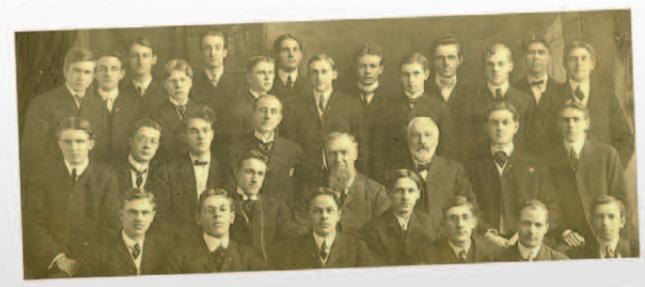


# HOPE



## Traditions of Hope

Milestone anniversaries reflect rich heritage





## On the Cover

Multiple anniversaries are reflected in the collage on page one as Hope commemorates the 100th anniversary of chemistry and physics; the 100th anniversary of football; and the 175th and 100th anniversaries of the Fraternal Society and Knickerbocker fraternity. Most of the images are self-explanatory, but the Fraternal shot from the early 1900s on the lower right of the page merits a note. The assembled group includes longtime faculty member J.B. Nykerk 1885 (second row, fourth from left); college president Gerrit Kollen 1868 (second row, third from right); and well-known peace activist A.J. Muste 1905 (front row, fourth from right).



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## "Quote, unquote"

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



This issue of **News from Hope College** highlights tradition—academic, social and athletic—with stories occasioned by the anniversaries of the departments of chemistry and physics; the Fraternal Society and Knickerbocker Fraternity; and football. While it's not an anniversary story, this issue's preview of the restoration of Graves Hall fits equally well as a celebration of heritage.

The following remarks reach back to the earliest days of Graves Library and Winants Chapel, during the ceremony for the laying of the cornerstone on October 12, 1892. The address was by Edwin F. Uhl, former mayor of Grand Rapids, Mich., and soon to be assistant and later acting U.S. secretary of state and ambassador to Germany, who expressed hope that the building would endure; rejoiced in its role as a center of learning; and praised those whose generosity made it possible.

We believe that Uhl and the others present on that "beautiful autumnal day" (as the **Anchor** reported) would be pleased to know that the building did indeed go on to serve for generations, and that the generosity of alumni and friends in the 21st century will help it to do so for many more.

"The occasion is one of great interest, not only to those immediately connected with the College itself, not only to the city within whose municipal bounds the building about to be erected shall stand, an ornament for many generations—God grant! But to the entire common-wealth whose brightest jewel in the diamond of her many excellences is her educational system..."

"You are today indeed engaged in a noble and philanthropic effort whose silent and beneficent influence will reach to remote generations yet to come. The structure itself which shall be built upon this foundation, thro the benefactions of the friends of this College and of learning, will long stand as a monument to the taste and the intelligence of its builders. In its beauty of design, in its grace of architecture, in its harmony of proportion, in its adaptability to the uses for which it is reared, it will be a mute but eloquent witness to the wise thought, the elevated sentiment, the ripe culture and the high purpose of those who conceived, designed and built it; and all who shall at any time hereafter feel the beneficent touch of its influence, will thereby be more richly endowed with mental acquirements..."

"All who are here today will ere long, having finished their course in the school of time, be called to enter the great university of the future; but in the Graves Library, whose corner stone you have just placed in position, countless scholars in the ages which are to follow will find inspiration, profit and delight; will find in the books upon its shelves, companions and friends, solace in grief, quickened pleasure in prosperity. Here they will cultivate and stimulate the love of books, here they will heighten the delights of literature, here they will seek the companionship of the wisest and most gifted of the race and learn of the greatest instructors from every age of the world's history..."

"And so whoever shall contribute aught to this building which shall rise above this stone, whether it be from the abundance of the opulent, or whether it be the widow's mite, even if it be a cup of cold water to some builder here engaged, shall lay up in the gratitude of its beneficiaries, a treasure which neither moth nor rust shall corrupt, for it shall be enduring."✍️



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# Events



## ACADEMIC CALENDAR

- Aug. 28, Friday—Residence halls open for new students, 10 a.m.
- Aug. 28-31, Friday-Monday—New Student Orientation
- Aug. 30, Sunday—Residence halls open for returning students, noon
- Aug. 30, Sunday—Convocation for new students and parents, 2 p.m.
- Sept. 1, Tuesday—Classes begin, 8 a.m.
- Sept. 7, Monday—Labor Day, classes in session
- Oct. 10, Saturday—Homecoming
- Oct. 16, Friday—Fall Recess begins, 6 p.m.
- Oct. 21, Wednesday—Fall Recess ends, 8 a.m.

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

- The days for 2009-10 are:
- |                |               |
|----------------|---------------|
| Fri., Sept. 25 | Fri., Nov. 20 |
| Fri., Oct. 2   | Mon., Jan. 18 |
| Mon., Oct. 12  | Fri., Jan. 29 |
| Fri., Oct. 23  | Fri., Feb. 19 |
| Fri., Nov. 6   | Fri., Feb. 26 |
| Fri., Nov. 13  |               |

**Junior Days:** Friday, March 5;  
Friday, April 9; Friday, April 16

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

## DE PREE GALLERY

- Michael Ferris: Recent Sculpture and Drawings**—Friday, Aug. 21-Friday, Sept. 18
- Margaret Cogswell: River Fugues**—Tuesday, Oct. 6-Saturday, Nov. 7

The gallery is open Mondays through Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sundays from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free. Please call the gallery at (616) 395-7500 for more information.



## GREAT PERFORMANCE SERIES

- Luna Negra Dance**—Thursday-Friday, Sept. 24-25: Knickerbocker Theatre, 7:30 p.m.
- Storioni Trio**—Wednesday, Oct. 14: Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 7:30 p.m.
- Nathaniel Dett Chorale**—Friday, Nov. 20: Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 7:30 p.m.
- Cashgore Marionettes**—Saturday, Feb. 6: Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 7:30 p.m.
- Indo-Pak Coalition**—Wednesday, March 10: Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 7:30 p.m.
- Kronos Quartet**—Tuesday, April 6: 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.

## THEATRE

**The Skin of Our Teeth**—Friday-Saturday, Oct. 23-24; Wednesday-Saturday, Oct. 28-31

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.

## DANCE

**dANCEpROJECT**—Thursday-Saturday, Oct. 29-31

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.

## SPORTS SCHEDULES

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

## MUSIC

**Brubeck Brothers**—Tuesday, Sept. 8: Knickerbocker Theatre, 7:30 p.m. Ticket information TBD.

**Student Scholarship Recital**—Thursday, Sept. 17: recipients of Hope Distinguished Artist Awards, Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.

**Orchestra Concert**—Friday, Oct. 9: Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.

**Guest Artist**—Wednesday, Oct. 21: Norman Spivey, Wichers Auditorium of Nykerk Hall of Music, 7:30 p.m. Admission tba

**Wind Ensemble "Halloween Concert"**—Saturday, Oct. 31: Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 3:30 p.m. Admission is free.

**Jazz Ensembles Concert**—Friday, Nov. 6: Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.

## JACK RIDL VISITING WRITERS SERIES

**Greg Orr**—Thursday, Sept. 17

**Susan Choi**—Thursday, Nov. 12

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.

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

## 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.

## ALUMNI, PARENTS & FRIENDS

**Community Day**—Sat., Sept. 12  
Highlights will include a picnic on Windmill Island, and home football and soccer games.

**Fraternity Reunions**

**Knickerbocker 100-Year**

—Friday-Sunday, Sept. 18-20

**Fraternal Society 175-Year**

—Friday-Sunday, Oct. 9-10



**Homecoming Weekend**—Friday-Sunday, Oct. 9-11

Includes reunions for every fifth class, '89 through '04.

**Family Weekend**—Friday-Sunday, Nov. 6-8

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



## TRADITIONAL EVENTS

**Opening Convocation**—Sunday, Aug. 30

Richard and Helen DeVos Fieldhouse, 2 p.m.

**Pull Tug-of-War**—Saturday, Oct. 3, 3 p.m.

Across the Black River

**Critical Issues Symposium**—Tuesday-Wednesday, Oct. 6-7

Topic: "At Water's Edge: Complacency, Thirst, Action"

**Nykerk Cup Competition**—Saturday, Nov. 7, 8 p.m.

Holland Civic Center

**Christmas Vespers**—Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 5-6

Dimnent Memorial Chapel

**Baccalaureate and**

**Commencement**—Sunday, May 9





## GRADUATION RATE:

The college's graduation rate ranks among the best in Michigan, according to the American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy Research in the report *Diplomas and Dropouts:*

*Which Colleges Actually Graduate Their Students (and Which Don't.)*"

Hope and Kalamazoo College shared the top spot among baccalaureate colleges in Michigan with a graduation rate of 78 percent. The highest graduation rate among all colleges and universities in Michigan was the University of Michigan at 88 percent. The average graduation rate for all colleges and universities in Michigan was 52 percent.

The rate is determined by the number of first-time students who graduate within six years of enrollment. The study is based on 2001 enrollees and 2007 graduates.

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

**NSF FELLOWSHIPS:** A total of six graduating seniors or recent graduates have received either Graduate Research Fellowships or honorable mention through the program from the National Science Foundation.

Named fellowship recipients this year were Kristin Dittenhafer '09 of Midland, Mich.; Rebecca Lathrop '07 of Gladwin, Mich.; and Emily Timmons '07 of Kalamazoo, Mich. Recognized with honorable mention were Jamin Dreyer '06 of Holland, Mich.; Alicia Hofelich '07 of Midland; and Jonathan Moerdyk '09 of Paris, Mich.

The awards are for students in the early stage of pursuing a research-based master's or doctoral degree.

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## STADIUM TAKES SHAPE:

Work proceeds apace on the Van Andel Soccer Stadium, scheduled for dedication on Saturday, Oct. 17, when both teams have home games.

As reported in the June issue of *News from Hope College*, the facility is named in recognition of a leadership gift from the David & Carol Van Andel Foundation. Groundbreaking was Friday, May 1.

A gallery of construction images is online at: [www.hope.edu/pr/campusdev/soccer.html](http://www.hope.edu/pr/campusdev/soccer.html). Additional information about the project itself is available online.

**More ONLINE** [www.hope.edu/pr/campusdev/soccer.html](http://www.hope.edu/pr/campusdev/soccer.html)

**NEW YEAR:** The college's 148th academic year will begin formally with the traditional Opening Convocation on Sunday, Aug. 30, at 2 p.m. in the Richard and Helen DeVos Fieldhouse.

The public is invited. Admission is free.

The featured speaker will be Dr. Peter Schakel, who is the Peter C. and Emajean Cook Professor of English at Hope.



Residence halls for new students will open on Friday, Aug. 28, at 10 a.m., with New Student Orientation beginning later that day and continuing through Monday, Aug. 31.

Residence halls for returning students will open on Sunday, Aug. 30, at noon. Fall semester classes will begin on Tuesday, Sept. 1, at 8 a.m.

Based on projections, the college is anticipating more than 800 new students and transfer students, an overall enrollment of more than 3,100.

Dr. Schakel has been a member of the Hope faculty since 1969, and has held his endowed professorship since 1984.

He is an internationally respected scholar of C.S. Lewis's work. He has published seven books on Lewis, including most recently *The Way into Narnia: A Reader's Guide* in 2005 and *Is Your Lord Large Enough? How C.S. Lewis Expands Our View of God* in 2008.

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**FULBRIGHT HONORS:** For the second year in a row, multiple graduating seniors have received highly competitive fellowships through the Fulbright U.S. Student Program sponsored by the U.S. Department of State.

Robin Litscher '09 of Lebanon, Ind., Lani Pickard '09 of Minnetonka, Minn., and Molly Smith '09 of Urbana, Ill., have each received fellowships to teach English abroad during the coming year--Litscher in Germany, Pickard in Colombia and Smith in Malaysia.

Last year, four graduating seniors or recent graduates also received Fulbright fellowships to teach abroad, and Hope has had multiple other recipients through the years. During 2008-09, Hope tied for 30th nationally among Bachelor's institutions for the number of students receiving the awards.

In addition, multiple graduating seniors or recent graduates have received English teaching assistantships from the French government based on the recipients' applications to the Fulbright program. Allison Templeton '09 of Appleton, Wis., will be teaching in Montpellier; Sarah Williams '09 of Indianapolis, Ind., in Nantes; Ashley Holtgrewe '07 of St. Peters, Mo., in Martinique; and Anna West '08 of Birmingham, Mich., in Caen.

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

**FLOOD WATCH:** The Hope campus spent weeks recovering after a June rainstorm of historic intensity caused flood damage throughout the Holland area.



A violent storm that hit at about 8 p.m. on Friday, June 19, dumped some seven inches of rain in just a few hours, washing out numerous roads, uprooting trees and inundating the lower levels of buildings communitywide. The storm even made the national news.

Hope sustained more than one million in damages (covered by insurance), with the effects particularly severe at the DeWitt Tennis Center, Schaap Science Center, De Pree Art Center and Hope-Geneva Bookstore.

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

## NEW TRUSTEES:

Hope has made two new appointments to its Board of Trustees.

Newly chosen to serve four-year terms on the board are the Rev. Dr. William R.



Boersma '75 and James L. Jurries '64, both of Holland, Mich. The board has also re-elected Joel G. Bouwens '74 of Holland and Cheri DeVos '82 Vander Weide of Ada, Mich., to four-year terms.

The board's officers are Bouwens, chairperson; Brian W. Koop '71 of Holland, vice-chairperson; and Dr. David Lowry '89 of Holland, secretary.

Trustees concluding service on the board are the Rev. David M. Bast '73 of Grand Rapids, Mich.; Dwayne O. Boyce '77 of Royal Palm Beach, Fla.; Arwa Haider '91 of Pinecrest, Fla.; and Barbara J. Hall of Sarasota, Fla.

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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.

Pictured is this past spring's Celebration of Undergraduate Research and Creative Performance, which featured work conducted by hundreds of students during both the school year and summer. Hope has recently wrapped up another busy research summer, the results of which are sure to appear at celebrations of the future.



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# Upon the Shoulders of Giants

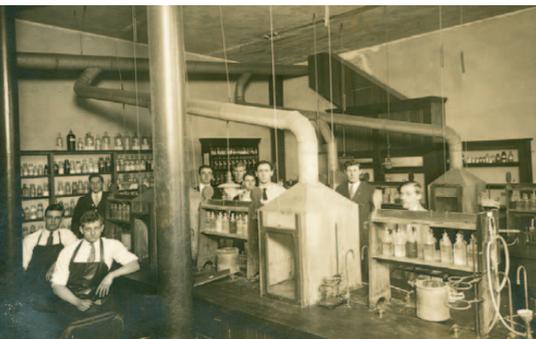
By Greg Olgers '87

From little acorns, mighty science programs grow.

Facing each other across Van Andel Plaza, the A. Paul Schaap Science Center and VanderWerf Hall define the western edge of campus just as they host a defining part of the Hope experience for hundreds of students each year.

Home to the natural and applied sciences as well as the department of psychology, the two buildings reflect and support a program and teaching model that is acclaimed nationally and for decades has produced graduates who have in turn made a profound difference in the sciences themselves as researchers, teachers and physicians.

It happens, though, that the grand, brick-and-mortar buildings are descendents of far humbler stock. Their lineage traces back to a 10-year-old wooden storehouse, built just



Dedicated in 1903, Van Raalte Hall was the first building at Hope constructed specifically with science education in mind. The tradition of providing facilities that well support learning continues—and was realized most recently with the opening of the Schaap Science Center in 2003.

