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On the Cover

A collage of loft-building images captures an aspect of New Student Orientation that for many students (and their parents) became unexpectedly prominent and symbolic of college-residence inhabitation like no other experience (how many of us in any other epoch of our lives have raised our beds off the floor to gain fuller use of the space beneath?). Although the process is now a thing of the past at Hope, the functionality continues with college furniture designed to play the same role—only more easily.

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"Quote, unquote"

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



The "Last Lecture Series" organized by the college's chapter of the Mortar Board honorary society features addresses by members of the faculty asked to share the advice they would offer if they were faced with their final opportunity to address students. The following excerpts are from "Can You Count?," by Dr. Steven Bouma-Prediger '79, professor of religion and chairperson of the department, last fall and seemed a timely message

for this issue of *News from Hope College* with the potential and lessons of the coming school year approaching. He based his text on Psalm 90:12, "So teach us, O Lord, to count our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom."

"What are we to count? Many possibilities present themselves. Some people count their possessions. 'Whoever dies with the most toys wins,' said a bumper sticker I once saw—when my wife and I lived in southern California—to which I wanted to respond with a bumper sticker of my own: 'I've never seen a hearse with a luggage rack.'

"But maybe your temptation is not to count toys. Salesmen and -women are inclined to count their business accounts. Scholars tend to count their books—ones they own and ones they write. Ministers are likely to count the people in their pews. All of us probably count awards or achievements...

"But the psalmist does not advise you to count your awards. He prays that you and I be taught to count days. And note—not other peoples' days, but our days. For our days are in fact finite, limited, numbered. These verses in Psalm 90 forcibly remind us that we are mortal. Just as the book of Genesis reminds us: we are

dust, and to dust we shall return.

"Such an acknowledgement prompts this question: what really is important? Given our own temporal finitude, for what should we strive? I have a habit of reading the obituaries in the daily paper, for the stories we write with our lives are fascinating. But more than that, such reading gives me a sense of perspective. What will my obituary be? What do I want it to be? How should we live our lives so that we avoid the tragic fate of Ivan Ilich, who lived a 'proper life' but could not count—at least not what was most important, namely, his days.

"As told in Tolstoy's famous short story, *The Death of Ivan Ilich*, Ivan did all the 'proper' things—he got the proper education, he married the proper woman, he lived in the proper house, he had the proper friends. But then he discovered, in his mid 40s, that he was dying. And only then did he painfully realize that his education was for naught, that he was in a loveless marriage, that his house was not a home, that his so-called friends were secretly hoping they would get his job when he died. In short, Ivan realized that nothing was as he thought it was, and that he had wasted his life. Driven into the black hole of despair, he wonders if his life can be rectified. 'Can my life be made right, and if so how and by whom?' In his dying hours he comes to receive the grace of a forgiving God, and to feel the joy of God's unconditional acceptance...

"Focus not on possessions but on people, not on supremacy but on service, not on that which moth and rust consume, but on that which truly lasts.

"So here are two more words of advice: Don't focus on yourself. Be a servant.

"Students, can you count? Can you count your days? I pray that your Hope education is so forming you that you care not for what is 'proper,' but for what is good and true and right, and that you are coming to serve others so habitually that you don't even realize what you are doing." ✍️



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Events

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: 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 2010-11 are:

Fri., Sept. 24	Fri., Nov. 19
Fri., Oct. 1	Mon., Jan. 17
Mon., Oct. 11	Fri., Jan. 28
Fri., Oct. 22	Fri., Feb. 4
Fri., Nov. 5	Mon., Feb. 21
Fri., Nov. 12	Fri., March 4

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

THEATRE

Almost, Maine—Friday-Saturday, Oct. 8-9; Tuesday-Friday, Oct. 12-15 DeWitt Center, studio theatre, time tba

Tickets for Hope College Theatre productions are \$10 for regular admission, \$7 for senior citizens, and \$5 for children 18 and under, and are available at the ticket office in the front lobby of the DeVos Fieldhouse.

JACK RIDL VISITING WRITERS SERIES

Wayne Miller, poet—Thursday, Sept. 21

Cristina Garcia, fiction—Thursday, Oct. 14

David Shields, fiction/nonfiction—Thursday, Nov. 11

Ben Percy, fiction—Wednesday, March 28

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.

