seminar Series on Friday, Sept. 26. She is a scientist with San Mar Laboratories.

Cara Hoekstra '06 of Holland, Mich., made a guest appearance at Lemonjello's on Friday, Sept. 19, during the celebration of the release of a new CD by Jeremy Hoekstra '02, her brother. She is featured on two tracks of the album, *Awake and Waiting*.

Rebecca Poublon '06 of Portage,



Tim Heck '04 is a member of Blue Man Group Chicago. (He is pictured with Linda Graham of the Hope dance faculty.) As the group's Web site notes, "This multi-sensory experience featuring three enigmatic bald and blue characters combines theatre, percussive music, art, science and vaudeville to create a completely unique form of entertainment."

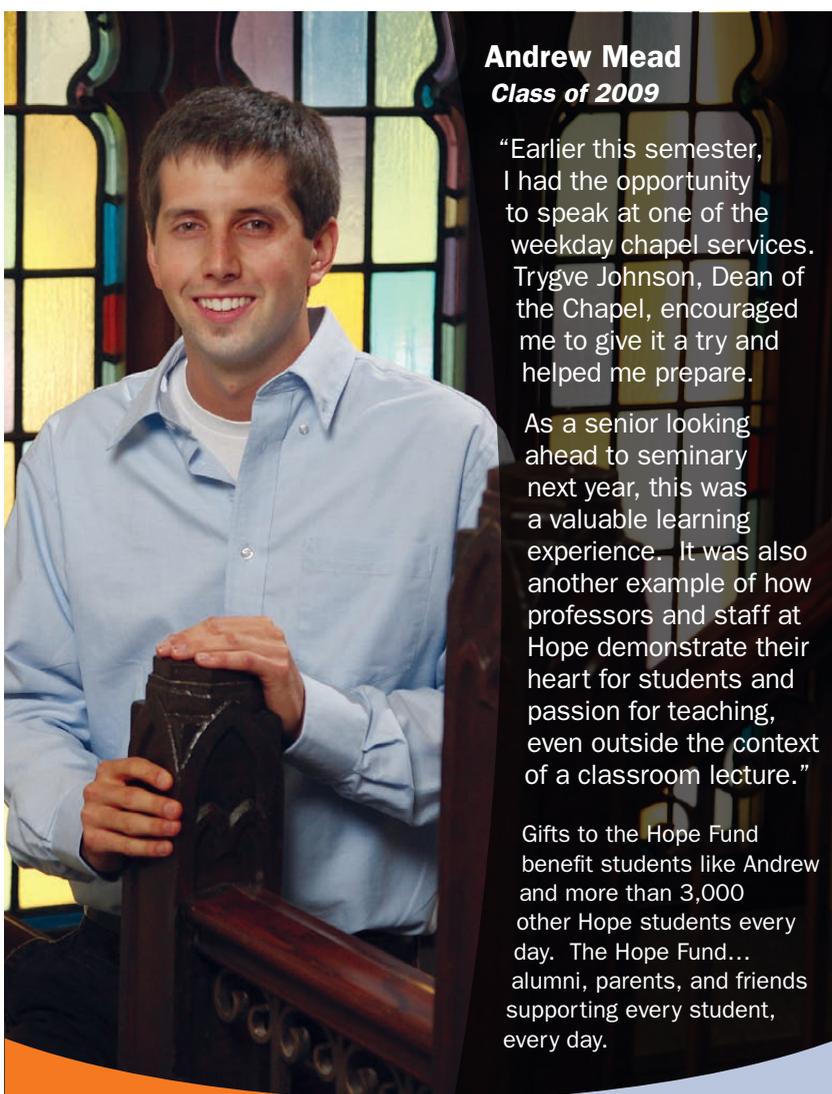
Mich., coordinates online learning for the Schoolcraft (Mich.) Public Schools. Among the offerings of the program are courses for students who need to catch up, language courses not offered by the schools and advanced-placement courses.

Johanna Swanson '06 of East Lansing, Mich., completed a summer internship with the Lansing Lugnuts, and is now a sales assistant for the Mid-Michigan Radio Group in Lansing.