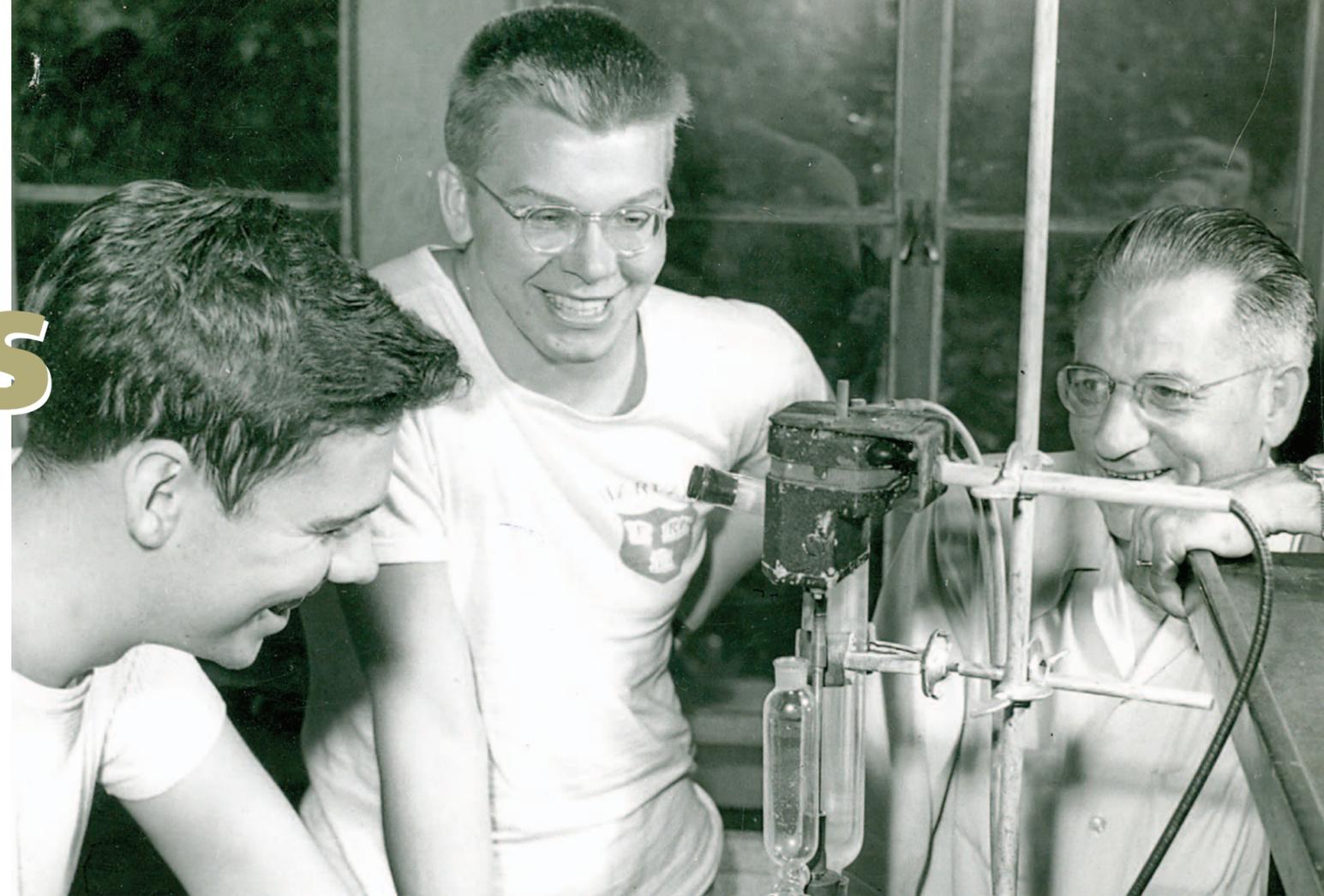
one decade after Holland was carved from the wilderness, that was converted into the college's first classroom laboratory in 1867.

It is from such simple origins that began the trajectory that led to today's tradition of excellence. The success is a tribute to skilled nurturing and innovation by faculty mentors with a deep commitment to the students in their care.

The tale is being celebrated during the coming school year in conjunction with a centennial: the creation of the departments of chemistry and physics as independent programs in 1909. The germination of the modest seed that was planted in the 1860s, the century-ago milestone is being heralded as the beginning of the growth and flowering that continue to the present.

To provide an enduring chronicle, the division is producing the coffee-table book *A Century of Science: Excellence at Hope College*, which will be available by the beginning of the school year and tells the story of all the science programs, not only chemistry and physics but also biology, computer science, engineering, the geological and environmental sciences, mathematics and nursing. Highlights of the academic-year commemoration will also include a series of invited addresses by alumni of the departments.

"We're using the 100-year anniversary as an impetus to look at the entire program in the sciences," said Dr. Graham Peaslee, who is helping to coordinate the celebration and is a professor of chemistry and chairperson of the department as well as a professor of geology/environmental science. "We want to make sure it's not just a celebration of chemistry or a celebration of physics."



The college's national reputation in the natural and applied sciences is built on the dedication of generations of outstanding faculty. Chemist Dr. Gerrit Van Zyl '18 pioneered the model of involving students in research, a practice that now reaches institution-wide. He is shown in the 1940s in Lubbers Hall, then the science building, with George Zuidema '49 and Eugene van Tamelen '47. (All images these pages from the Hope College Collection of the Joint Archives of Holland)

The book is being edited and designed by award-winning local author Valerie Van Heest, whose extensive bibliography includes numerous books, articles and videos focused on history, Great Lakes shipwrecks in particular.

Lavishly illustrated, the volume traces the eras of Hope science by facility—from

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that anonymous wooden lab, to the basement of Van Vleck Hall, to Van Raalte, Lubbers, VanderWerf, Peale and Schaap. The text draws heavily on the work of Dr. Irwin Brink '52, who taught chemistry from 1957 until retiring in 1996 and had previously written a history of science at the college for the *Legacies* campaign from which the Schaap Science Center grew.

Additional sources include a history of the department of mathematics by Dr. Jay Folkert '39, who taught at Hope from 1946 until retiring in 1982, and a history of geology by department founder Dr. J. Cotter Tharin, who taught from 1967 until retiring in 1996. An article about the founding and early years of Holland by local historian Paul Trap, reprinted from *Michigan History Magazine*, serves as an introduction, putting the college and program into context. Current faculty are also writing about their programs and the future of science at Hope, with a foreword by Dr. Moses Lee, the division's dean. An appendix will list all who have taught in the sciences.

The buildings help frame the story, but the book is really about the difference made by the dedicated professors whose work Hope's facilities support. The first science instruction was by a theologian, the Rev. Cornelius Crispell, who was one of the college's original five professors and was appointed to teach mathematics, natural philosophy and astronomy, but Hope soon began hiring specialists. The first faculty research space, in Van Raalte Hall (1903), was developed by biologist Samuel Mast—whose lasting impact on the campus also included designing Voorhees Hall. Today's signature practice of involving students in research as a teaching tool, and obtaining outside funding to support it, was developed by chemist Dr. Gerrit Van Zyl '18, who taught at Hope from 1923 to 1964.

Dr. Brink's account, of course, was informed by his experience of Dr. Van Zyl as both one of his faculty mentors and, ultimately, a colleague.

"Van Zyl was a true chemist. He liked to delve into his own projects," Dr. Brink said. "Out of that came this summer research

pathway that he blazed here at Hope long before it became popular. Van Zyl pioneered it. He was doing it before anyone else."

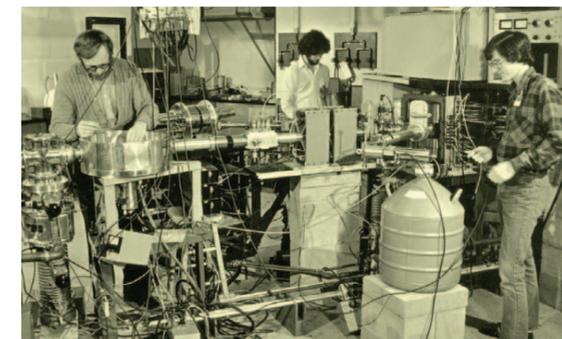
Van Heest's role has included not only collecting and synthesizing the work of others, but conducting hours of additional research herself, much of it at the Joint Archives of Holland. It's a process that has itself led to new connections, such as when she found herself looking through a batch of carefully organized portraits of young graduates from a century before—images that were more a part of the story than was first apparent.

"As I started to review what Irwin Brink had written about the chemistry department, he talked about Professor Almon Godfrey and how he had a habit of putting photographs of the graduates on the wall of his office and would track their progress," she said. "I realized, *These are his photographs.*"

A member of the faculty beginning in 1904, Dr. Godfrey died in 1923. The images that he displayed with such pride some 86 years ago to show the lives that his students were leading will now help show the richness of the college's tradition in the sciences.

It's a tradition that Van Heest has grown to appreciate, discovering through her work a gem that she hadn't previously had an opportunity to experience.

"Here in our small town of Holland, here in our small liberal arts college, we have a world-class science program," she said. "I didn't suspect that of small-town Holland. The amazing science department has me thinking that I'm going to introduce my small children to Moses Lee." 🐦



Access to cutting-edge instrumentation provides Hope students with opportunities available to few undergraduates elsewhere. In an image likely from the latter 1970s, Dr. Peter Jolivet of the physics faculty works in the ortec scattering chamber attached to the college's Van de Graaff accelerator, a landmark instrument in its day. Its successor is the Pelletron particle accelerator and attached microprobe facility installed in 2004, equipment available at only a few dozen institutions of any sort worldwide.





# Learning in Three Dimensions



John Donkersloot appreciates that Hope enables him to pursue multiple interests fully. A chemistry major, he enjoys the discovery and variety that accompany conducting original research (he is pictured in the laboratory of Dr. Mike Pikaart earlier this summer). This spring he won the bronze medal in the high jump at the NCAA Division III track and field championships, and became the third All-American high jumper in Hope's history. A gifted pianist, he has already been featured in a variety of venues at Hope, including as a soloist during the all-department Musical Showcase presented at DeVos Hall in Grand Rapids in the spring.

By Nicole Brace '07

Two years ago, John Donkersloot '11 came to Hope College looking for a place that would allow him to pursue an education in his own way, as a "three-dimensional person" committed to academics, athletics, and the arts.

Given the large dimensions of his life, that desire is proving to be a tall—and exciting—order to fill. He is finding Hope the ideal fit for his varied interests, all the more because the Zeeland, Mich., native searched thoroughly before choosing a school that happened to be close to home.

As he began his senior year of high school, Donkersloot found that Division I and NAIA schools wanted the 6'7", all-state high jumper—to join their track and field programs. And while he knew he wanted to compete, Donkersloot didn't know where to do so. As an accomplished pianist, he wondered how much time he could devote to his music if he participated in a Division I athletic program. Academically, he was becoming interested in medicine, but not enough to determine his choice. He had applied to nearby Hope more as a measure of prudence and to honor family ties—his grandmother (Elaine Meeusen '47 Donkersloot) and father (Jim Donkersloot '76) are alumni, and his brother (Steve Donkersloot '10) was already a student—but Donkersloot had never actually imagined attending Hope himself.

In the end, Donkersloot was resolved—or nearly so—to head out of state on a track scholarship. As the deadline approached, however, he became less sure, and the night before Hope's deposit was due, he spent four hours deep in thought. When he emerged from his room, he told his father, "I think I'm going to Hope," and the next day drove to Holland, delivering the deposit during his lunch period.

It was a good choice. Once enrolled, he took a number of science classes required for the pre-med program, including one in general chemistry. Realizing that he enjoyed it, he took more courses and applied to conduct summer research with Dr. Mike Pikaart in the department of chemistry. The passion he discovered for research, the rapport he found with faculty, and his growing interest in chemistry all led to his current academic track.

Now, in the summer after his sophomore year, Donkersloot is studying the behavior of

an organism called *Giardia lamblia* in order to learn more about how it modifies and expresses different genes. Under the supervision of Dr. Pikaart, he is conducting original research funded by a Beckman Award, Hope's most prestigious internally-given science honor. The award is sponsored by the Arnold and Mabel Beckman Foundation to recognize undergraduate excellence in the sciences. It is supporting Donkersloot's research throughout this summer, the upcoming academic year, and the summer of 2010.

Donkersloot enjoys the discovery and variety that accompany the work. On any given day, he might run a gel test, culture and analyze giardia proteins, or develop a new experiment to compare the organism's chemical language to that of other cells with DNA-packed nuclei.

"Research is great. It's logical—you can look at your results and make sense of them. It's also hands-on. And you're trying to figure something out with great people," he explained, "so it's fun."

Dr. Pikaart believes that Donkersloot is an excellent collaborative partner because he sustains an irrepressible curiosity and couples it with a strong dedication to the task at hand. "John does things 100 percent. Regardless of

the subject, he wants to know all there is to know about it and then some," he said.

Donkersloot's curiosity and self-driven approach aren't exclusive to the lab. As a pianist, he has earned a spot in Hope's Concerto/Aria competition, performed as a soloist in various concerts (including the annual DeVos Musical Showcase), and was chosen to participate in a master class with Russian pianist Yuri Rozum. Despite the accolades, however, he is not majoring or minoring in piano performance. Instead, he meets with Dr. Andrew Le, assistant professor of music, for lessons to help him improve what he calls "my big, big hobby."

Dr. Le stopped assigning music after his first year, and Donkersloot now proposes the pieces he finds intriguing. As a sophomore, he explored work by Sergei Rachmaninoff, whose long lines and unique harmonies caught his ear. This year he'd like to learn Schubert's C-minor Sonata and Beethoven's C-minor Variations. With each piece, he practices for the moment when the notes flow from the piano perfectly, unhindered by error or over-eagerness.

"When you get that tough passage right after playing it slowly so many times, all you can think is, 'Yes! Yes!' and let it fly," he explained. "It's a great feeling."

Donkersloot is delighted when he experiences the same feeling in the chemistry lab—"A lot of the time, things go wrong, so it's great when they go right"—and when practicing for the high jump, an event in which recently he was named an All-American.

"I love the accomplishment you feel when you clear a height or have a good jump," he said. "That's what makes it worth it. You do all that training for one split second."

He is willing to practice for the privilege of experiencing the perfect lab test, sonata, or high jump, and when he considers his first two years at Hope College, he finds himself looking back on numerous people who encouraged him to set his educational course by those ideals.

"It's a very self-directed thing here at Hope," he said. "At this level, with these great people, I think that's how it should be."

Donkersloot says that he inherited his own work ethic from his dad, and believes that good work is never done in vain. "Sometimes it feels like it is, but if you're there, putting forth effort and doing the right thing, you shouldn't be surprised when you eventually do well."

Musing on his next two years—and the years after that—he sees that Hope has helped prepare him for the future he might imagine for himself. He plans to play the piano for life. He can funnel his tenacious curiosity into multiple outlets. His interest in medicine has expanded to include a fascination with chemistry, and his growing research experience will make him an excellent candidate for dual M.D./Ph.D programs.

Yet Donkersloot is keen to show up for the present moment, take ownership of it, and wait for it to yield something.