ALUMNI, PARENTS & FRIENDS

Community Day—Saturday, Sept. 4. Includes a picnic from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. on the DeVos Fieldhouse lawn between home football and men's soccer.



Homecoming Weekend—Friday-Sunday, Oct. 22-24

Includes reunions for every fifth class, '85 through '05.

Family Weekend—Friday-Sunday, Nov. 5-7

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



TRADITIONAL EVENTS

Opening Convocation—Sunday, Aug. 29, 2 p.m.

DeVos Fieldhouse

Pull Tug-of-War—Saturday, Sept. 25, 3 p.m.

Across the Black River

Critical Issues Symposium—Tuesday-Wednesday, Oct. 5-6

Topic: food

Nykerk Cup Competition—Saturday, Nov. 6, 7 p.m.

Holland Civic Center

Christmas Vespers—Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 4-5

Dimnent Memorial Chapel

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.

DANCE

dANCEpROJECT—Thursday-Saturday, Oct. 28-30

Knickerbocker Theatre, 8 p.m.

Tickets are \$10 for regular admission, \$7 for senior citizens, and \$5 for children 18 and under.

MUSIC

Brown Bag Concert—Friday, Sept. 3: Holland Area Arts Council, 150 E. Eighth St., noon. Admission is free.

"Grande Romanza"—Thursday, Sept. 16: Wichers Auditorium of Nykerk Hall of Music, 7:30 p.m. Ticket information tba.

Second City—Friday, Sept. 17: Knickerbocker Theatre, 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$18 for regular admission and \$13 for senior citizens and students.

First-Year Scholarship Winner's Recital—Thursday, Sept. 23: Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.

Brown Bag Concert—Friday, Oct. 1: Holland Area Arts Council, 150 E. Eighth St., noon. Admission is free.

Orchestra Concert—Friday, Oct. 1: Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.

"Sundays at 2"—Sunday, Oct. 3: piano trio, Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 2 p.m. Admission is free.

"Sundays at 2"—Sunday, Oct. 10: Jerico Vasquez, piano, Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 2 p.m. Admission is free.

An Evening of Japanese Music—Wednesday, Oct. 13: Wichers Auditorium of Nykerk Hall of Music, 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.

Edye Evans Hyde with the Faculty Jazz Combo—Thursday, Oct. 21: Wichers Auditorium of Nykerk Hall of Music, 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.

Jazz Arts Collective Ensembles Concert—Friday, Oct. 22: Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.

Wind Ensemble "Halloween Concert"—Saturday, Oct. 30: Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 4 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.

DE PREE GALLERY

In Retrospect: Artists' Books and Works on Paper—Monday,

Aug. 23-Friday, Oct. 1

Katherine Sullivan: The Docile Body—Friday, Oct. 8-Friday, Nov. 19

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

Deeply Rooted Dance Theatre—Thursday-Friday, Sept. 30-Oct. 1: Knickerbocker Theatre, 7:30 p.m.

Hot 8 Brass Band—Friday, Oct. 8: Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 7:30 p.m.

Turtle Island Quartet—Friday, Nov. 12: Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 7:30 p.m.

Claremont Trio—Thursday, Jan. 27: Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 7:30 p.m.

CIRCO AEREO—Friday-Saturday, Feb. 25-26: Knickerbocker Theatre, 7:30 p.m.

Rose Ensemble—Thursday, March 31: Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$18 for regular admission, \$13 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 \$63 for regular admission, \$50 for senior citizens and \$140 for families.

SPORTS SCHEDULES

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





SOON TO BEGIN: The college's 149th academic year will begin formally with the traditional Opening Convocation on Sunday, Aug. 29, at 2 p.m. in the Richard and Helen DeVos Fieldhouse.

The public is invited. Admission is free.

The featured speaker will be Dr. Sonja Trent-Brown, assistant professor of psychology.

Residence halls for new students will open on Friday, Aug. 27, at 10 a.m., with New Student Orientation beginning later that day and continuing through Monday, Aug. 30. Residence halls for returning students will open on Sunday, Aug. 29, at noon. Fall semester classes will begin on Tuesday, Aug. 31, at 8 a.m.

The summer has provided an opportunity for subtle but significant upgrades to campus, including renovation of computer science and engineering laboratories in VanderWerf Hall; remodeling of the Health Center; a new roof for the Keppel House, which houses the campus ministries program; new windows at Gilmore Hall; and new furniture for student rooms in Durfee, Gilmore and Phelps halls.