Peter Wright '06 of Palo Alto, Calif., is head wrestling coach at Menlo-Atherton High School in Menlo Park,



Brian Hammer '06 of Williamsburg, Mich., finished 75th out of approximately 2,300 participants in the Wisconsin Ironman held on Sunday, Sept. 7, in Madison, Wis. The event included a 2.4-mile swim, a 112-mile bicycling competition and a 26.2-mile run. Brian finished in 10 hours, seven minutes and 40 seconds. Also this fall, Brian returned to campus to interview Hope students. He is a staff accountant with Plante & Moran in Traverse City, Mich.



Andrew Mead Class of 2009

"Earlier this semester, I had the opportunity to speak at one of the weekday chapel services. Trygve Johnson, Dean of the Chapel, encouraged me to give it a try and helped me prepare.

As a senior looking ahead to seminary next year, this was a valuable learning experience. It was also another example of how professors and staff at Hope demonstrate their heart for students and passion for teaching, even outside the context of a classroom lecture."

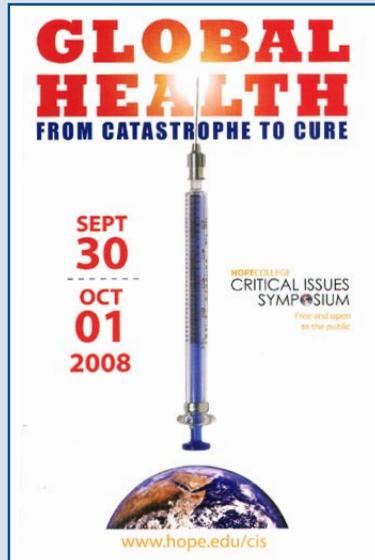
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The following alumni participated in the Hope College Critical Issues Symposium, held on Tuesday-Wednesday, Sept. 30-Oct. 1: Barb Arneson '80 Osburn, Nicole Buono '93, Jalaa Abdelwahab '97, Laura Ellis '05, Janell Ball '06, Laura Kadzban '06 Pidgeon, Tarah Fron '07 and Will Nettleton '07. Current students Timothy Carter '09, Daniel Gruben '09, Lillie Lodge '10 and Laura Petrasky '11 served on a panel of engineering, nursing and education students to discuss "Drinking Water and Community Health in Developing Communities - Interdisciplinary Activities at Hope College."



Calif. He oversees the entire wrestling program, from scheduling to budget management to coaching both the JV and varsity teams. While at Hope, Peter had been an assistant coach at Zeeland and Zeeland West high schools.

Kristin Olson '07 Brace of Holland, Mich., was featured in an article in the *Holland Sentinel* on Sunday, Sept. 21, chronicling the logistics of telephone communication with her husband, a U.S. Marine serving in Afghanistan.

Darcy Cunningham '07 of Holland, Mich., joined the Hope staff in October as office manager for the department of theatre.

Kara Lise de Jong '07 is the international student advisor at The King's University College in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.

Lauren Halvorson '07 of Raleigh, N.C., passed all sections of the CPA exam and began her career at McGladrey & Pullen as an auditor in September.

Shalyn Kempema '07 and **Christopher Broe '08** were recently married (please see "Marriages"). They live in Singapore, where Shalyn teaches English and Christopher is studying in a master's degree program with New York University.

Miriam Lee '07 is in her second year of teaching sixth- through eighth-grade choir and general music in Charles County, Md., about 25 miles south of Washington, D.C.

Sarah Mol '07 Zietlow is a sixth-grade inclusion special education teacher in Niles, Mich.

Marriages

John Houting '88 and Penny Ingraham, Sept. 12, 2008.

Peter Schultz '90 and Nina Barresi, July 13, 2008, Cohasset, Mass.

Amy Otis '96 and Rodrigo De Grau, June 14, 2008, East Jordan, Mich.

Toby Schuler '96 and Laura Dykhouse, July 18, 2008, Grand Rapids, Mich.

Glyn S. Williams '98 and Kristine

Kappel, Sept. 6, 2008, Chicago, Ill.

Kristin Zimdahl '98 and Josef Brunschmid, July 12, 2008, Oberaudorf, Germany.

Elizabeth Artman '00 and Daniel De Boer, April 2008.