"I've always known that this is my life, and it's going to be what I make of it," he said. "My parents and professors have laid the foundation—now I have to put in the work." 🐦



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— John Donkersloot '11





# Rooted in Tradition



Service is a major focus for the college's fraternities and sororities today—and is an emphasis that, like the groups themselves, has a rich tradition. In the photo above (from the mid 1960s or earlier based on the style), members of the

Knickerbocker Fraternity, which is celebrating its 100th anniversary in September, demonstrate their commitment to a blood drive. (Top and lower-right photographs from the Hope College Collection of the Joint Archives of Holland.)

As he anticipated his freshman year, Greg Lam '88 vowed that he would never join a fraternity.

Things happen. With an overflow of incoming students that fall and housing tight, Hope put him into the on-campus house of the Knickerbocker fraternity. By the end of the year, he was a proud KHN active, and he's never regretted it, finding himself shaped by friendships that have lasted a lifetime.

"My association with the Knickerbocker fraternity was invaluable," said Lam, who is a lead grant writer with Viability, a company that helps businesses receive grants and tax savings for new buildings and renovations that produce energy savings. "I would not be who

I am today without being a part of this group. They were my mentors. They challenged me. They would let me get away with nothing and sometimes made me risk everything."

"I've made so many lasting friendships with people who now live all over the world," he said. "I can honestly say that I still regularly visit at least 20 of my fraternity brothers."

The Knicks are one of two fraternities celebrating milestone anniversaries this year, marking their 100th with a three-day reunion running Friday-Sunday, Sept. 18-20. The Fraternal Society will be commemorating its 175th during Homecoming Weekend, Friday-Sunday, Oct. 9-11. Looking just a bit farther ahead, the Delta Phi sorority is anticipating its 100th anniversary in 2010.

Hope has 14 fraternities and sororities, 12 local and two chapters of national organizations. About 400 of the college's 3,200 students are members, a figure that will climb to about 550 after spring new member activation.

It's a convenient parallel in this anniversary year that both Hope's first president and current president were Fraters. The Fraternal Society actually predates Hope—it was established at Union College in 1834 and brought to Hope by President Philip Phelps, who was a Union alumnus, in 1864. President James Bultman '63 joined Fraternal as a freshman in the fall of 1960.

Even as the organizations have forged enduring traditions, however, they have evolved with the times.

The groups were initially "literary societies," reflecting devotion to scholarly inquiry that included socializing but pointedly avoided Greek identity. In those early days, Hope wanted to keep its organizations local, the better to match what was already envisioned as a holistic educational experience. "In our opinion, fraternities and chapter houses do not lend to such mode of living as we desire

for our students," the 1916 *Catalog* explained.

As the 20th century progressed, however, the Hope groups became fraternities and sororities in the more commonly understood sense, although very much grounded in their origins and each with their own distinctive

**"I have formed great relationships and made wonderful friends. I've become a part of something rooted in tradition that is so much bigger than just me. My individual organization and Greek Life as a whole have allowed me to fill various leadership roles [that] have taught me invaluable lessons. Also I've been given opportunities for service to Hope and the Holland community that I otherwise would not have had."**

— Julie Reishus '10, Dorian

meaningful part of a Hope education. Clearly, the actives feel that it is, from friendships formed, to leadership learned, to opportunities to give and grow through service.

"Service is definitely a major focus of Greek organizations at Hope," said senior Julie Reishus of Naperville, Ill., a Dorian. "Most organizations' creeds highlight service as a value the members hold and a practice carried out through various efforts throughout the year. Dance Marathon and Relay for Life are two big events that Greeks contribute to consistently, each organization also has its own individual projects/causes, and Greeks continually have a strong presence at events or for causes sponsored by other campus organizations like Volunteer Services."

"I have gained so much from Greek Life. It has given me opportunities that otherwise I would not have been given," said sophomore Devin Berghorst of Hamilton, Mich., an Emersonian. "Through Greek Life at Hope, I have become a part of the InterFraternity Council, Relay for Life, Dance Marathon, SAC and many other things. I have also met so many people that I would have never met if I wasn't in Greek Life. Greek Life does a great job of bringing together people of all different backgrounds and ages."

As the range of campus activities has broadened, so, too, has the college's perspective on national Greek organizations, and so students in 2003 and 2005 respectively established chapters of the Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity and the Delta Sigma Theta sorority. Tonisha Gordon '09 joined the sorority, which had been founded in 1913 at Howard University, as a freshman. "I really liked what it stood for—service focus, and it's all about the sisterhood," said Gordon, who's going on to graduate school at the University of Pennsylvania. "I know that a lot of sororities are like that, but I really felt the bond with Delta Sigma Theta."

Although he hadn't planned to join a fraternity, qualities that senior Austin Sonneveldt of Traverse City, Mich., saw in Fraters he met while on the hockey team showed him that the group had much to offer. He's found an organization that supports him in his studies ("Without having that influence on me, I can honestly say that I wouldn't have done as well as I've done") while also helping him balance his academic work with other commitments and interests. He's especially valued the leadership lessons he's learned.

"You automatically meet a lot of the seniors, and as an underclassman it's meaningful to see them at the height of their college career and the way that they conduct themselves," he said.

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Knick alumnus Wayne Fieldhouse '51, who is retired from a career with the YMCA, appreciates the lessons to be learned through fraternity and sorority membership, and believes that alumni, connected in brotherhood and sisterhood, can themselves play a role as a resource for new generations. He's worked with the current Knicks in volunteering at Holland's DeGraaf Nature Center, and led a Sunday afternoon reading group focused on the book *Uncommon: Finding Your Path to Significance* by retired Indianapolis Colts coach Tony Dungy.

"We ought to be looking at these groups from the outside, from our perspective, as an experience for young people to grow, to develop," he said.

"There are some people out there who have done some great things," he said. "They could offer experiences. They could offer connections that they have. It's like a reservoir out there."



Formed at Union College in 1834 and brought to Hope in the 1860s by Philip Phelps, the Fraternal Society is the oldest Greek organization on campus and among the oldest in the U.S. The Fraters are holding a 175-year reunion during Homecoming in October.



Homecoming 2008 at the Sib house. Students sense what alumni consistently report: that the friendships they form with their fraternity brothers and sorority sisters last a lifetime.



# Living Lessons

By Greg Chandler

Ellen Tanis '90 Awad doesn't look at activities and organizations, such as the Student Congress and Greek life, as a separate part of a student's experience during his or her time at Hope.



Ellen Tanis '90 Awad plays an active role in campus life through her work in Student Development. Here she places one of the measuring marks on the rope at the beginning of the annual freshman-sophomore Pull tug-of-war.

Awad, who is director of student life and associate director of the college's Center for Faithful Leadership, instead considers them an integral part of the educational process, one that can help determine a student's future direction. She was excited when Hope changed the name of her department last academic year to the Department of Student Life.

"It's a philosophical change," Awad said. "It's not just about the activities, although we want great activities planned for our students. We're more about the actual experience that you're having through your leadership role, through membership in an organization, how you're developing your skills, and contributing (to the Hope community)."

In her role, Awad oversees about 70 campus organizations, ranging from the *Anchor* student newspaper to the annual student-organized Dance Marathon benefit for Helen DeVos Children's Hospital in Grand Rapids, Mich.

"I love meeting students, finding out who they are, where they think they're going, and walking alongside them in their journey at Hope," she said. "I really enjoy fostering a sense of community and helping people figure out what they're meant to do."

One area in which Awad is actively involved is encouraging leadership skills among Hope students. Last year, the Office of Student Life launched a pilot program in which 18 students who were identified as emerging campus leaders were invited to take part in a five-week program on leadership development.

"They learned about themselves, they learned about working with others, they learned about diversity," Awad said.

The program went over so well that the Office of Student Life plans to offer the program twice during the 2009-10 academic year – once in the fall and once in the spring.



With the new school year only weeks away, Ellen Tanis '90 Awad works with seniors Caitlin Gardner and Jennifer Johnston, who are co-directors of this year's New Student Orientation for the members of the incoming Class of 2013. The four-day program will of course help the new students as they settle in at Hope, but it is also a learning and leadership experience for the approximately 200 upperclassmen who plan and run it.

The office also started a "Lunch and Learn" series that will continue during the new academic year, Awad said.

Awad knows well the value of being actively involved in various organizations and activities as a Hope student. As an undergraduate with psychology-sociology composite and sociology majors, she was a resident hall assistant her sophomore and junior years, then served as an assistant resident hall director in Kollen Hall as a senior.

In addition, Awad was involved in the Nykerk Cup competition, then became a Nykerk coach for the play portion of the competition. She also served on the Panhellenic Council, which consists of representatives from Greek organizations on Hope campus and was a disc jockey at WTHS-FM – "back when we spun vinyl," she says with a laugh.

"It gave me a great foundation, because I was an involved student," Awad said. "I know how it can really enrich and enhance your college experience, how it can help you

develop leadership skills, how it can help you figure out how to work with people and in group situations."

While Awad was uncertain about her career direction as an undergraduate, it was through her undergraduate activities that she developed

relationships with people in Hope's Student Development office. They took an interest in helping her to identify and develop her talents.

"They said, 'Ellen, you should really think about going into student affairs, and you should think about going back to grad school so you can do this,'" Awad said.

She appreciated both the mentoring and the advice. She enrolled in graduate school at the University of Georgia, where she earned a master's degree in college student personnel in 1993.

She worked in residence life at Michigan State University for two years after earning her master's, and then in 1995 had the opportunity to come back to Hope. She was a resident director at the college for the next four years, two in Kollen Hall and two in Cook Hall.

Awad next worked for one year as director of student housing at Augustana College in Sioux Falls, S.D., but found she missed the day-to-day contact with students. "It was much more administrative than I realized," she said.

She returned to Hope in 2000 as residential

life coordinator at Dykstra Hall, a position she held for three years before moving over to student activities.

While some campus organizations have been around since the 1800s, others have emerged much more recently. The mix of groups, in fact, changes regularly, with students themselves often providing the impetus for their creation. New clubs, devoted to such diverse interests as equestrian sports and knitting, have formed in the last several years, Awad said.

Caitlin Gardner, a senior from Alma, Mich., can attest to Awad's passion for students. Gardner got to know Awad through the Dance Marathon program, for which she was an assistant director this past spring, and is now working closely with her as one of the co-directors of Hope's orientation program for incoming students.

"She has just been an inspiration to me," said Gardner, a language arts composite/ elementary education major at Hope, who has also been a tutor in the college's Children's After School Achievement (CASA) program and was recently inducted into Mortar Board. "She is so positive and very excited about anything that is going on. She's such an encourager for me and keeps me going."

In addition to her work in student life, Awad also assists Dr. Steve VanderVeen at the college's Center for Faithful Leadership. She is co-facilitator of a class that students take as part of a leadership minor at Hope, where they read various texts and draw connections to their own involvement in campus and community organizations.

Awad has strong family connections to Hope. Her father, Dr. Elliot Tanis, is professor emeritus of mathematics at Hope, and her brothers Phil and Joel are also Hope alumni. Her husband, Habeeb Awad, is international student advisor at Hope's Paul G. Fried International Center and an instructor of Arabic at the college. The two met at a Reformed Church in America camp in New York, where he was working as a lifeguard. The couple have two children, Sophie, 11, and Simon, seven.

Awad says Hope's strong emphasis on student involvement in co-curricular activities ties into the college's mission of providing a liberal arts education in the context of the historic Christian faith.

"What I like about the liberal arts, (is that) you're getting this broad-based education, and we can be that co-curricular base that contributes into that overall Hope experience, instead of being 'this is the fun thing we get to do on the weekends,'" she said. "I feel like we're helping to develop and educate students in a way that complements what happens in the classroom." 🦋

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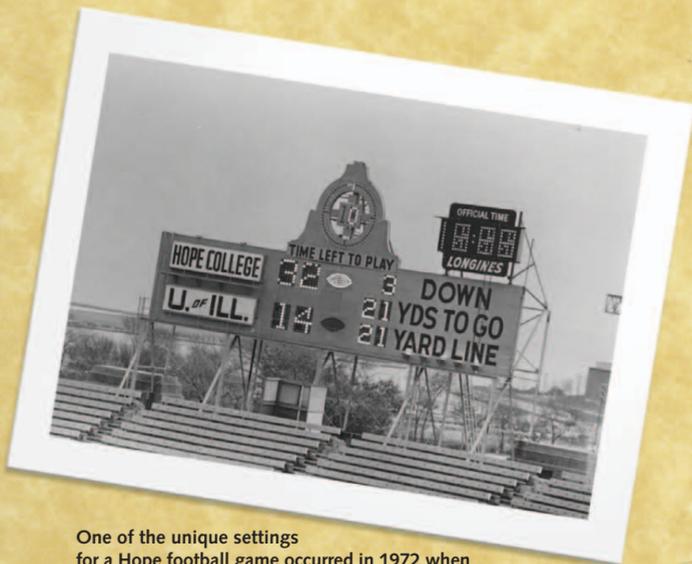
– Ellen Tanis '90 Awad



# T O U C H D O W N H O P E !

Hope College will celebrate 100 years of playing football during the 2009 season. The celebration will be

highlighted Homecoming Weekend (Oct. 9-10) with a reunion of football alumni hosted the H-Club.



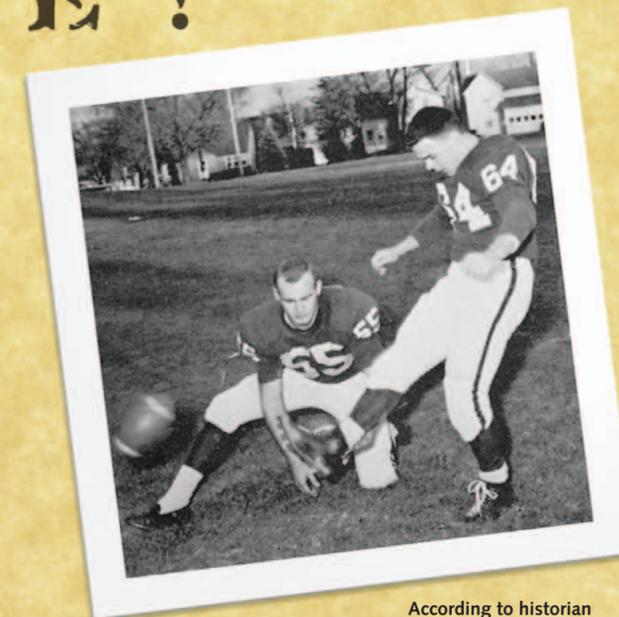
One of the unique settings for a Hope football game occurred in 1972 when more than 1,000 fans "crowded" into the 100,000-seat Soldier Field in Chicago to cheer a 32-14 victory over the University of Illinois-Chicago Circle.



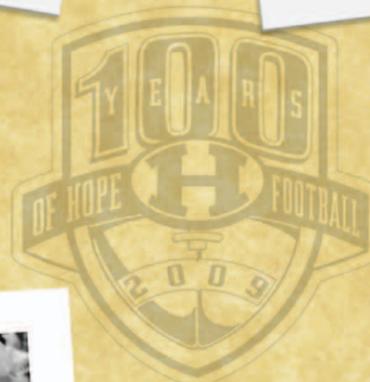
While there were signs of attempts to introduce football to the Hope landscape as early as the 1890s, it wasn't until 1902 that a score was recorded, albeit a 36-0 loss to a high school team! The first recorded game against a collegiate opponent was a 1908 loss to Benton Harbor College, 19-15. Enjoy other historic moments and notable performances at [www.hope.edu/pr/athletics/fb/100years.html](http://www.hope.edu/pr/athletics/fb/100years.html).