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SCIENCE LEADERSHIP: Dr. Joanne Stewart, professor of chemistry, was one of 51 senior women professors in chemistry and physics from 46 liberal arts colleges who gathered in Washington, D.C., in June for the first-ever summit meeting focused on the advancement of senior women scientists at liberal arts colleges.

The two-day working meeting focused on the distinctive

environments of undergraduate liberal arts institutions and the challenges faced by senior women science faculty on these campuses to attain leadership roles and professional recognition. Also present at the summit were representatives from professional organizations who advocate for faculty development and for women's leadership and gender equity.

The meeting was organized by the co-principal investigators of a project funded by the National Science Foundation (NSF) ADVANCE Partnerships for Adaptation, Implementation, and Dissemination (PAID) program.

Dr. Stewart was involved in a chemistry-mentoring group involving faculty from multiple colleges that was organized in conjunction with the overall project, and during the summit was among the six panelists featured during the event's second session, "Integrating Work into One's Life—Examining Aspects of Time and Stress Management for Senior Women Faculty."

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NEW TRUSTEES: Hope has made several new appointments to its Board of Trustees.

Newly chosen to serve four-year terms on the board are (left to right) Jeffrey S. Clark '94 of Grand Rapids, Mich.; Dan Gordon of Ada, Mich.; Dean L. Overman '65 of Washington, D.C.; Douglas C. Ruch '81 of Zeeland, Mich.; Beth A. Snyder '94 of Arlington, Va.; Dr. Joanne L. Stewart of Holland, Mich. (pictured with the "Science Leadership" story elsewhere on this page); and the Rev. Jill Ver Steeg of Johnston, Iowa.

The board has also re-elected Dr. Kenneth G. Elzinga of Charlottesville, Va., and Theodore S. Etheridge III '72 of West Olive, Mich., to four-year terms.

Trustees concluding service on the board are Gary D. DeWitt of Holland; Lynne Walchenbach '73 Hendricks of Holland; Peter H. Huizenga '60 of Oak Brook, Ill.; Dr. Fred L. Johnson III of Holland; Dr. Mark A. Suwyn '64 of Miamisburg, Ohio; and the Rev. Dr. Charles E. Van Engen '70 of Glendora, Calif.

Joel G. Bouwens '74 of Holland, is continuing to serve as chairperson, Brian W. Koop '71 of Holland is continuing as vice-chairperson. Dr. David W. Lowry '89 of Holland is continuing as secretary.

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RESEARCH LEADER: Hope continues to hold more grants for summer collaborative faculty-student research from the National Science Foundation (NSF) than any other undergraduate college in the country.

Hope holds five awards through the NSF's "Research Experiences for Undergraduates" program, in biology, chemistry, computer science, mathematics and physics. Among all institutions nationwide, including major research universities, fewer than a dozen hold more of the grants.

Through Hope's REU grants, undergraduate students from across the nation join Hope students to conduct research full-time with Hope faculty members for eight to 10 weeks during the summer, receiving stipends as well as support for housing, travel and other expenses. They work with dozens of students whose summer research at Hope is supported in other ways.

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HOMETOWN ACCLAIM: Hope's hometown of Holland, Mich., continues to win national recognition for its high quality of life.

Rankings announced in June by Portfolio.com/bizjournals placed Holland sixth nationally among 109 medium-size communities.

The rankings examined metropolitan areas with populations between 250,000 and 750,000. The communities were considered in 20 categories related to employment, cost of living, traffic, housing and education. The Holland area, with 260,891 residents, was first nationally in the percentage of people living in the same house for more than one year, in having the lowest poverty rate for families and in having the highest homeowner rate.

Earlier this year, a Gallup-Healthways survey had ranked the Holland-Grand Haven metro area second in the U.S., and number one east of the Mississippi, for overall well-being. Gallup-Healthways placed the area first nationally in whether or not residents feel safe walking alone at night and in providing access to a safe place to exercise.

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CHAMPIONSHIP VENUE:

Hope has been selected to host national championship tournaments in two sports by the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA).

Hope will host the 2012 and 2013 Division III volleyball and women's basketball finals at DeVos Fieldhouse.