Jason Koedyker '01 and Lisa Whitaker, June 7, 2008, Holland, Mich.

Douglas Mulder '01 and Robyn Thomas, August 30, 2008.

Laura K. Splinter '01 and Rev. Timothy Akers, Dec. 29, 2007, Libertyville, Ill.

Will Schubert '02 and Katie Bauman '03, Oct. 11, 2008, Grand Rapids, Mich.

Aileen Koliboski '04 and Brendan Ryan '05, Aug. 30, 2008, Petoskey, Mich.

Matt Koster '04 and Allison McCabe '05, Sept. 6, 2008, Fenton, Mich.

Jacquelyn Funk '05 and Kevin Huss, Aug. 16, 2008, Muskegon, Mich.

Robert Riksen '06 and Megan Kleinheksel, July 5, 2008, Holland, Mich.

Shalyn Kempema '07 and Christopher Broe '08, Aug. 1, 2008, Holland, Mich.

Holly Sneller '07 and Ryan Goodman, July 12, 2008, Holland, Mich.

John Dulmes '08 and Nicole Mulder, July 19, 2008, Jenison, Mich.

Sean Hendren '08 and Emily Wegemer '08, July 25, 2008, Holland, Mich.

New Arrivals

Renee Germeraad '89 Cramer and Mark Cramer, Sjame Carson, Sept. 6, 2007.

Yvette M. VanRiper '90 and Anthony J. Mavrinac, Elise Ruth Mavrinac, June 28, 2008.

Cordell J. Langeland '91 and Wendy Kaper '94 Langeland, Andrew Josiah, Nov. 5, 2008.

Liz Haag '93 Schroeder and Jarod Schroeder, Tate Haag, Sept. 17, 2008.

Andy Toering '93 and Lauren Toering, Miles Andrew, Aug. 25, 2008.

Valarie Finks '93 Van Kam and Jay Van Kam, Logan Douglas, June 21, 2007.

Nancy Naumann '93 Wiechmann and Kevin Wiechmann, Dakota Jakob Nathan, born Dec. 27, 2007, and welcomed home on March 7, 2008.

Carla Everts '93 Zeinstra and Mark Zeinstra, Payton Ann, Oct. 12, 2008.

Thomas Cotts '94 and Stephanie Morrow '95 Cotts, Sadia Joy, March 12, 2008.

Marnie Ivan '95 O'Connell and Ryan O'Connell '97, Emmy Ryan, Nov. 7, 2008.

Michelle Rhoades '97 Buist and Trent Buist, Aubrey Nicole, Nov. 2, 2008.

Sarah Frego '98 Beckham and Brian Beckham, Carter Jacob, July 16, 2008.



Lauren Sparks '08 works in the entertainment department at Walt Disney World. She is pictured above walking on stilts in a parade. She worked seasonally for Walt Disney World during her last two years at Hope, living in Orlando, Fla., from May through August, and moved there last June.

Brian Diaz '98 and Caroline Newell '00 Diaz, Gabriel, Aug. 27, 2008.

Brian Dykhuis '98 and Rebecca Hollenbeck '98 Dykhuis, Eleanor Louise, Sept. 16, 2008.

Katie Wing '98 Sundararajan and John Sundararajan, Leila Ruth, Oct. 17, 2008.

Kristin Bode '98 VandenBrink and Michael VandenBrink, Molly Beth, Oct. 16, 2008.

Kristy Deer '99 Becker and Matthew Becker, Eva Elaine, Sept. 24, 2008.

Rachel Breen '99 Chapman and Chad Chapman, Lukas James, Nov. 2, 2008.

Michelle Haiduc-Dale '99 and Noah Haiduc-Dale '99, Ethan Jude, Oct. 15, 2008.

Andrew Norden '99 and Shanna TenClay '99, Whitaker Andrew Norden, Sept. 27, 2008.

Angie Barnes '99 Scarlato and Mark Scarlato Jr., Madisyn and Alexys, Sept. 19, 2008.

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Jennifer Aslanian '99 Wezeman and Frederick Wezeman III, Kai Henry, Oct. 29, 2008.

Kerri Bouws '00 deVries and Ryan deVries, Charles Bryan, Aug. 13, 2008.