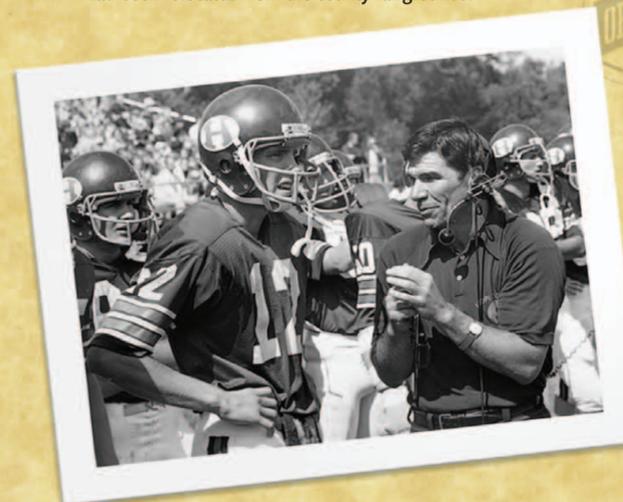
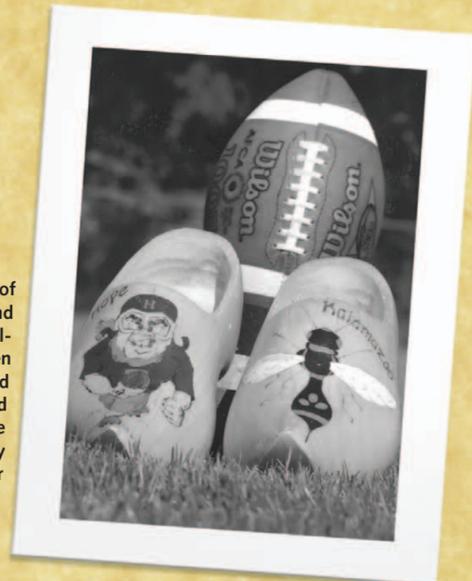
Perhaps college football's first "domed" stadium was Holland's Riverview Park, home of the Flying Dutchmen from 1932 through 1978. Fans on the home side of the field were protected by a covered grandstand that had been relocated from the county fairgrounds.



According to historian and athletics director emeritus Gordon Brewer, in the annals of Hope football, no game shines brighter than the one played on October 25, 1958 when coach Russ DeVette's underdog Flying Dutchmen defeated national power Hillsdale 16-13 to end the Dales' 28-game MIAA winning streak. The final gun sounded between center Gene Van Dongen's snap and Bill Huijbregtse's 39-yard kick. Because there is no photographic record of the feat, the kick was reenacted days later for the benefit of photographers. Read more about this game at [www.hope.edu/pr/athletics/fb/100years.html](http://www.hope.edu/pr/athletics/fb/100years.html).



Rivalry games are a big part of collegiate football tradition, and there is none bigger at the small-college level than the "Wooden Shoes Rivalry" between Hope and Kalamazoo. A pair of hand-carved wooden shoes has been the travelling trophy in this rivalry since 1931. The teams meet for the 89th time this fall.



Over a coaching career of 25 seasons, Ray Smith guided the Flying Dutchmen to a record nine MIAA championships and their first-ever appearances in the NCAA playoffs. He's pictured with all-league quarterback and Academic All-American Mark Spencer during the 1979 championship season.



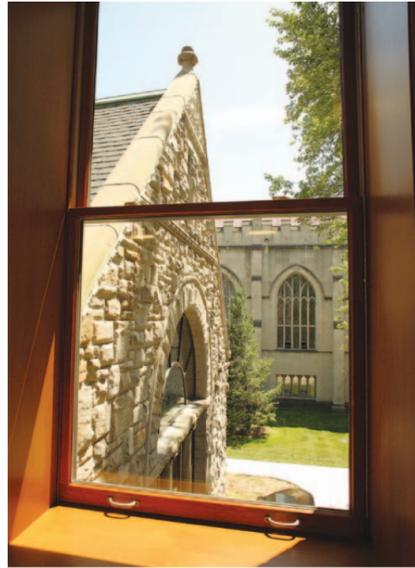
Hope football players have taken to the gridiron nearly 800 times over the past 99 seasons. The milestone 400th victory was celebrated in 2007 by coach Dean Kreps and his MIAA championship team. Football alumni have been invited to share a memorable gridiron moment. They will be published in a commemorative booklet in conjunction with the upcoming Homecoming celebration. (highlights can be found at [www.hope.edu/pr/athletics/fb/100years.html](http://www.hope.edu/pr/athletics/fb/100years.html))

## CENTENNIAL SCHEDULE

	<b>Hope at Illinois Wesleyan,</b> SAT., SEPT. 5 - 1 P.M. CT		<b>Albion at HOPE,</b> SAT., OCT. 10 - 2 P.M. ET (Homecoming)
	<b>Carthage at HOPE,</b> SAT., SEPT. 12 - 1:30 P.M. ET (Community Day)		<b>Adrian at HOPE,</b> SAT., OCT. 24 - 1 P.M. ET
	<b>UW-Eau Claire at HOPE,</b> SAT., SEPT. 19 - 1 P.M.		<b>Hope at Olivet,</b> SAT., OCT. 31 - 1 P.M. ET
	<b>Hope at Wheaton,</b> SAT., SEPT. 26 - 7 P.M. CT		<b>Hope at Alma,</b> SAT., NOV. 7 - 1 P.M. ET
	<b>Hope at Trine,</b> SAT., OCT. 3 - 1 P.M. ET		<b>Kalamazoo at HOPE,</b> SAT., NOV. 14 - 1 P.M. ET (Parents Day)

Amazingly, the list of Hope's head football coaches is short with just six men holding the position since 1917! The teacher-coach model Hope embodies was perhaps best exemplified in Professor Alvin W. Vanderbush, a member of the political science faculty and coach of the Flying Dutchmen during the team's revival years (1945-54). Hope's first outright MIAA championship was accomplished in 1953 with a roster of just 39 players. This year's pre-season roster numbers nearly 130 players. Learn more about the distinguished careers of Hope's football coaches at [www.hope.edu/pr/athletics/fb/100years.html](http://www.hope.edu/pr/athletics/fb/100years.html).





# Attention to Detail

A campus icon is returning better than ever with the start of the new school year.

Venerable Graves Hall is reopening later this month after a year-long, \$5.7 million, adaptive restoration that has emphasized a return to the building's original character while updating the 19th-century landmark for use in the 21st.

Dedicated in 1894, Graves was constructed as the college's chapel and library, but ceased serving as first one and then the other when Dimnent Memorial Chapel and Van Zoeren Library opened in 1929 and 1961 respectively. Renovations in 1962 and 1980 reconfigured the building for new use, but at the expense of much of its beauty.

In both updating and restoring the historic structure, the latest work has been informed by original blueprints as well as photographs and even living memory. Remade are the distinctive art-glass windows that were once a fixture in Winants Auditorium, a connection to the space's original use as Hope's chapel but removed in 1980 due to their deterioration. As when the building opened in 1894, the second floor features four large classrooms, the varnished wooden doors and wainscoting newly installed but suggesting the classic elegance of a bygone era. The main

staircase, isolated behind metal doors in the 1962 redo, again greets visitors to the main lobby. As prior to the restoration, the ground floor of the building will continue to house the Upward Bound and Children's After School Achievement (CASA) programs, as well as the Schoon Meditation Chapel, all in improved space.

A major new addition—built of stone to match the rest of the building and facing the Pine Grove—includes an elevator that provides access for the first time to the top and ground floors for those with mobility impairments. Other features where the library stacks once stood include an additional classroom and the "Presidents' Room" conference room featuring portraits of all of Hope's presidents. Additional amenities undreamed-of when the structure was built include wireless Internet service and wiring throughout for access to the complete array of technologies that exist in support of education. And air conditioning. 📶

*(Editor's Note: There will be a dedication and open houses during Homecoming Weekend, Oct. 9-11. More about the project, including a gallery of photos chronicling the construction, is online.)*

More ONLINE [www.hope.edu/pr/campusdev/graves.html](http://www.hope.edu/pr/campusdev/graves.html)



Newly restored Graves Hall stands ready for the start of classes this fall. Clockwise from upper left: scrollwork in Winants; the view from a classroom; the art glass rebuilt; wired for technology; west tower nook; the main stairway awaits arrivals from College Avenue; Winants seating, echoing the original 1890s Chapel configuration.

(Photos by Lou Schakel '71)



# From the Heart

Through their journey to South Africa to share the gift of music, the members of the Chapel Choir in turn received in ways that reach beyond their participation in the ensemble.

The choir visited communities including Cape Town, Johannesburg, Soweto and Stellenbosch, with performances at churches, high schools, an AIDS clinic and an inner-city ministry, and with the Stellenbosch University Choir.

Differences of culture and context faded quickly as guests and hosts alike found common cause through their mutual love of music and an eagerness to learn from and give to one another. And through the connections that happened along the way and in between, the students gained insights into themselves and their own hopes for the future in ways that were transformational, as travel and education always in the best are. 📖



"The Chapel Choir trip to South Africa exceeded my expectations in every way. I never expected to feel such intense acceptance and a sense of community with the people of S.A. The chances we had to sing for students in the schools and in the orphanages really impacted me as a future educator and only made me more excited about bringing my knowledge of music to young children."



"I will never forget the lessons South Africa and my experiences there taught me about life, God, culture, language, ubuntu, community, and hope. I can't imagine what my Hope experience would have been like without this choir, this music, these people. What a way to end a four-year saga of the best times of my life to date!"

A gallery of additional images is available online.

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

"On almost a daily basis, no matter where we were, whether a school, a church, a concert hall or a homeless shelter, if one person were to stand and begin singing a hymn or a folk tune, every single person in the room would stand and join, regardless of race, native tongue or religious background. The sound was often overpowering as these people raised their voices together in song. All of us were amazed at this, and we long to bring this sense of unity and community pride back to our neighborhoods, our school and our country."



"I learned so much while in South Africa. I became much more thankful for all that we are blessed with. My eyes were opened to what hope really means, I learned the importance of family and community, I saw the power of music and its unifying elements, and I stood in awe of the welcoming environments we experienced all around this beautiful country!"

"One particular experience that stuck out for me was when we visited a bed and breakfast in one of the shantytowns in Cape Town. Many of the houses were made of various scraps of metal, wood, rubber or glass, and looked as if they could fall down at any moment. The woman who ran the B&B told us as she held her daughter close, 'Please feel free to walk around and take a look. Make this feel like your home. Take as many pictures as you like. We are not ashamed of how we live—please do not feel sorry for us.' I was extremely touched by this woman's comments and felt sudden pity, not for her, but for me. What a huge lesson I learned from this experience."



# Turning Rehab into Wii-hab

Sometimes, something can be both good for you and fun.

Dr. Kirk Brumels '88 of the Hope athletic training staff had an intuitive sense and a fair bit of anecdotal evidence that popular activity-based video games like *Dance Dance Revolution* and the *Wii Fit* Balance Board programs could play a positive role in helping athletes with balance rehabilitation, but he hadn't located any hard data to support the notion.

So, this past fall he and a team of student researchers tackled the topic themselves. They conducted a study, published in the winter 2008 edition of *Clinical Kinesiology*, that found that such games offered the best of both worlds: they were more effective than traditional rehabilitation tools and the athletes enjoyed them more.

Ironically—or, rather, perhaps *because* the athletes were enjoying using the activities—participants in the study also believed that the games were less difficult than the traditional tools even as they were more effective.

"They perceived it as easier, yet the data suggested that it was as effective as, if not more effective than, the other exercises," said Dr. Brumels, who is an associate professor of kinesiology, program director of the athletic training education program and an assistant athletic trainer.

**"I think it provides an energy to rehab. It makes it easier to go to—not necessarily that the task is easier, but it makes it easier to go to rehab."**

— junior Sophie Hartman

Dr. Brumels was inspired to start using the games a few years ago, when his daughter showed him her new *Dance Dance Revolution* game. "I thought, 'Oh, my, this has a ton of applications in the athletic training world and rehabilitation,'" he said. The college's athletic training program began using the newly designed Wii system more recently.



Football player David DeBoer '10 of Grosse Pointe, Mich., demonstrates the way that Wii games and *Dance Dance Revolution* can be used in helping athletes as they rehabilitate injuries.

He recognizes that the video game balance programs—such as *Ski Slalom*, *Table Tilt* and *Balance Bubble*—are much more interesting than the traditional balance exercise programs, which involve standing on a variety of stable and unstable surfaces, maybe interacting with a ball or other object, in the training room.

Junior Sophie Hartman of Plainwell, Mich., has appreciated the system as she has been rehabilitating her ankle following an injury sustained during this past soccer season.

"Working with other athletes that are rehabilitating as well, it provides a fun competition," said Hartman, who is herself an athletic training major.

"I think it provides an energy to rehab," she said. "It makes it easier to go to—not necessarily that the task is easier, but it makes it easier to go to rehab."

"We've had incredible compliance with the athletes on it," Dr. Brumels said. "As long as it's fun, and they're doing it and it's beneficial to them, that's what we want."

The four-week Hope study involved 25 athletes who were asked to rate their experience with the three systems between one and five according to difficulty, engagement and enjoyability. While the traditional

methods earned a relatively low 2.17 for enjoyability and a 3.33 for engagement, *Dance Dance Revolution* earned 4.14 in both categories and *Wii Fit* earned 4.40 in each. The traditional methods rated 3.17 out of five for difficulty, while *Dance Dance Revolution* and *Wii Fit* weighed in as easier at 2.71 and 1.60.

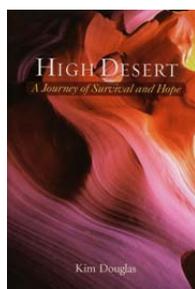
Especially significant to Dr. Brumels was the finding that the athletes who had used *Dance Dance Revolution* and *Wii Fit* showed greater improvement in balance as measured by force plate testing following their month-long rehabilitation experience. It was an added bonus that the exercises were perceived as easier and more enjoyable by the participants.

Even as the participants in the study worked on their balance through the various rehabilitation methods, other students learned through the research process itself. Dr. Brumels conducted the study and co-authored the paper during the recent fall semester with four Hope senior athletic training or exercise science majors: Troy Blasius, Tyler Cortright, Daniel Oumedian and Brent Solberg. "They were intimately involved in the literature review, the study design, the implementation of it, and the data collection and analysis," he said. 🎮

**JOURNAL ADVISOR:** Dr. Thomas Bultman '78, who is a professor of biology and chairperson of the department, has been appointed to a three-year term on the Board of Advisors to the Editors of *New Phytologist*, an international scholarly journal focused on plant science.

Established in 1902, *New Phytologist* offers publication of high-quality, original plant-science research within four sections: physiology and development, environment, interaction and evolution. The monthly journal is owned by the New Phytologist Trust, a not-for-profit organization that is dedicated to the promotion of plant science.

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**MEMOIR ON ABUSE:** A memoir by Kim Douglas of the English faculty is geared toward helping others break the cycle of family violence that marked her own life growing up.

Douglas, who is an adjunct assistant professor of English, is the author of *High Desert: A Journey of Survival and Hope*, published in

May by Baha'i Publishing. In the memoir, she reveals her childhood experiences in an abusive home and shares her journey to healing, hoping that her story will make a difference to others who have endured similar circumstances.