Hope was host to the 2008 and 2009 women's basketball finals and last year hosted for the first time the Great Lakes regional volleyball tournament.

Hope fans have shown their excitement for Division III sports through their attendance. Last year, for the first time in NCAA history, Hope topped all Division III schools in home attendance in men's and women's basketball and volleyball.

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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. The collection of images from Move-In Day and Orientation 2009 provide not only a look back but a hint of things to come with their 2010 counterparts only a handful of days away.



More ONLINE www.hope.edu/pr/gallery



Transformation in Perpetuity

As a young Hope chemistry major, Dr. A. Paul Schaap '67 practically lived in the laboratory.

In fact, there were times when he wouldn't return home and would be found the next morning running experiments in Science Hall (now Lubbers Hall), unaware that he had worked through the night.

"Once I became involved in research, while I certainly continued to work at my classes, it became the main focus of my career at Hope College," he said. "It's one thing to learn about science in the classroom, or to learn it in the teaching laboratory, but it's another level of excitement to be involved in original experiments."

Little did he know that the passion he held for chemistry during his days at Hope was the beginning of a remarkable career that would impact many—and which would ultimately enable him to play a leadership role in assuring the same transformative learning experience for future generations of students.

Dr. Schaap cites his Hope research mentor, former faculty member Dr. Douglas Neckers '60, who is retired from Bowling Green State University, where he established the Center for Photochemical Science, as a particularly important influence as a teacher-researcher with an infectious enthusiasm for his work. He notes that the lessons he learned as they collaborated together to answer original questions in the laboratory—efforts that led to professional-level, peer-reviewed publications—proved to be an essential foundation as he headed to Harvard University for graduate school.

"It certainly was very useful, as I went on to graduate school, to have been deeply involved in collaborative research, and it really gave me a head start in my doctoral research," Dr. Schaap said.

After earning his Ph.D. in organic chemistry from Harvard University in 1970, Dr. Schaap taught chemistry at Wayne State University, where his research focused on dioxetanes, high-energy chemical compounds which can be triggered to generate chemiluminescence or light much as do fireflies in nature. Following a 30-year tenure at Wayne State, he retired to



Hope is a recognized leader nationally for involving students in collaborative research, experience that brings to life the lessons of the science classroom and adds many more. Junior Robert Sjöholm has been conducting research with chemist and dean Dr. Moses Lee since his freshman year. His career goal is to conduct research in the treatment of infectious diseases that affect predominantly developing countries, likely after obtaining an M.D./Ph.D. degree following Hope.

said. "I also saw the importance of research when I was a faculty member at Wayne State University and taught my own students, both undergraduate and graduate."

Hope is a recognized leader nationally for involving students in collaborative research, and the college's program in the natural and applied sciences is one of the country's largest, with more than 160 students participating this

become the full-time president of Lumigen Inc., the company that he had founded in 1987 to commercialize the dioxetanes, which are now distributed worldwide by major corporations because of their sensitivity, versatility and stability as chemiluminescent detection reagents in life-science research and medical diagnostics. Now retired from Lumigen as well, he is active in community service—including as a member of the college's Board of Trustees.

Dr. Schaap and his wife, Carol, who live in Grosse Pointe Park, Mich., have felt that it is important to give back to Hope to help assure that today's students have access to the same education that he enjoyed. In addition to a major gift recognized by the naming of the A. Paul Schaap Science Center in 2006, they have provided a \$2 million endowment and completed an \$8 million charitable remainder unitrust (a deferred gift which will provide a later benefit to Hope) to fund collaborative research.

"It's a reflection of how important participating in research at Hope was to me in my education and scientific career, and I really want that experience for other students," he

summer. It's an opportunity that draws students to Hope and which they fully appreciate.

"Along with the presence of a strong Christian community, Hope's focus on collaborative scientific research made me certain that this would be a place I could truly grow, both as a servant of God and in the development of the essential skills for my chosen career path," said junior Robert Sjöholm of Burnsville, Minn., who has been conducting research with chemist and dean Dr. Moses Lee since his freshman year. Sjöholm's career goal is to conduct research in the treatment of infectious diseases that affect predominantly developing countries, likely after obtaining an M.D./Ph.D. degree following Hope.

"Without a doubt, doing research is the prime environment for learning how to think and solve real problems," he said. "But perhaps even more importantly, research has taught me a relentless work ethic and passion—one that is able to easily overcome failure and transform exciting ideas fully into reality."