Anne Jakosz '00 Henry and Jeremy Henry, Emerson Grace, Oct. 10, 2008.

Katie Ergang '00 Meyering and Kevin Meyering, Gibson Nickolas, Nov. 2, 2008.

Kati Hoffman '00 Whitmyer and Nathan Whitmyer '00, Lincoln Peter, Sept. 19, 2008.

Mindy Chamberlain '03 Denning and Ronald Denning, Henry William, Sept. 28, 2008.

Maggie Schakel '01 Hirt and Nicholas Hirt, Lillian Louise, Oct. 23, 2008.

Christopher VanDeven '99 and Sarah Koop '01 VanDeven, Elsa Elaine, Sept. 5, 2008.

Benjamin Wing '01 and Heather Dustin '02 Wing, Eleanor Mae, May 31, 2008.

Adam Magers '01 and Erin Van Dyken '02 Magers, Isla Ann, Aug. 26, 2008.

Gavin Deming '04 and Joanna Wiens '04 Deming, Asher Justice, Aug. 28, 2008.

Tamara Bovenkerk '04 Timm and Adam Timm, Donovan Michael, March 10, 2008.

Sara Kauffman '05 Pappenheimer and Jeffrey Pappenheimer, Alexander Patrick, Oct. 28, 2008.

Advanced Degrees

Ann Voskuil '74 Staal, Master of Theology, Wesley Seminary, 2007.

Toby Schuler '96, Master of Library Science, University of North Texas, May 2007.

Kelli Draeger '99 Esteves, Doctor of Education, Western Michigan University, December 2008.

Carl Daniel '00, D.O., University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Rachel Barone '02 Brandenburg, doctorate in clinical psychology, Nova Southeastern University.

Aaron Keck '02, Ph.D. in political theory, Rutgers University, October 2008.

Sarita Hoekzema '02 Shetenhelm, Master of Arts in educational technology, Michigan State University, June 2008.

Ashley Hutchinson '03 Terpstra, master's degree in elementary reading, Grand Valley State University, August 2008.

Sarah Scholten '04 Gritter, Doctor of Medicine, Wayne State University, June 2008.

Ellen Reynolds '06 Beckham, Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Beth El School of Nursing and Health Sciences at the University of Colorado in Colorado Springs, May 2008.

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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Betty Timmer '47 Afton of Fruitport, Mich., died on Saturday, Aug. 30, 2008. She was 83.

She was a teacher in Fruitport for 30 years.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Afton Sr.; a son, Paul J. Afton; a daughter-in-law, Cheryl Afton; and two brothers, James "Sonny" Timmer and Doug Timmer.

Survivors include her children, Robert Afton Jr., Jeanne (Joe) Afton Olovson and Sharon Kay Afton; four grandchildren; and two brothers, Gerald Brown and Bernard (Joan) Timmer.

Michael J. Berry '70 of Fairfax, Va., died on Sunday, Oct. 12, 2008. He was 60.

He was a veteran who served in the U.S. Army as a member of "The Old Guard" Drum and Fife Corps in Washington, D.C.

He was sales manager for WAGE Radio of Leesburg, Va.

Survivors include his parents, Roy and Myra Kleis '45 Berry; a brother, Steve '72 (Nancy Burke '72) Berry; sisters, Jill Berry '76 (Bill '76) Te Winkle and Lynn Berry '78 Van Lente-Hoover (Scott Hoover); and many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins and three grand-nephews.

Alan Bilyeu '69 of Lansing, Ill., died on Wednesday, June 25, 2008. He was 62.

He was a former teacher at Illiana Christian High School, former band director for South Holland Municipal Band and former minister of music at Munster Christian Reformed Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Arthur and Lena.

Survivors include his wife, Diane Bilyeu; three children, Andrew, Mark and Stacy; and one brother, Arthur (Pamela) Bilyeu '61.

Richard E. Brown '59 of Hudson, Ohio., died on Sunday, Oct. 5, 2008, after a battle with cancer.

He was chairman of the department of accounting at Kent State University, where he had also been professor of accounting for 24 years. His career also involved work at the Tennessee Valley Authority, the General Accounting Office in Washington, D.C., the College of William and Mary, and the New York State Legislature.