Therapist and nutritionist Dr. Marla Friedman has said, "This beautiful book by Kim Douglas is a touching, poignant story that is exquisitely sensitive and powerfully insightful. It is a story about enduring abuse, survival, healing through adversity, the resilience of the human spirit and hope. I am recommending this book to all my patients, colleagues and all those who care about in-depth healing."

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**NASA PROJECT:** Physics researchers at Hope are participating in a NASA-funded collaborative project that is linking multiple teams in an international effort that could result in a giant leap in mankind's understanding of a type of star.

Dr. Peter Gonthier, who is a professor of physics, and his student researchers are part of a NASA-based project that has been seeking to better understand how pulsars, which are highly compact collapsed stars, produce high-energy gamma rays. The team's project, "Particle Acceleration and High Energy Radiation from Pulsar Magnetospheres," has recently received a three-year, \$459,043 grant--\$76,866 of which is supporting work at Hope—from the NASA Astrophysics Theory Program.

The latest round of support follows an earlier three-year award to the project from the NASA Astrophysics Theory Program.

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**ENDOWED PROFESSORSHIP:**

Dr. Maria Burnatowska-Hledin, professor of biology and chemistry, has been appointed to the college's Frederick Garrett and Helen Floor Dekker Endowed Professorship.



The professorship was established through the estate of Dr. Fred H. Decker '21 and Marie V. Buranek Decker to provide financial support for a faculty member who has an established record of excellence in biophysics, biomedicine or biology. Established in the 1980s, it was held most recently by chemist Dr. Michael Silver, who retired at the end of the school year.

Dr. Burnatowska-Hledin's research concerns the protein VACM-1/cul 5, seeking to understand the role that it may play in inhibiting the growth of cancer cells as well as cancer-induced angiogenesis (growth of blood capillaries). She has received a variety of grants in support of her work, including a multi-year, \$503,303 award from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) in 1994, and awards from the American Heart Association and the National Cancer Institute, and has authored more than 40 publications. She has mentored more than 80 students in research during her time at Hope.

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**ACS AWARD:** Dr. William F. Polik, who is the Edward and Elizabeth Hofma Professor of Chemistry, has received the 2009 James Flack Norris Award for Outstanding Achievement in the Teaching of Chemistry from the Northeastern Section of the American Chemical Society (NESACS).



Dr. Polik was selected in recognition of his outstanding work as a teacher and mentor, his development of innovative materials for teaching physical chemistry, and his leadership as chair of the ACS Committee on Professional Training in developing and implementing the society's new guidelines for undergraduate chemistry. Dr. Polik will receive the award, which consists of a plaque and \$3,000, during the NESACS's monthly meeting on Friday, Nov. 12, at Boston University.

A specialist in physical chemistry, Dr. Polik uses lasers to study the details of chemical reactions. During his time at the college, he has received 46 grants and awards totaling more than \$2 million in support of his research, has given 77 invited seminars and has written 63 articles. His research program has involved more than 60 students.

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**SERVICE HONORED:** Alfredo Gonzales, who is associate provost and dean for international and multicultural education, has been honored for his role as a founding member 20 years ago of the Great Lakes Colleges Association's Committee on Institutional Commitment to Educational Equity.

The GLCA celebrated the 20th anniversary with a dinner during the committee's spring meeting. Dean Gonzales, who is also a past chair of the committee, and the other founding members were honored not only for helping establish the committee but for their "continued commitment to the well-being of people of color on GLCA member campuses."



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**STATE CHAIR:** Dr. Darin Stephenson, professor of mathematics and chairperson of the department, has been elected chair of the Michigan Section of the Mathematical Association of America (MAA).

He will serve during the 2009-10 school year. He was elected during the section's annual meeting, held at Central Michigan University on Friday and Saturday, May 8-9.

Dr. Stephenson's involvement with the MAA has included serving as the section vice-chair for four-year colleges during 2008-09. He also served for three years on the planning committee for the yearly Michigan Undergraduate Mathematics Conference, and chaired the Organizing Committee for the MUMC when it was held at Hope in 2006.

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**HEARING HELP:** Dr. David Myers, professor of psychology, has been honored for his work on behalf of those with hearing loss.

The Grand Rapids Chapter of the Hearing Loss Association of America honored him on Monday, June 15, during the group's Fifth Anniversary Celebration.

Dr. Myers is the author of the 2000 book *A Quiet World: Living with Hearing Loss*, which tells of his journey from denial of his hearing loss to acceptance, and includes insights gained from others' experiences as well. He has been committed to helping those with hearing loss by spearheading new hearing-loop technology which broadcasts public-address systems, television and telephone sounds directly to hearing aids, doubling their functionality. His advocacy has included creating the Web site [www.hearingloop.org](http://www.hearingloop.org).



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**Mary Boelkins '96  
Remenschneider**  
Alumni Director

**W**ith this issue celebrating Greek life at Hope, I've enjoyed having an opportunity to reflect on my own time as a student. I was a member of the Sibylline sorority and absolutely loved it. Most of my closest friends were members of the Greek system; although not all of them were Sibs. I found leadership opportunities in the sorority; serving in roles that allowed me to work closely with other organizations. My sorority experience significantly shaped my Hope experience. I can't think of my time at Hope without thinking about the sorority.

As the alumni director, I enjoy talking to alumni who graduated 50-, 60-plus years ago about their sorority and fraternity experiences. They still refer to each other as brothers and sisters, and each organization seems to have maintained its personality over the years. The appreciation for the bonds formed years ago is often present and forefront in alumni's experiences. This fall's major celebrations for the Fraters and Knicks reflect the importance of Greek life in the history of the college.

At the same time, I have also seen a big change in Greek life even from when I was a student. The social component remains, but there is an even greater focus on community service, giving back, and making a positive impact at Hope and the Holland community. I have found, too, that the Greeks are very interested in connecting with their alumni, hoping to communicate and find opportunities to learn from and network with them. I have been impressed with the students with whom I have worked these past few years and have found the Greeks a vibrant and exciting group with which to be involved.

I expect this fall to be quite a celebration. The Knicks commemorate 100 years in September and the Fraters their 175th during Homecoming. The Sigma Sigma sorority recently celebrated its 100th, and next year the Delphis turn 100. It's exciting – Hope wouldn't be Hope without the Greeks, and each time we get to celebrate a major anniversary we also get to celebrate that shared history.

# Window to Hope's History



Reflecting the longstanding ties between Hope and the college's parent denomination, the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America met on campus and at neighboring Western Theological Seminary on Thursday-Tuesday, June 4-9. The General Synod has convened on the Hope campus multiple times through the years, including last year. The first visit to campus by the group was in 1884, during the Synod's first meeting in "The West," held in Grand Rapids, Mich. On Saturday, June 7, 1884, the delegates took a day excursion to see Hope. They listened to the choir and students sing, heard some remarks, toured campus, had a meal, sailed on the lake and—as shown above—had their photo taken with their Hope hosts.

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All submissions received by the Public Relations Office by Tuesday, July 7, have been included in this issue. Because of the lead time required by this publication's production schedule, submissions received after that date (with the exception of obituary notices) have been held for the next issue, the deadline for which is Tuesday, Sept. 22.

## 30s

**H. Sidney Heersma '30** of Kalamazoo, Mich., celebrated his 100th birthday on Saturday, July 11. He was the first pediatrician in Kalamazoo, where he practiced medicine from 1937 until he retired in 1998. He continues to live in his own home and keeps active by walking.

**Jeanne Walvoord '30** of Holland, Mich., celebrated her 100th birthday on Thursday, July 9.

## Changes Set for 2010 Reunions

To avoid overlap with Holland's signature community event, the college has shifted Alumni Weekend a week earlier than originally announced. Independent of the change, the Office of Alumni and Parent Relations is also adjusting the reunion cycle a bit.

The spring reunions will run Friday-Sunday, April 30-May 2. The college's Baccalaureate and Commencement will be held as originally scheduled, on Sunday, May 9.

Alumni Weekend and graduation have traditionally been held on the same weekend, but the Office of Alumni and Parent Relations has shifted the reunions because Saturday, May 8, which would have been Alumni Day, is the culminating date of the 2010 Tulip Time Festival. Hundreds of thousands of visitors will be in Holland for the May 8 Tulip Time



events, which will include a parade through downtown Holland.

During the April 30-May 2 Alumni Weekend, Hope will be holding reunions for every fifth class from 1960 to 1980. Instead of having separate reunions for earlier classes, all alumni from 1960 and prior will have the opportunity to attend a 50-Year Circle luncheon and ceremony on Saturday, May 1.

Beginning in the fall of 2010,

the 25-year reunion will move to Homecoming Weekend, which already hosts the five-, 10-, 15- and 20-year reunions. This coming fall's Homecoming, which runs Friday-Sunday, Oct. 9-11, will feature reunions for the classes of 1989, 1994, 1999 and 2004. Homecoming in the fall of 2010 will feature reunions for every fifth class, 1985 – 2005.

## 40s

**Harvey Buter '48** of Holland, Mich., was the honorary marshal of the Holland Memorial Day parade. He has been involved with the annual parade for decades, finding drivers

with convertible cars to transport veterans who were unable to march in the parade.

**Arthur O. Van Eck '48** of Fife Lake, Mich., was recognized as a Distinguished Alum by Western Theological Seminary on Monday, May 11. He graduated from the

seminary in 1951. The majority of his ministry was as staff with the Reformed Church in America and later with the National Council of Churches, where he was responsible for the development and production of the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible. He also served as pastor of Calvary Community in Southgate, Mich., and as interim pastor at Hope Reformed Church in Holland, Mich. He received a doctorate in education from Teachers College, Columbia University in 1969 and an honorary Doctor of Divinity from Hope in 1995. The seminary noted that his main emphasis in every position had been developing curriculum and equipping teachers. He and **Beatrice Van Heest '53 Van Eck** have been married for 60 years.

## Alumni Board Appointments

**ALUMNI BOARD NEWS:** During its May meeting, the Hope College Alumni Association Board of Directors appointed three new members.

The new members are Brian Gibbs '84 of Bad Homburg, Germany; Dr. Janice Day '87 Suhajda of Rochester Hills, Mich.; and junior Colton Wright of Tecumseh, Mich.

Gibbs's appointment represents a new dimension in the composition of the board, placing deliberate focus on engaging the college's alumni abroad, according to Mary Boelkins '96 Remenschneider, director of alumni and parent



Brian Gibbs '84



Janice Day '87 Suhajda



Colton Wright

relations. "The college is excited about the Alumni Board's recent decision to strengthen its international reach and provide for greater representation of international alumni," she said.

The board members who

have concluded their service to the board are: Betsy Boersma '77 Jasperse of Traverse City, Mich.; Karen Gonder '81 Navis of Grandville, Mich.; and Sarah Oosterink '08 of Jenison, Mich.

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## 50s

**Chuck Link '50** of Inman, S.C., and his wife are great-grandparents to four children under the age of two.

**Joan Kragt '54 Vanette** and her husband of Holland, Mich. celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Thursday, July 9.

**Louis J. Stempfly '55** and his wife of Zeeland, Mich., celebrated 50 years of marriage on June 12.

**Jeanette (Jan) Abma '59 Vande Wege** and her husband of Holland, Mich., celebrated 50 years of marriage on June 16.

## 60s

**Jean Paduch '63 Peelen** of Holmes Beach, Fla., co-authored her second book, *Saving the Best for Last: Creating*



**Margaret Feldmann '52 Kruizenga** and **Richard Kruizenga '52** of Irving, Texas, received the annual Second Century Presidents' Award from Hope on Thursday, June 18. The citation celebrated their generosity, support of the arts at Hope and involvement in the college. Margaret has a scholarship in her name for students majoring in theatre or art who show promise for careers in these areas. Richard was a long-standing member of the Board of Trustees and served on the finance committee. He received the Distinguished Alumni Award in 1984.

*Our Lives After 50*, which was honored by the Beach Book Festival in the non-fiction category. She reports that her first book, *Invisible No More: The Secret Lives of Women Over 50*, received rave reviews and national awards.

**Bruce Manning '68** of Grand Rapids, Mich., retired last spring from the staff of the Reformed Church in America (RCA), having served for the past 13 years as director of RCA Global Mission, with oversight of RCA missionaries and mission partner relationships. He was recognized for his 39 years of ministry during a Sunday, March 29, celebration at his home church, Trinity Reformed Church. He is now working part time at Community Reformed Church in Ada, Mich., with responsibility for elders and deacons and their ministry teams.

**Barbara DeHart '69 Eadie** of Victoria, British Columbia, Canada, teaches strings to elementary school students in the Greater Victoria School District. She has been spending her spare time studying voice, and recently gave a half-hour concert featuring works by Mozart, Hindemith, Thomas and Strauss at the Greater Victoria Performing Arts Festival. She will be performing her one-woman show *From Grandma's Attic* at the Victoria Fringe Festival in August. The show is a short dramatic presentation of an elderly woman who goes into her attic and takes a trip down memory lane, and features songs from the early 1900s.

## 70s

**Rick Hine '72** of Wilmington, Del., retired from the Marine Corps Reserve in December 2008 as a colonel

after 30 years of active and reserve service. He remains in his "day" job as a federal civilian attorney at Camp Lejeune, N.C. He supervises a staff of 12 attorneys that handle business and commercial law matters for East Coast Marine Corps installations. Rick and his wife recently celebrated their 27th wedding anniversary.

**Charles Gossett '73** of San Dimas, Calif., became dean of the college of social sciences and interdisciplinary studies at California State University, Sacramento, this month.

**Stuart Ray '73** of Grand Rapids, Mich., is the new executive director of Guiding Light Mission. The mission serves those in need of food, and homeless men who also need shelter and help in developing the social skills and spiritual strength to overcome their difficulties.

**David DeKok '75** of Harrisburg, Pa., appeared in the sixth episode of *Life After People* on The History Channel to discuss the Centralia mine fire. A former Hope geology professor, John Anderson (1973-75), appeared in the first episode of the series. David's updated, revised, and retitled book on Centralia, *Fire Underground: The Ongoing Tragedy of the Centralia Mine Fire*, will be published Sept. 1 by Globe Pequot Press.

**Carol Hoekstra '75 Sheets** of Silver Spring, Md., was promoted to national director of social work in the Veterans Health Administration (VHA), Care Management and Social Work Service, Office of Patient Care Services, in the VA Central Office in Washington, D.C. She has served 22 years in the VHA as a social worker in direct practice and administration. She now has responsibility for the professional practice of social work in the VA, which employs more than 7,000 social workers and trains more than 700 annually.



**Donald Poest '71** of Brunswick, Ohio, was elected vice president of the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America on Tuesday, June 9. He is pictured with his son, **Christopher Poest '00**, who was present for the occasion. Don is senior pastor of Brunswick Reformed Church, where he has served for 31 years. He is married to **Catherine Pfeiffer '73 Poest**. Christopher is pastor at Faith Community Reformed Church in Stickney, Ill. The 203rd General Synod met on Hope's campus Thursday-Tuesday, June 4-9.

**Brad Bose '78** of Marina Del Rey, Calif., was featured in the May 2009 issue of *Men's Fitness* magazine. He trained Robert Downey Jr. for his role in the movie *Iron Man*.