Survivors include his wife of 47

years, Beverly Brown; his children, Kelly Brown (Richard Lynch), Christopher '88 (Vicki) Brown, and Kirsten (Paul) Fister; two grandchildren; and six brothers and sisters, Jeanne (Dom) Servadio, Edward (Rosemary) Brown, Lois (Alfred) Oldfield, Robert (Marion) Brown, Marilyn (William) Garraty, and James (Joy) Lynch.

Word has been received of the death of **Sarah Brannock '44 Clark** of St. Petersburg, Fla., who died on Tuesday, April 22, 2008. She was 86.

Mary Van Raalte '52 Covell of St. Louis, Mo., died on Saturday, Sept. 14, 2008, following a long illness. She was 77.

She was preceded in death by her husband, H. Stephen Covell, in 2004.

Survivors include a brother, Carl C. (Arlene) Van Raalte; a son; three daughters; and three grandchildren.

Joseph (Bud) DeNeve '49 of West Olive, Mich. died on Wednesday, Dec. 5, 2007. He was 83.

Survivors include his wife, Phyllis Haskin '47 DeNeve.

Gordon F. De Vries (Prep '35) of Zeeland, Mich., died on Thursday, Sept. 4, 2008. He was 90.

He retired from Metropolitan Life Insurance Company.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Elsie De Vries, in 1999; his son, Robert De Vries, in 1995; his sister, Gertrude Waterway; and his brother, Bernard De Vries.

Survivors include his wife, Charlotte Van Dam De Vries; his children, Carol De Vries, Joan (Harold) Overweg, Jim (Mary) DeVries, Lenora (Jack) Bell, David (Diana) DeVries, and Sally (Mark) Van Ess; 13 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; his step-children, Gloria Boerman, Ron (Bonnie) Van Dam, Carl (Beth) Van Dam, Jan Telgenhof and Howard (Cathy) Van Dam; 13 step-grandchildren; 22 step-great-grandchildren; his brother, Mike De Vries; and his sisters- and brothers-in-law, Alma and Ray Tubergen, Marian Bosma, Clarence and Jeanette Renkema, Jane and Ken Knoll, Marvin and Helen Renkema and Arlene Renkema.

Charlotte Morehouse '31 Duesing of Alvin, Texas, died on Wednesday, Nov. 5, 2008. She was 97.

She taught special education and then Latin and English at Lower Merion High School in Ardmore, Pa., until her retirement in 1975.

She and her late husband, Howard E. Duesing, established the Morehouse-Duesing Music Scholarship Fund at Hope in memory of her father, Harry C. Morehouse.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 2000.

Survivors include her sons, William (Suzanne) Duesing and John Duesing

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(Pam Clark); her daughter, Alice (Paul) Sloan; five grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Marylin Boughton '60 Evers of Nanuet, N.Y., died on Sunday, Oct. 12, 2008. She was 70.

Survivors include her husband of 50 years, James Evers '60; her son, William Evers; her daughters, Janine Drena and Carol Nagel; seven grandchildren; her mother, Frances Boughton; and a brother, Robert Boughton.

John Hains '42 of Holland, Mich., died on Tuesday, Oct. 7, 2008. He was 87.

He served as pastor in the Reformed Church in America (RCA) at First Church in Fremont, Mich.; Trinity in Holland; Beverly in Wyoming, Mich.; Faith in Zeeland, Mich.; Bethel in Grand Rapids, Mich.; and a second pastorate at Beverly, from which he retired. In retirement, he served three additional RCA churches: Laketon Bethel in Muskegon, Mich., and Ebenezer and Fourth in Holland.

Survivors include his wife of 62 years, Pauline Hains; his daughters, Mary Jo (Jim) Huizenga and Carol (Gary) Lohman; four grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; his brother, Kenneth Hains; his sister, Harriet Hains '47 (Lowell '47) Heneveld; his sister-in-law, Edna Oosting; and several nieces and nephews.

James H. Kinkema '57 of Kalamazoo, Mich., died on Wednesday, Sept. 10, 2008. He was 77.

He was a veteran who served as a hospital corpsman in the U.S. Navy during the Korean conflict.

He was employed as a social worker by the State of Michigan for 25 years.

Survivors include his wife of 32 years, Mary; three children, Steven (Jill) Kinkema, Janice Morton and Michael (Laura) Kinkema; eight grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; a brother, David '57 (Ruth) Kinkema; and nieces and nephews.

Charles E. Knooihuizen '47 of Holland, Mich., died on Saturday, Oct. 4, 2008. He was 85.

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

He was co-owner of Holland Transplanter for several years, retiring in 1986.

Survivors include his wife of 59 years, Arlene Knooihuizen; his children, Louis (Lois) Knooihuizen, Charlene (Steve) De Loof, David (Ann) Knooihuizen, and Laura (Tim) Feagan; 12 grandchildren, including Elizabeth Knooihuizen '03 (Christopher '03) Ledtke, Rebecca Knooihuizen '05, and Charles Knooihuizen '07; his brother, Delbert '42 (Emilia Moncada '43) Knooihuizen; his sister, Mary Knooihuizen '56 (Charles) Bradley;

brothers- and sisters-in-law, Howard and Jeanne Poll, Shirley Franklin, Judy and Larry Kolb, and Marilyn and Charles Hiemstra; and several nieces and nephews.

Word has been received of the death of **Robert B. Latimer '49** of Lake, Mich., who died on Thursday, May 27, 2004. He was 77.

Survivors included his wife, Kathleen Latimer; three children, Robert (Terry) Latimer, Elizabeth Latimer '81 (Robert) Christianns, Kathryn (Todd Ireland) Latimer, and Jane Latimer; and eight grandchildren.

Word has been received of the death of **Herbert C. Leigh-Manuell '46** of Huntington, N.Y., who died on Monday, Oct. 9, 2006. He was 86.

He had been an educator in the South Huntington School District.

Survivors included his son, Mark, and three grandchildren.

Mary Lou Pierson '59 Martin of Marietta, Ga., died on Thursday, July 24, 2008. She was 70.

Survivors include her husband of 50 years, David J. Martin '56; two sons, David A. (Ruth Ann) Martin and Steven Martin; one daughter, Elizabeth Martin; one brother, George Pierson; three grandchildren; and many nephews and nieces.

Joyce Vinkemulder '50 Monk of Mount Holly, N.J., died on Saturday, Oct. 11, 2008. She was 80.

She was a secretary for the *Burlington County Herald*, the Burlington County Special Services School District and the Drenk Mental Health Center for many years.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Everett W. Monk '53, in 1980.

Survivors include four children, Rosalind, Randolph, William and Marshall; a sister-in-law; and four nieces.

Paul D. Nora '80 of Kalkaska, Mich., died on Thursday, Sept. 11, 2008, after battling multiple myeloma and its complications for more than two years. He was 49.

He practiced family medicine in Harlan, Ind., and Big Rapids, Mich. He subsequently completed a forensic pathology residency and fellowship in 2003, and worked as a forensic pathologist in Minneapolis, Minn., and Detroit, Mich., until 2006, when his illness prevented him from working.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Germaine Nora.

Survivors include his father, Donald Nora; his sisters, Barbara Sorenson, Donna (Michael) Elmore, and Patricia (Alireza) Abbasabadi; two nieces; and one grand niece.

Joey F. Pedelty '76 of Olivet, Mich., died on Saturday, Oct. 18, 2008, after sustaining a severe head injury from a fall from a bicycle in July.

He served in the Peace Corps in Belize and was most recently employed by the Environmental Protection Agency.

Survivors include his wife, Mirna Pedelty, and his brother, Gregory '80 (Kathryn) Pedelty.

Glenn L. Quist '40 of Grand Rapids, Mich., died on Tuesday, July 15, 2008. He was 89.

He retired from Grand Rapids Community College, where he taught chemistry for many years.

He was preceded in death by two grandsons.

Word has been received of the death of **Janice Westrate '60 Stevens** of Pentwater, Mich., who died on Thursday, Sept. 29, 2005. She was 67.

Survivors include her husband, James Stevens '59, and her children, David '80 (Sally Norgrove '82) Stevens, Paul Stevens '83, and Deborah (Steve) Ball.