## 80s

**Diane Nutter-Gelpi '80** of Miami, Fla., recently appeared on the *Today*



## Faithful to Hope

Robert '49 and Ellen (Nan) Beuker '50 Froelich have always held a special place in their hearts for Hope College, even while Bob was working in finance at various educational institutions, including fellow RCA institution Central College in Pella, Iowa. Both Bob and Nan are educators at heart and true believers in liberal arts education. Bob and Nan have also just completed their 13th Charitable Gift Annuity partnership with Hope, which will benefit the Froelich Family Student Scholarship Fund. Hope thanks the Froelichs and all the 680-plus members of the Dimnent Heritage Society for their generosity in supporting the students and faculty of the college. For more than 30 years, planned gifts from donors such as Bob and Nan have helped shape the character of Hope College and its community.



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**Sheila Schuller '73 Coleman** of Orange, Calif., has joined her father, Robert H. Schuller '47, as co-leader of the Crystal Cathedral, the church he founded in Garden Grove, Calif. She will also co-lead the television ministry Hour of Power and preach occasionally. She has been on the church staff since 1973, except for four years when she taught in the public schools. She administered the Christian school at the cathedral complex and, most recently, headed the church's family ministry.

Show as a participant in "The Ambush Makeover" session with Kathie Lee Gifford and Hoda Kotb. Diane is the owner of Diane Gelpi Support Coordination in Miami, and has two adult sons.

**Kathy Nyenhuis '80 Kurtze** of Carson City, Mich., was selected to participate in this summer's Chippewa River Writing Project (CRWP), and to become a CRWP teacher consultant. The four-week invitational institute held at Central Michigan University, which drew a network of teachers who are working to improve the teaching of writing, is part of the National Writing Project.

**Daniel Deffenbaugh '81** of Hastings, Neb., is a professor of theology at Hastings College and is the author of *Learning the Language of the Fields: Tilling and Keeping as Christian Vocation*.

**James Boerigter '82** of Portage, Mich., was named to the board of directors of Hilux Corporation, a start-up in Hudsonville, Mich., focusing on LED lighting.

**Ashley Tucker '83 White** of Lapeer, Mich., is executive director of the Lapeer Community Foundation.

**Karl DeLooff '86** of West Olive, Mich., is developer, part owner and a resident of Placid Waters in Allendale, Mich. The site-condominium community surrounds Lake Placid, an engineered, tournament-conditions, six-bay lake. On Saturday, June 27, 30 professional water skiers took part in

the inaugural Global Invitational on the lake.

**Rhonda Postema '86 Klomparens** of Holland, Mich., is associate principal at Holland High School.

**Eric Meyer '86** of Steamboat Springs, Colo., was a guest speaker at a fundraiser held in Denver, Colo., for Operation Smile. The non-profit organization sends volunteers, including doctors, nurses and support staff, around the world on medical missions to provide free reconstructive surgery to children and young adults with cleft lips, cleft palates and other facial deformities. Eric volunteers as an anesthesiologist on these missions. Along with slides of the children impacted by this organization, Eric showed slides of his recent mountaineering expeditions in K2 and Everest.

**David Hoff '87** of Arlington, Va., is deputy assistant secretary for communication development, a senior staff position in the office of the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Education. He has worked as a reporter in the field of education for almost 20 years, serving most recently as associate editor at *Education Week*.

**Daniel Boerigter '88** of Saint Paul, Minn., was named to the board of directors of SoundOff Signal Corporation of Hudsonville, Mich. SoundOff Signal is a successful growth company focusing on the LED lighting industry with particular attention paid to emergency warning lighting and commercial vehicle signal lighting.

**Rolfe Timmerman '89** of Hamilton, Mich., is the new superintendent of the Saugatuck (Mich.) Public Schools. He was previously principal of Hamilton Elementary School and assistant curriculum director for K-8 instruction for Hamilton Community Schools.

## 90s

**Doreen German '91 Beltz** of Kalamazoo, Mich., serves as family pastor at The River Church in downtown Kalamazoo. Her calling and passion is to bring families closer to God and to each other through legacy-focused ministry and family training. She and her husband are awaiting travel notice to bring their newest daughter, Margaret Mae (age four) home from Beijing, China. "Mae" will join her siblings Emma, Caleb, Isaac and Lydia.

**Steve Bridge '91** of Naples, Maine, is author of *Getting the Old Testament*, recently published by Hendrickson Publishers. He is a professor of theology at St. Joseph's College.

**Eric Elliott '91** of Grand Rapids, Mich., is the new varsity basketball coach at his *alma mater*, Hudsonville High School. For the past three years he coached the men's junior varsity basketball team at Hope.

**Christi Caughey '92 Broersma** of Holland, Mich., was a columnist for the *Holland Observer* newspaper. Her column, "Exploring Holland," helped locals and visitors discover what's available for families, children and individuals to see and do around the greater Holland and Zeeland area.

**Mark Fromhold '92** of Redmond, Wash., was recently promoted to vice president of process development and manufacturing for Koronis Pharmaceuticals. His current research is focused on development of a nucleoside analog (KP-1461) which exploits a novel mechanism of action (Viral Decay Acceleration) for the treatment and potential cure of HIV.

**Kelly Clark '93** of Tavernier, Fla. (Key Largo), is head football coach for Coral Shores High School.

**Anna Rangel-Clawson '93** of Holland, Mich., is the new assistant principal for eighth graders at Holland High School following the closing of several elementary schools in the district and the reorganization of other schools.

**Mark Baker '94** of Washington, D.C., left the military during last August after serving for nearly 10 years in the U.S. Navy's Judge Advocate General's Corps, and achieving the rank of lieutenant commander. He subsequently joined the legal office providing advice to the Inspector General of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

**Judy Kleis '94** lives in Jinja, Uganda, and is the business administrator at Amani Baby Cottage, a home for



**Jeff Bannink '93** of Beaverton, Ore., was a member of the Team Type 1 eight-person cycling squad with a record-setting win -- five days, nine hours and five minutes -- in Race Across America. The squad rode into Annapolis, Md., on Friday morning, June 26, completing the 3,021-mile race the team began in Oceanside, Calif., on Saturday afternoon, June 20. All of the participants on Team Type 1, created in 2004 to inspire people with diabetes to proactively manage their health, have Type 1 diabetes.

orphaned and needy children. She serves as a missionary through Go Ye Fellowship on an indefinite basis.

**Dana Caranci '95 Loveland** of Grandville, Mich., is principal of West K-7 School in the Holland Public Schools.

**Stephen Shilling '95** of Canonsburg, Pa., had poems published recently in *Arbor Vitae*, *DASH Journal*, *The Loyalhanna Review*, *Reed Magazine*, and *Chest: The Cardiopulmonary and Critical Care Journal*. He has poems forthcoming in *Caveat Lector*, *Kaleidoscope Magazine*, *Main Street Rag*, *River Poets Journal*, *Westward Quarterly*, and *Spitball: The Literary Baseball Magazine*. His poem "Every Tree Has a Mark" won a second-place cash prize in *Lucidity Poetry Journal*.

**Brian Bowe '96** of Holland, Mich., is a communications specialist at the Grand Valley State University news and information services department. He was featured in an article in the *Grand Rapids Press*, "Rockin' & rollin' with writer/musician/cyclist Brian J. Bowe," on Saturday, June 13. This fall he will begin study in the media and information studies doctoral program at Michigan State University.

**Heidi Van Wieren '96** and **John Byrn '98** moved to Iowa City, Iowa, this summer. Heidi will be a professor of art at the University of Iowa. John will be assistant professor of surgery at the University of Iowa School of Medicine. An exhibition of Heidi's art work, "From the Badlands: Gluescapes and Constructed Drawings," ran June 18 through July 3 at Thatcher Projects in New York City. Her paintings have recently been featured in galleries in Chicago and London, and interviews with Heidi have aired on art-related Chicago Public Access Television shows.

**Marc Van Soest '97** of Holland, Mich., is assistant principal at Holland High School.

**Paul Ballard '98** of Belding, Mich., is executive director of student affairs at Davenport University, where he previously directed disability services.

**Tracy Bednarick '98** of Holland, Mich., won first place in a national lesson-planning competition sponsored by the Chemical Education Foundation. She wrote the science inquiry lesson "Identifying the Household Chemical" and won cash prizes for herself and for her classroom.

**Sara Bremer '98** of Ada, Mich., graduated from Ferris State University last December and completed examinations for Registered Respiratory Therapist in July. She continues to work at Saint Mary's Health Care in Grand Rapids.

**Rob Elliott '98** is the varsity volleyball coach at St. Joseph (Mich.) High School. He is also owner of Elliott's Bakery in Scottsdale.

**Thomas Goodhart '98** of Ridgewood, N.Y., was installed by the Queens Classis of the Reformed Church in America as pastor of Trinity Reformed Church in



**Tim Schoonveld '96** of Zeeland, Mich., succeeds longtime men's athletics director Ray Smith, who retired this summer. As co-athletic director and assistant professor of kinesiology, Tim joins **Eva Dean '83 Folkert** in administering the college's 18 intercollegiate sports for men and women. Their responsibilities will not be gender-specific. Tim most recently served as assistant principal and athletic director of Holland Christian High School. Eva, who is also co-athletic director and assistant professor of kinesiology, had been director of athletics for women at Hope since 2005.

Queens, N.Y. He previously served at Plattekill Reformed Church in Mount Marion, N.Y.

**Nicole Rauzi '98** of Annapolis, Md., recently passed all nine parts of the Architect Registration Examination and now is a registered architect in the state of Maryland.

**Rachael Wagner '98 Stebbins** of Lewisburg, W.Va., is director of marketing and public relations for the Greenbrier County Convention and Visitors Bureau.

**Andrew Van Pernis '98** of Westlake Village, Calif., recently completed the 3-D special effects for *G-FORCE*, a Disney film released on Friday, July 24. Andrew is head software engineer for the company In-Three.

**Christopher Wells '98** of Columbus, Ohio, had his novel *White Kitty* published by Flaming Gible Press in June.

**Cindi Bannink '99** of Madison, Wis., was the first female finisher in the Olympic-length portion of the Wisconsin Triterium Triathlon on Sunday, June 22. Her time of two hours, 20 minutes, 36 seconds gave her a ninth-place finish overall among

the nearly 300 competitors. Her win in the U.S. Amateur Triathlete (USAT)-sanctioned race earned her "Best in the State" designation and qualified her to compete in the "Best of the U.S." USAT competition in Mission Viejo, Calif., on Sunday, Sept. 27. This will be Cindi's fifth consecutive year to represent her state in the national competition.

**Kathryn Cindric '99** moved to Denver, Colo., to become Rocky Mountain marketing manager for Boost Mobile.

**Christina Malkowski '99** is director of the new northside unit of the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Holland (Mich.)

**Jen Aslanian '99 Wezeman** returned to Holland, Mich., with her husband after spending five years in Chicago, Ill. She teaches Spanish at Black River Public School.

## 00s

**Becky Renner '00 Anderson**, an Edward Jones financial advisor in Grand Rapids, Mich., was named a WINGS (Women's Initiative for New Growth Strategies) Early Success Coach and will prepare new associates as they study to become financial advisors with the company. WINGS focuses on the recruitment, retention and leadership development of female financial advisors.

**Dana Andrews '00** of Mableton, Ga., is a partner in The Parker Avery Group, an Atlanta-based management consulting firm.

**Christopher Frentz '00** of South Bend, Ind., works for Michiana Orthopaedic & Sports Physical Therapy. He is also completing a Fellowship in Manual Therapy through Regis University.

**Shari Johnson '00** of Astoria, N.Y., will direct the world premier of *Ask Someone Else, God*, a comedy about the prophet Jonah, scheduled to run Wednesday, Sept. 9, through Sunday, Oct. 4, at the Looking Glass Theatre in New York City. It will be the ninth show under Shari's direction at the venue. She is also a member of an improv group.

**Mark LaChonce '98** and **Jennifer Harvey '00 LaChonce** continue to live in the Middle East, where Mark serves as director of an Arabic language school. Jennifer assists at the language school as teacher trainer along with volunteering as an English teacher at a local school. They are happy to be back in Michigan for the summer with their three boys, Elias, Sammy and Zach, and will return in the fall to the Middle East, where they have been serving for five years.

**Eric Schrottenboer '01** of Panama City Beach, Fla., released his sixth CD, *Prayers*, in May. He recorded the piano-only disc with sound engineer

**Tim Heneveld '97** at First Reformed Church in Zeeland, Mich. This year Eric was honored with a Telly Award for "Use of Original Music" in the documentary *Anatomy of Hate*. He is president/owner/composer at Eric Schrottenboer Music.

**David Cochran '02** of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., owns Fluent Business Solutions, a computer networking company based in Fort Lauderdale, with a branch office in Grand Rapids, Mich.

**Pat Kinne '02** is still the LOTE (Languages Other Than English) department chair at Bishop Grimes Jr./Sr High School in East Syracuse, N.Y. He also teaches French and travels internationally with students.

**Laurie Beth Nederveld '02** recently earned a master's degree (please see "Advanced Degrees") and had her thesis presented at the Graduate Education Week event held at the Michigan State Capitol on Thursday, April 23.

**Eric Jones '03** recently earned a Ph.D. (please see "Advanced Degrees") and is an assistant professor in social/organizational psychology at Southern Illinois University in Carbondale.

**Amanda Kinney '03 Krufshinski** of Albany, N.Y., is employed by the State of New York in the attorney general's office. She and her husband have one child.

**Matthew Nickel '03** is serving in a pastoral residency program at the First Presbyterian Church of Ann Arbor, Mich.

**Amy Faye Sato '03** recently earned a Ph.D. (please see "Advanced Degrees") and is completing a postdoctoral fellowship in child psychology at Brown Medical School.

**Anna Swier '03** is an outdoor education instructor for the American Youth Foundation (AYF) at Camp Miniwanca in Shelby, Mich. She helps with tailored outdoor education curriculum, summer camps, retreats and national leadership conferences. AYF inspires people to discover and develop their personal best; to seek balance in mental, physical, social and spiritual living; and to make a positive difference in their communities and the wider world.

**Michael Van Beek '03** is director of education policy for the Mackinac Center for Public Policy in Midland, Mich.

**Kristina Kyles '04** of Revere, Mass., is the new assistant principal and curriculum director coordinator at Marblehead High School.

**Daniel R. Morrison '04** is a partner in Collective Idea, a Web software developer in Holland, Mich., founded in 2005. The company also operates a software training brand, Idea Foundry, that provides training programs in Holland for people from around the country.

**Phil Pratt '04** and **Rebekah Hinkle '04 Pratt** of Flemington, N.J., are co-pastors of Stanton (N.J.) Reformed Church.

**Jill Pinter '05 Berryman** of Berkeley, Calif., recently earned a Ph.D. (please see "Advanced Degrees"). She and her husband work at Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory.

**Ross Coleman '05** recently earned an M.D. (please see "Advanced Degrees") and is doing a residency in neurology at the University of Michigan.

**Jeffrey Martindale '05** recently earned a D.O. (please see "Advanced Degrees") and is in his internal medicine residency training at Ingham Regional Medical Center in Lansing, Mich.

**Laurelin VanGinhoven '06 Barkel** of Kansas City, Mo., received a Certificate of Advanced Graduate Standing (C.A.G.S.) in school psychology from Northeastern University, on May 1, 2009. She is employed as a school psychologist in Olathe, Kan.

**Jeffrey Carlson '06** of Zeeland, Mich., is the new junior varsity men's basketball coach at Hope.

**Lauren Engel '06** recently earned a J.D. (please see "Advanced Degrees") and is continuing her Master of Maritime Affairs (MMA) program with the University of Rhode Island, with an expected graduation in December.