Wilma (Billie) DeYoung '37 Taggart of Monterey, Calif., died on Sunday, Sept. 7, 2008.

She taught in Shelby, Mich., and Appleton, Wis.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Taggart; her brother, Raymond J. DeYoung '29; and her father, Rev. Abraham DeYoung 1900; and her grandfather, Rev. William Moerdyke 1866.

Survivors include her children, Margot Tilghman, Joey Cobby, Robert (Chip) Taggart, David Taggart, Tom Taggart, Tim Taggart and Betsy Reeves; 13 grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Louis Van Wieren '44 of Grand Rapids, Mich., died on Monday, Dec. 31, 2007. He was 84.

He was a veteran who served with the U.S. Marine Corps in the South Pacific during World War II.

He was a self-employed realtor and salesman.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Carole Nelson, and two brothers and one sister.

Survivors include his wife of 60 years, Mary Van Wieren; his children, Jack '69 (Irene Szolga '71) Van Wieren, Gerald '71 (Suzanne) Van Wieren, Rick '77 (Holly) Van Wieren, Marilou (Tim) Peerbolt, and Mark Van Wieren; a son-in-law, Roger Nelson; 26 grandchildren, including Rachel Van Wieren '03; 21 great-grandchildren; one sister, Clara Stoel; two brothers, Don Van Wieren and Alan Van Wieren '67; and many nieces and nephews.

John Vander Broek '44 of Saugatuck, Mich., died on Wednesday, Oct. 22, 2008. He was 86.

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

He was the owner of T. Keppel's Sons Hardware on Eighth Street in Holland until he retired.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 64 years, Frances Hillebrands '45 Vander Broek, in 2007.

Survivors include his children, Jack (Jenny) Vander Broek, Rich '70 (Kathy Notier '70) Vander Broek, Charlie '73 (Laura Tebben '74) Vander Broek, and Gretchen (Skip) Williams; 11 grandchildren, including Charles Vander Broek '08; four great-grandchildren; and several cousins.

Ruth Klaasen '41 Wassenaar of Holland, Mich., died on Sunday, Oct. 12, 2008. She was 90.

She was retired from teaching in the Holland Public Schools.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lester R. Wassenaar '38, in 1956 and by her brother, H. Cobb Klaasen '31.

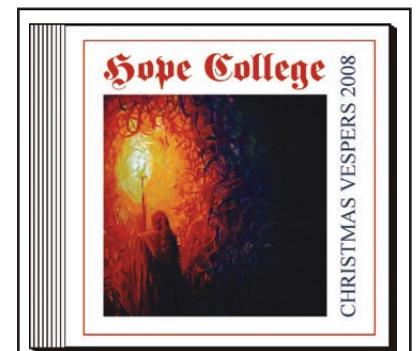
Survivors include her children, Paul Wassenaar '68, Steven Wassenaar, and Janice Wassenaar '75 Maatman; five grandchildren, including Sara Wassenaar '02 and Micah Maatman '04; and her sister, Celia Hamlin.

Sympathy to

The family of **James H. Bailey** of Fennville, Mich., who died suddenly on Wednesday, Oct. 22, 2008. He was 56.

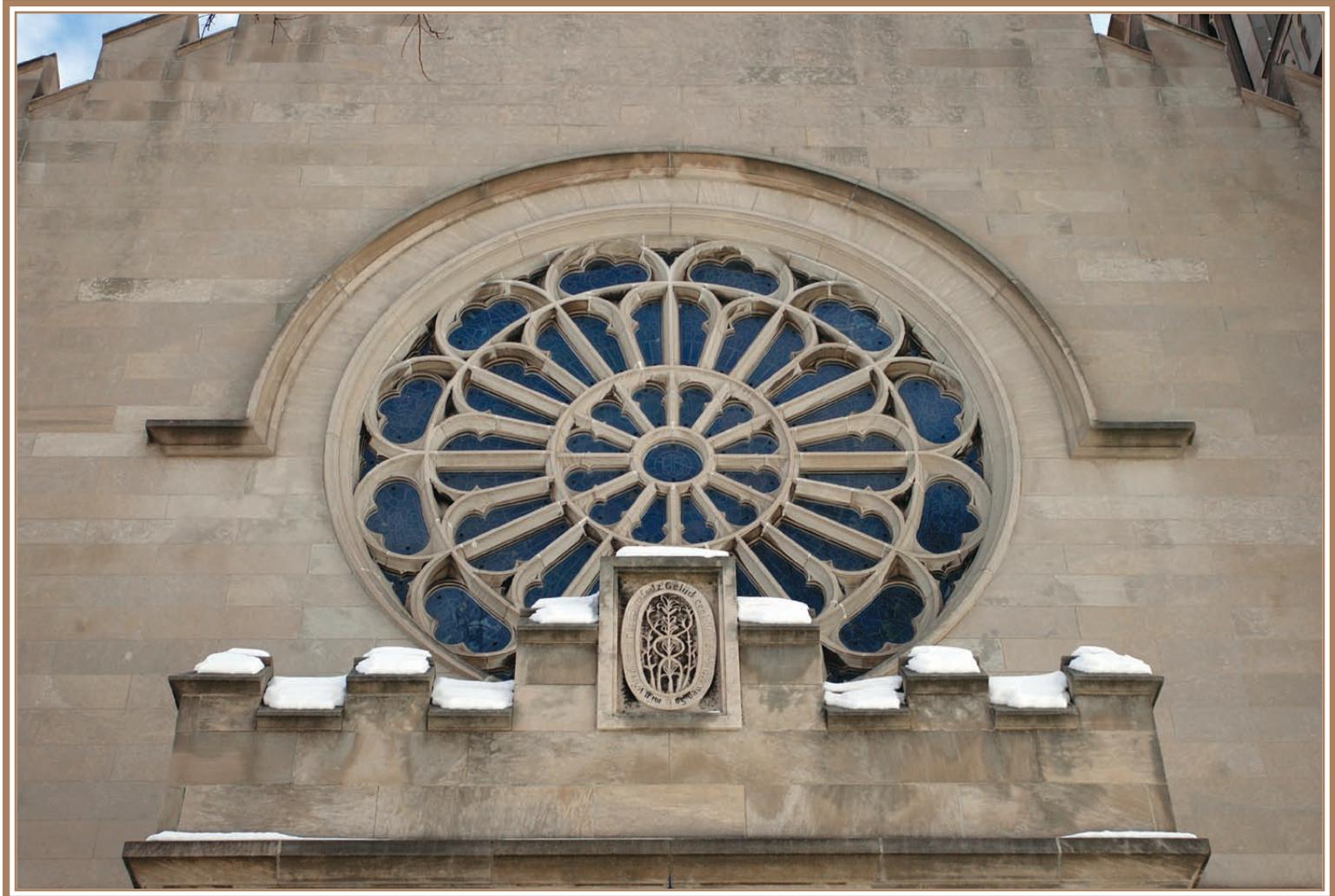
Employed by the college since 1982, he served as Hope's boiler plant operator. He was responsible for maintaining the boilers that heat the campus buildings and the water supply, and, in recent years, provide the warm water for the sidewalk snowmelt systems. He was on-call seven days a week. He had also operated Old Allegan Canoe Rentals in Fennville since 1991.

Survivors include his wife of almost nine years, Kathey; a step-son, Mitchell Pugh; and a brother, David Bailey.



This year's Hope College Christmas Vespers will be available on stereophonic, digitally recorded CD and DVD formats. All orders placed by Friday, December 12th will be shipped as soon as product arrives (around December 19th) and could arrive in time for Christmas. Call the Hope-Geneva Bookstore at (616) 395-7833 (toll-free at 1-800-946-4673) or shop online at www.hopebookstore.com.





*Christmas greetings from the Hope College community!
As we celebrate the birth of Jesus, our Lord and Savior, we wish
for each of you God's richest blessings of peace and joy. In
these times of uncertainty may we together confidently echo the
words of the psalmist: "The love of the Lord endures forever, his
faithfulness continues through all generations." Psalm 100:5*

— Jim and Martie Bultman



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SATURDAY, JANUARY 17, 2009

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Be a part of something big! While the men's basketball teams of Hope and Calvin play at DeVos Fieldhouse in Holland, alumni, parents and friends from both schools will simultaneously watch the action at locations across the country.

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