**Steve Cramer '07** returned to his hometown to direct the Thumb Pride Athletics Basketball Camp in June at Unionville-Sebewaing Area schools for a second year. He continues to play basketball professionally in Europe.

**Lisa Harkes '07** of Columbus, Ohio, is a hall director in the residence life program at Ohio Dominican University.

**Sara Henry '07** of Ann Arbor, Mich., recently earned a master's degree (please see "Advanced Degrees") and began working as an engineering librarian at the University of Michigan's Art, Architecture & Engineering Library in July.

**Karl Hoesch '07** of Holland, Mich., recently completed two years of teaching high-school Spanish in Memphis, Tenn., through the Teach for America program.

**Kelli Zoellner '07 Jongekryg** of Andover, Minn., is a mental health practitioner at Family Innovations. She provides in-home therapy to children and families in the Twin Cities metro area.

Seven Hope alumni were awarded Master of Divinity degrees from Western Theological Seminary at the school's 133rd commencement on Monday, May 11: **Tracy Hekman '02 VanOpstall, Kenita Harris '04, Sara Appleyard '05, William Flavin III '06, Peter Gilotte '06, Neal Karsten '06, and Kervin Yurk '06.**





**Nora Kuiper '09** of Kalamazoo, Mich., in June received a postgraduate scholarship from the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), and was also named the College Division Academic All-American of the Year in women's track and field by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA). She worked on a chemistry research project at Hope earlier this summer before traveling to Mozambique in early July for two weeks through a mission/service effort focused on health and hygiene and providing water to communities. She next anticipates spending six to nine months in Johannesburg, South Africa, before pursuing graduate studies in public health next August.

**Caitelen Anderson '07 Schneeberger** is a musician, and a teacher at Oak Grove Classical Academy. She is also studying for an MFA in creative writing at Ashland. She and her husband live in Albuquerque, N.M.

**Lydia Ruth Hartsell '08** was awarded a 2009-10 Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarship to study at Muhimbili University in Tanzania.

**Sarah Barth '08 Keel** of Niles, Mich., recently earned a master's degree (please see "Advanced Degrees") and is a therapist in northern Indiana.

**Allison Fisher '09** of Wilmington, Ill., will be teaching fifth grade at Maternity BVM Catholic School in Bourbonnais, Ill.

**Tonisha (Toni) Gordon '09** is studying for a master's degree in higher education at the University of Pennsylvania, where she has an assistantship position as a mentoring coordinator.

**Dan Guy '09** is working in Traverse City, Mich., with Emergency

Consultants Inc., which staffs and manages emergency rooms.

**Stacey Harburn '09** is a processor for Jackson National Life Insurance at the company's corporate office in Okemos, Mich.

**Michelle Ipema '09** and **Mari von Websky '09** are interning with "Something Takes Place" (STP), a free Web site for artists to showcase their work and connect with the artistic community. It launched on Friday, May 15, and is a collaborative effort between the STP intern team and Thirty Six Squares LLC, a graphic design, Web development and marketing support company founded by **Craig Tommola '01**.

**Christopher Lewis '09** of Troy, Mich., is working in the public relations department of the world headquarters of Kelly Services in Troy. He works with Kelly IT Resources, Kelly Engineering Resources, and Kelly Scientific Resources, writing press releases, media alerts, and articles for various magazines. He is also freelance writing for publications such as *Michigan Golfer Magazine* and *GolfChannel.com*.

**Jesse Reimink '09** of Hudsonville, Mich., played in the Champions of Character College All-Star Game on Wednesday, June 17, at Cornerstone University. The competitors were all West Michigan natives, with a team of outstanding recent college graduates taking on a team of men who currently play professionally in Europe.

**Madelyn Rzadkowski '09** is interning at Meadowbrook Hall in Rochester, Mich., as curatorial assistant, and also volunteering at the Detroit Institute of Arts.

**Julie VanLaan '09** of Grand Rapids, Mich., will be teaching special education at Woodbridge Elementary School in Zeeland, Mich.

**Callie Wulf '09** works for the mission organization Heart to Honduras. She is based in Ohio, but will frequently travel to provide aid to Honduran villages.

**Julie VanderSlice '06** is the new volleyball coach at Forest Hills Eastern High School in Ada, Mich. She continues to teach special education in Ionia.

## Marriages

Lisa Hendrixon '88 and David Grewe, June 6, 2009, Plymouth, Mich.

Shelly Woolman '93 and Dr. Eric Cornish, May 23, 2009.

Laura M. Bachelder '93 and Samuel Jay Furman, April 18, 2009, Grand Rapids, Mich.

Mark Baker '94 and Meredith Margaret Henne, June 14, 2009.

Rochelle Marker '00 and Gerald Haug, Wai'Alae Beach, Oahu, Hawaii, March 5, 2009.

Mary Asp '01 and Matthew

Blissenbach, May 16, 2009, St. Cloud, Minn.

Jared Redell '01 and Kristen Grassmid, Aug. 8, 2008, Holland, Mich.

Todd Edema '03 and Allison Kurtze '07, May 29, 2009, Holland, Mich.

Amy Faye Sato '03 and Christopher Alan Flessner, Sept. 13, 2008, Milwaukee, Wis.

Samantha Hyde '04 and Adam Knight, May 30, 2009, Battle Creek, Mich.

Ross Coleman '05 and Megan Fausett '06, July 13, 2008, Petoskey, Mich.

Lindsay David '05 and Matthew Zuska '05, July 12, 2008, Holland, Mich.

Kristin Woroniec '05 and Neil Myers, June 13, 2009, Commerce, Mich.

Holly Dustin '06 and Timothy Wiggin, June 27, 2009.

Sarah Short '06 and Bala Murugan, May 20, 2009, Madurai, India.

Kara Scheuerman '08 and Zachary Hallead, May 30, 2009, Westminster, Md.

Sam Baker '09 and Emily Mannenbach '09, May 30, 2009.

## New Arrivals

Shelly Defreese '84 Votto and Ron Votto, Christian Tanner, May 30, 2007.

Janis Rudnick '88 Thomson and Zachary Thomson '90, Rachel Sue, Oct. 10, 2008.

Patti Hiestand '89 Bennett and Mike Bennett, Alexandra Mai, May 14, 2009.

Tricia Engelsman '92 McGovern and Tom McGovern, Owen Thomas, Jan. 29, 2009.

Greg Brown '94 and Jodi Braxmaier '94 Brown, Griffin George, June 12, 2009.

Andrea Mulholland '94 Hockenberry and Scott Hockenberry, Sarah Grace, May 1, 2009.

Jonathan Van Wieren '94 and Staci Van Wieren, Allison Grace, May 19, 2009.

Angie Fagerlin '95 and Tony Tsai, Lincoln Chuan-Jie, Oct. 29, 2008.

Kim Kleiman '95 Richardson and Jeff Richardson, Alexis Catherine, Feb. 20, 2009.

Tammie DeGroff '95 Wiersema and Jakob Wiersema, Olivia Beth, May 18, 2009.

Susan Essenburgh '96 Behrendt and Drew Behrendt, Ryder Daniel, June 21, 2009.

Katy Carpenter '96 Gibson and Tyler Gibson, Ethan Reid, May 14, 2009.

Bryan Showers '96 and Laura Baker '96 Showers, Luke Christopher and Zachary Thomas, March 12, 2009.

Karen Oosterhouse '96 Soderquist and Todd Soderquist '96, Calvin Jakob, April 12, 2009.

Jennifer Alexander '97 Francis and Scott Francis '98, Benjamin Alexander, April 29, 2009.

Kathryn Whitfield '98 Butler and Rhett Butler, George Whitfield, Jan. 26, 2009.

Brian Dykstra '98 and Jennifer Hendricks '98 Dykstra, Fisher Jay, May 29, 2009.

Mark LaChonce '98 and Jennifer Harvey '00 LaChonce, Zechariah Mark, Feb. 13, 2009.

Martin Landes Jr. '98 and Jill Donehoo '99 Landes, Madelyn Louise, May 11, 2009.

Rachel Haveman '99 Eriks and Adam J. Eriks '01, Erin Eleanor, June 13, 2009.

Jill Beck '99 Kohlmeier and Jace Kohlmeier, Kali Reese, April 2009.

Ashli Simpson '99 McCune and Michael McCune '99, Quinn Solomon, May 24, 2009.

Kim Kent '99 Meade and John Meade, Sean Patrick, April 6, 2009.

Tasha Guild '99 Mulder and T. Ryan Mulder '99, Caleb Andrew, Feb. 16, 2009.

C.J. Frazer '99 Nagrant and Andrew Nagrant, Luke Nicholas, May 9, 2009.

Roxanne Pascente '99 Pipitone and Anthony Pipitone, Andrew (Drew) Richard, Feb. 11, 2009.

Christa Murphy '99 Shepard and Ryan Shepard, Reese Ryan, May 22, 2009.

Jen Aslanian '99 Wezeman and Frederick Wezeman, Kai Henry, October 2008.

Chris Frentz '00 and Natalie Frentz, Cassidy Erin and Lucas Matthew, April 27, 2009.

Heather Hofman '00 Gordillo and Mike Gordillo, Lily Joy, May 7, 2009.

Brad Irving '00 and Elizabeth Barton '02 Irving, Nora Kathryn, Feb. 8, 2009.

Janet Librizzi '00 Kucek and Robert Kucek, Allison Therese, Feb. 19, 2009.

Jarod Lippert '00 and Andrea Kopacz '01 Lippert, Olivia Jeanne, June 2, 2009.

Sarah Martin '00 MacLachlan and Scott MacLachlan, Claire Elise and Kate Leslie, March 26, 2009.

Nicole Travis '00 Prins and Henry Prins, Archer Samuel, May 13, 2009.

Braden Stradley '00 and Pamela Stradley, Peyton Samantha, June 19, 2009.

Heidi Huebner '00 Wheeler and Josh Wheeler '00, Marin Riley, May 25, 2009.

Melissa Rhoades '01 Beld and James Beld, Madelyn Mae, May 28, 2009.

Kathryn Hoesch '01 DeWys and Troy DeWys, Greyson Kenneth, May 26, 2009.

Matthew C. Holmes '01 and Jennifer Joubran '02 Holmes, Iyla Jean, May 11, 2009.

Dana Lamers '01 VanderLugt and Tim VanderLugt, Joshua John, April 20, 2009.

Kristin Pott '02 Bridges and Bradley Bridges, Ainsley, June 23, 2009.  
Andrea Mulder '02 Huisman and Derek Huisman, Micah Alan, Dec. 2, 2008.

Brooke Wever '02 Manchip and Ty Manchip, Cole Edward and Kira Mae, March 20, 2009.

Jenna Gerbens '02 Poll and J.R. Poll, Zachary James, May 22, 2009.

Melissa Praamsma '02 Schamper and Shaun Schamper, Ashleigh Kay, May 7, 2009.

Joel Schick '02 and Taya Drost '04 Schick, Carson Allen, Feb. 22, 2009.

Sarah Sudnick '02 Terpstra and Nicholas Terpstra, Ella Genevieve, June 12, 2009.

Matthew Vanderhyde '02 and Beth Vanderhyde, Samuel David, May 14, 2009.

Amber Beeson '03 Cox and Ryan Cox '03, Ruby Dawn, June 10, 2009.

Karen Kuhl '03 Rozema and William Rozema '04, Ryan Steven, July 1, 2009.

Benjamin Smies '03 and Leslie Canfield '03 Smies, Maxwell Anthony and Isabel Grace, May 27, 2009.

Amanda Kerkstra '03 Williams and Michael Williams, Isaiah Michael, May 15, 2009.

Taryn Drost '06 Yager and Mark Yager, Bryce Jaxon, April 23, 2009.

## Advanced Degrees

Amy Purvis '82 Thurow, BA in elementary education with an endorsement to teach English as a Second Language, University of Wyoming, May 2009.

Kathryn Cindric '99, MBA, Loyola University School of Marketing.

Alicia Stojic '00 Smrha, Master of Education in instructional leadership, University of Illinois at Chicago, May 2009.

Kelly Kiewiet '01 Cochrane, Doctor of Education (Ed.D.), Nova Southeastern University, June 2009.

Laura Merte '01, Bachelor of Fine Arts in interactive design and game development, Savannah College of Art and Design, March 2009.

Tom Hillegonds '02, J.D., Ohio Northern University Pettit College of Law, May 2009.

Pat Kinne '02, MEd with a focus in adolescent education, LeMoyné College.

Brooke Wever '02 Manchip, master's degree in educational technology integration, Grand Valley State University, August 2008.

Laurie Beth Nederveld '02, Master of Science in biology with a concentration in natural resource management, Grand Valley State University, April 2009.

Misheaila Neil '02, Master of Science in management, Elmira College, 2009.

Rebecca Wiechman '02, Master of

Business Administration, University of Michigan's Stephen M. Ross School of Business, June 2009.

Eric Jones '03, Ph.D. in social psychology, Purdue University, May 2009.

Matthew Nickel '03, Master of Divinity, Princeton Theological Seminary, May 2009.

Amy Faye Sato '03, Ph.D. in clinical psychology, University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee, May 17, 2009.

Scott Dalessandro '04, Master of Library and Information Science, University of Washington Information School, March 2009; Master of Public Administration, University of Washington Evans School of Public Affairs, June 2009.

Molly Baxter '04 Dalessandro, Master of Arts in museology, University of Washington, August 2008.

Benjamin Fuhrman '04, Doctor of Musical Arts in music composition, Michigan State University, May 2009.

Jill Pinter '05 Berryman, Ph.D. in nuclear chemistry, University of Michigan, May 2009.

Ross Coleman '05, M.D., Vanderbilt University School of Medicine, May 8, 2009.

Jeffrey Martindale '05, Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (D.O.), Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine, May 31, 2009.

Lauren Engel '06, J.D., Roger Williams University School of Law, May 22, 2009.

Brian J. Isherwood '06, Doctor of Physical Therapy, Washington

University School of Medicine, May 2009.

Abigail J. Van Kempen '06, Juris Doctorate (J.D.), DePaul University College of Law, May 17, 2009.

Meghan Florian '07, Master of Theological Studies, Duke University, May 2009.

Lisa Harkes '07, Master of Science in college student personnel, Miami University.

Sara Henry '07, Master of Science in Information (MSI), University of Michigan's School of Information, May 1, 2009.

Kelli Zoellner '07 Jongekryg, Master of Arts in counseling psychology, Bethel University, May 2009

Anna Wadsworth '07, master's degree in social welfare, State University of New York at Albany, May 16, 2009.

Sarah Barth '08 Keel, Master of Social Work, Western Michigan University (Social Work Advanced Placement Masters Program).

## 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.

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

**Luis A. Destefano '74** of Philadelphia, Pa., died on Saturday, May 2, 2009. He was 61.

He was preceded in death by his father, Felipe.

Survivors include his mother, Olga, and his siblings, Rosa, Felipe, Cesar, Eduardo and Gisella.

**Earl M. DeWitt '57** of Fairfield, Conn., died on Thursday, May 28, 2009. He was 74.

He retired from IBM following 38 years of service.

Survivors include his wife of 50 years, Kay Peelen '57 DeWitt; two children, Jane L. DeWitt and John M. (Karen) DeWitt; three grandchildren; his brother, Warren '50 (Helen) DeWitt; and his sister, Judith DeWitt '63 (Thomas '61) Aardema.

Word has been received of the death of **Thomas M. Harmelink '70** of Raleigh, N.C., who died on Wednesday, June 17, 2009. He was 60.

More information will appear in the next issue.

**Terry L. Heusinkveld '67** of Holland, Mich., formerly of Seattle, Wash., died on Monday, June 1, 2009. He was 63.

Survivors include his brothers, David '66 (Kathryn) Heusinkveld and Paul '72 (Michelle) Heusinkveld.

Word has been received of the death of **Lloyd E. Poston-Huyser '53** of

"Hope has many traditions. I've been fortunate to be part of one of those as a member of the football team. One of the best things about Hope's football program is that although we work hard, football doesn't consume our lives. We know we are receiving an excellent education and can participate in other activities, as well as be on a good team with a great tradition of winning championships. Our coaches push us both on and off the field to excel as student athletes and it's evident they care about us for more than just our athletic abilities."

**Chris Feys – Class of 2011**  
Exercise Science Major and  
Flying Dutchmen Quarterback

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Indianapolis, Ind., who died on Friday, June 19, 2009. He was 78.

More information will appear in the next issue.

**Roger E. Koeppe '44** of Stillwater, Okla., died on Saturday, May 16, 2009. He was 87.

He was a veteran who served in the U.S. Army as a medical technician for two years.

He earned a doctorate in biochemistry and was on the faculty of the University of Tennessee (Memphis) from 1952 through 1959, during which time he spent two summers in the biology division at Oak Ridge National Laboratory. In 1959 he joined the Department of Biochemistry at Oklahoma State University as associate professor. He advanced to professor and then served as department head from 1963 until he retired in 1990.

Survivors include his wife, Norma Lemmer '44 Koeppe; their five children, Roger E. (Jessie) Koeppe II, Mary Koeppe '75 (Robert) Luidens, Sarah Koeppe '77 (David) Huddleston, Edwin (Donna) Koeppe, and Peter '82 (Jane) Koeppe; 11 grandchildren, including Julia Koeppe '01 and Karen Luidens '09; his brother, Owen '49 (JoAnn Moessner '49) Koeppe; and his sister, Ruth Koeppe '52 (James '51) De Young.

**Michael L. Land '77** of Richland, Mich., died on Sunday, July 5, 2009, of

injuries sustained in a private airplane accident. His son, Andrew Land, age 27, who accompanied him, also sustained fatal injuries.

After six years in senior sales and marketing with Phadia (U.S.), a medical diagnostic company based in Sweden, he was named president and general manager in 1996. Prior to that, he had a career with American Hospital Supply/Baxter, where he was top international sales person for seven years in a row.

Survivors include his wife of 28 years, Nancy Land; his son Zachary Land; his brother, Eric (Cindy) Land; and his sister, Myra (Jack) Gibson.

Word has been received of the death of **M. Carlyle Neckers '35** of Holland, Mich., who died on Friday, July 24, 2009. He was 96.

More information will appear in the next issue.

**Kimberly Kossen '85 Pike** of Zeeland, Mich., died on Friday, May 15, 2009, after a lengthy battle with cancer. She was 45.

She was a mathematics teacher at West Ottawa High School for 23 years.

Survivors include her husband, Timothy Pike '87; her children, Tyler, Jordan, Kevin, and Kayley; a granddaughter, Ellery; her father, Stanley Kossen; and her brother, Michael Kossen '88.

**Vernon Glenn Poest '39** of Atlantis, Fla., died on Tuesday, May 19, 2009. He was 90.

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

He was senior vice president and CFO of Herman Miller Inc. when he retired in 1980.

Survivors include his wife of 68 years, Roberta Gnerich Poest; a daughter, Patricia King; a son, Thomas (Andrea) Poest; three grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

**Theodore "Ted" J. Rycenga '51** of Spring Lake, Mich., died on Wednesday, April 29, 2009. He was 83.

He was a veteran who served with the First Marine Regiment in the South Pacific and China during World War II.

He had a 34-year career as an educator with Spring Lake Public Schools, serving as a teacher at Holmes Elementary School, principal of Jeffers Elementary School, district curriculum director, and finally superintendent from 1972 through 1984.

Survivors include his wife of 61 years, L'bertha (Betty) Visscher '48 Rycenga; his daughter, Laura Rycenga '71 (Rich) Draeger; his son, Ted J. '72 (Carole) Rycenga; six grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and his brother, Thomas (Jennette) Rycenga.

**Gertrude (Trudy) Dame '39 Schrier** of Montgomery, Ala., died on Tuesday, April 28, 2009. She was 91.

During her career, she taught elementary school, served as presidential secretary at Central College, and was an administrative assistant at Western Michigan University from 1958 to 1978.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Nelson Schrier; her sister, Ruth Dame '41 Hage; and a brother-in-law, John (Jack) Hoekstra '50.

Survivors include two children, Jack '66 (Diane) Schrier and Michael

'64 (Lorna Ver Meer '63) Schrier; her brother, Paul (Marie) Dame '44; her sister, Marian Dame '47 Hoekstra; five grandchildren; and two great-granddaughters.

**Ronald Lee Stepanek '58** of Hudsonville, Mich., died on Monday, June 1, 2009. He was 73.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Raymond Stepanek.

Survivors include his wife, Susan Stepanek; his children, Becky (Todd) Meeuwenberg, Gregory (Chris) Stepanek, Sheila (Larry) Dyke, and Tonya (Les) Church; three grandchildren; his brother, Jim (June) Stepanek; and his sister, Barbara (Paul) Andrews.

**E. Beth Rhebergen '44 Thompson** of Horseheads, N.Y., died on Friday, June 5, 2009. She was 86.

She was an R.N. and taught at Corning Community College from 1965 to 1985, when she retired as assistant professor of nursing.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 54 years, Ralph A. Thompson, and by her sister, Winifred Lewellen.

Survivors include her children, Dan L. Thompson, Jack A. Thompson, and Bonnie Lu Thompson; four grandchildren; and three great-grandsons.

**Arthur W. Tuls Sr. '50** of Grand Haven, Mich., died on Tuesday, June 2, 2009. He was 85.

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

He taught at Holland Christian High School for 37 years and coached the school's varsity basketball team for 25 years.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Joanne Tuls, in 1991.

Survivors include his children, Arthur Jr. (Joan) Tuls, Philip (Jane) Tuls, David (Joy) Tuls, and James (Jody) Tuls; 11 grandchildren, including Matthew '06 Rycenga (Anne Baker '05); and five great-grandchildren.

**Henry Tuurling '50** of Holland, Mich., died on Monday, May 25, 2009. He was 87.

He was preceded in death by his sister, Angelyn Tuurling '46.

Survivors include his wife, Doris Tuurling.

**Elmer J. Van Dyke '38** of Paw Paw, Mich., died on Thursday, June 4, 2009. He was 92.

He taught in Mount Morris, Mich., for one year, and then served the Covert (Mich.) Public Schools until 1951 as teacher, principal and lastly superintendent. He subsequently served as superintendent of the Van Buren Intermediate School District for 24 years, and retired in 1975.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Laura Van Kley '38 Van Dyke; a daughter, Mary Bauman; a great-

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grandson; and a brother, Gerald Van Dyke '41.

Survivors include a daughter, Joan (Warren) Grosvenor; a son, John (Jeannie) Van Dyke; eight grandchildren, including Laurie Grosvenor '88 (Brian) Southworth and John (Pam) Grosvenor '90; 12 great-grandchildren; his son-on-law, William D. Bauman; and his sister, Esther Van Dyke '44 Wickert.

Word has been received of the death of **Isla Pruim '24 Van Eenenaam** of Grand Haven, Mich., who died on Saturday, Aug. 1, 2009. She was 106.

More information will appear in the next issue.

**Helen Pelon '33 Walvoord** of Holland, Mich., died on Saturday, May 23, 2009. She was 97.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Carl A. Walvoord '32, in 1996; her sisters, Eva Brookstra and Grace Pelon; her brother, John Pelon; and a daughter-in-law, Barbara Bickel Walvoord.

Survivors include her sons, Thomas (Ellen) Walvoord, David (Mary) Walvoord; five grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and her sister, Betty (Richard) Stevenson.

Word has been received of the death of **Marjorie E. Wood '60** of Pensacola, Fla., who died on Tuesday, May 5, 2009. She was 70.

## Sympathy to

The family of **Philip E. Beal** of Holland, Mich., who died on Tuesday, June 30, 2009, at age 73, following a battle with cancer.

He had spent 27 years in university administration, including at Eastern Illinois University, the University of Oregon, Pacific Lutheran University, NCHEMS in Boulder, Colo., and Saginaw Valley State University. He was dean of students at Hope from 1986 to 1988.

After Hope, he and his wife, Kathy, who survives him, spent 11 years as full-time missionaries through the United Methodist Church in Singapore; Seoul, Korea; and Holland. During his retirement years he pursued peace with justice issues as a writer and speaker.

In addition to Kathy, survivors include two sons, Dayna '85 (Maryls Hiemstra '86) Beal and Dwight '87 Beal; four grandchildren; and his sister, Priscilla Greenwood.

The family of **Morgan DeHaan**, of West Olive, Mich., who died on Thursday, July 9, and her daughter, **Hannah DeHaan**, who died on Friday, July 10, both from injuries sustained in an automobile collision.

# Cancer Claims Karen Page

Karen Page, a leader in the advancement of tennis at the high school, college and community levels, died Friday, July 3, 2009, at the Hospice House in Holland following a long, courageous battle against cancer.

Page, 60, most recently was serving as director of the college's DeWitt Tennis Center and coached the women's tennis team the past 12 years.

"She was a very special lady, so enthusiastic, so energetic," longtime colleague Dwayne "Tiger" Teusink '58 told *The Holland Sentinel*. "She motivated everyone around her. She promoted loyalty and respect with her players. She was a role model."

"Positive energy and spirit were the hallmarks of Karen Page's life. Every woman she coached, every person she touched was the beneficiary of her strong touchstones of enthusiasm and passion, not just for the game of tennis but for the joy of life," said Eva Dean '83 Folkert, co-director of athletics at Hope. "I honestly can't remember a time when in the space of five minutes — whether in competition or



Karen Page

conversation, I did not see a smile come across KP's face. We will greatly miss such a terrific role model to students and women. We will greatly miss such a treasured coach and friend."

Page guided the Hope Flying Dutch to conference championships in the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association (MIAA) in 1998, 1999, 2000 and 2009. The 1998, 2000 and 2009 Flying Dutch earned a berth in the NCAA tournament. Although a recurrence of cancer this spring did not allow her to actively coach the team, it also did not deter her from being with her

squad at the conference and NCAA tournaments.

Page had an extensive background as a teacher and coach of tennis. She previously served as coach of the boys' and girls' varsity teams at Holland West Ottawa High School. She also coached the Holland community's adult women USTA travel teams.

She served as president of the Michigan High School Tennis Coaches Association and was a certified tennis teaching professional.

She was presented the distinguished service award by the Western Michigan Tennis Association for outstanding leadership and service and named to the Hall of Fame of the Michigan High School Tennis Coaches Association. She was a graduate of Iowa State University.

Survivors include her husband, Tom Page '72; a twin sister, Karyl Garbo (Jack Whitley) of Phoenix, Ariz.; and a brother, Tim, of Montana.

A memorial service was held in Dimnent Memorial Chapel on Sunday, July 5, and led by the Rev. Paul Boersma '82, who is the Leonard and Marjorie Maas Endowed Senior Chaplain at Hope.

Survivors include Morgan's parents, Stephen '84 (Jacqueline VanHeest '85) Kacmar. Jacqueline is accounting manager in the business services offices at Hope.

Other survivors include Morgan and Hannah's husband and father, Tim DeHaan; daughter and sister, Jordyn DeHaan; Morgan's brother, Collin Kacmar; and Tim's parents, John and Sherry DeHaan.

The family of **Carl F. Frost** of East Lansing, Mich., who died on Saturday, June 20, 2009. He was 94.

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

He was an instructor at M.I.T. from 1947 to 1949, when he became an assistant professor in the Department of Psychology at Michigan State University, retiring in 1980 as professor emeritus.

His work with Herman Miller Inc., implementing, refining and innovating the Scanlon principles and process (now known as the Frost/

Scanlon Plan), was recognized by the American Psychological Association; and The Carl Frost Center for Social Science Research at Hope was founded in honor of him.

He was preceded in death in 2003 by his wife of 60 years, Evelyn Frost.

Survivors include his children, Richard (Susan) Frost, who is vice president for student development and dean of students at Hope, Elizabeth (Joseph) DiSalvo, Robert Frost (Jane Dirksen), and Jacqueline Frost-Kunnen (Robert Kunnen); seven grandchildren, including Megan Frost '11 and Christopher Kunnen '11; six great-grandchildren; and his brother Thomas Frost.

The family of **Elaine Ter Beest** of Orange City, Iowa, who died on Tuesday, April 21, 2009. She was 84.

She was an elementary school teacher and a partner in her husband's pastoral ministry with the Reformed Church in America.

Survivors include her husband,

David C. Ter Beest '50; five children, Jim (Rachel) Ter Beest, Mary (John) Steinbeck, Anne Plageman (Mark Slempe), John Ter Beest, and Ruth (Rollie) Vander Lee; eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

The family of **Harold J. Workman Sr.** of Muskegon, Mich., who died on Tuesday, June 2, 2009. He was 94.

He was an industrial relations manager at Dresser Industries for 27 years until he retired in 1979.

He served on the Board of Trustees at Hope from 1961 through 1965.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Ruth Workman, on Jan. 28, 2009, and his son-in-law, Robert Driscoll, in 2008.

Survivors include his son, H. John '70 (Kathleen) Workman; his daughter, Marietta Workman '63 Driscoll; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.





# Shepherding the Boughs

Since the beginning of Hope, the Pine Grove at the heart of campus has been a tranquil refuge, a place to study, to reflect, to pray, to play. In the Great Holland Fire of 1871 it was a haven more literally, as members of the community fled to the college to escape as flames devoured the town surrounding. While the copse's forebears sprang untended from the soil primeval before ever Holland's and Hope's founders arrived, today the little wood receives devoted care, a commitment to preserving the beloved space not only for the present but for future generations, and a reflection of the grove's centrality in regard as well as geography.

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## highlights



### class reunions

The classes of 2004, 1999, 1994 and 1989 celebrate their 5-, 10-, 15- and 20-year reunions. Enjoy a celebration brunch and evening parties to catch up with classmates and friends.



### affinity programs

Do you remember those special groups you were a part of at Hope? A host of athletic, arts, student program, and departmental gatherings are offered for all alumni throughout the weekend.



### h-club

Members are invited to the luncheon to celebrate 100 years of football and congratulate the 2009 Hope for Humanity Award recipient Jaci VanHeest '84.



### alumni tailgate and athletics

Live music and delicious BBQ await you, friends and family at the Alumni Tailgate in Smalenburg Park! Catch the football and soccer games, join kids' games and activities, and meet student representatives from organizations at this event.



### the arts

Who said Homecoming is just about football? Join us for art exhibits, concerts, theatre performances, and Alumni Chapel Choir events.



### sunday worship service

End the weekend with a worship service led by Dean of the Chapel Trygve Johnson in Dimnent Memorial Chapel at 10:00 am. Music is provided by the Alumni Chapel Choir and Hope organist Huw Lewis.

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