The Schaaps' gift is well-timed. Demand for research experiences is high and the benefits are clear and numerous, but financing the

program remains an ongoing challenge—and in some ways an increasingly difficult one. Much of the support for student researchers has traditionally come from external competitive grants, often federal, won by faculty, but such funding is always uncertain. The college is correspondingly placing a priority on building endowment to sustain in certainty a program that is a signature part of a Hope education.

And to expand it. In the latter half of the 20th century, the natural and applied sciences at Hope earned a reputation for excellence through the collaborative-research program, but the methodology is solidly applied in the arts, humanities and social sciences as well. It's no accident that Hope psychology students have won regional Psi Chi research awards for the past 11 years in a row, and national research honors in three of the past seven years.

The support and projects can take many forms. Linda and David '64 Wesselink, for example, established an endowed fund in support of collaborative learning through the Center for Faithful Leadership. The center is using the support for consulting projects for area organizations in need.

Senior accounting major Jacob Rollenhagen of Ada, Mich., received a stipend that enabled him to spend his summer with the center's ASI (Assessment, Solutions, Implementation) program, helping the independent food pantries of Allegan County develop a way to coordinate their efforts to serve a growing need—given the economic times, they had seen a 30 percent increase in demand for food.

"My work at ASI allowed me to grow both as a student and a person," said Rollenhagen, who plans to become a CPA after graduation. "There is no easy way to measure the exact number of people who will be fed because of the project, but I do know the process I developed will feed many and make a great impact. If even one more child is fed because of my work, it is worth it to me."

His work included studying a variety of food pantries and other communities' solutions, working with multiple organizations and individuals with a variety of needs and ideas, and then bringing the research and interactions together. "The skills I acquired in my position at ASI are not only great tools for success in business, but also in life," he said.

"My work at the Center for Faithful Leadership solved a real-life problem," Rollenhagen said. "At the same time, I grew a heart for giving to those who are less fortunate. I cannot thank Dr. Steve VanderVeen and Dr. Virgil Gulker [of the Center faculty] enough for granting me the opportunity to transform in this way during my years at Hope College." 🙌

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— Dr. A. Paul Schaap '67

Dr. A. Paul Schaap '67 and his wife Carol have provided major endowment support for collaborative student-faculty research at Hope because they know from Dr. Schaap's experience how significant the experience is. From his time at Hope Dr. Schaap went on to a career that included teaching chemistry for 30 years and founding Lumigen Inc. to commercialize the dioxetanes on which his research focused. The high-energy chemical compounds can be triggered to generate chemi-luminescence or light much as do fireflies in nature.





Learning Abroad Learning Within



The college's Senior Seminar June Term in Rwanda provided numerous opportunities for students to reflect on how their training and talents could be put to use in leading and serving a world in need.

As they traveled through the nation they were quickly befriended by the children that they met. They also confronted the sobering statistic that some 45 percent of Rwandan children under five live in poverty.

In September 2005, Paul Rusesabagina stepped to the podium in Dimnent Memorial Chapel and told his rapt audience about a society that had been beset by a waking nightmare.

Rusesabagina, the real-life hero of the acclaimed film *Hotel Rwanda*, was speaking in advance of that year's two-day Critical Issues Symposium, "Auschwitz to Darfur: Genocide in the Global Village." While Rwanda was in

"I wish that almost every student going through Hope would take this class. This class was pretty much at the core of what I see as Hope's vision and of what students can experience by going to Hope."

— Adam Nelson '11

the grips of genocide in 1994—an estimated 800,000 were massacred by extremists in just 100 days—Rusesabagina had sheltered more than 1,200 people at the luxury hotel he managed, working ceaselessly to save them from the militants that surrounded and threatened those within.

In June of this year, a group of 10 students and their two Hope faculty mentors stayed only a few blocks from that same hotel in the capital city of Kigali, in a Rwanda that 16 years after the tragic events of 1994 is widely regarded as one of Africa's success stories and which they found to be safe and peaceful. They were there to learn about the Rwanda that was and the Rwanda that is and, crucially, to consider their place in a complex world with deep needs, and to enhance their understanding of how they might help meet them.

There were no easy answers.

"It seemed like everything contradicted everything else," said Adam Nelson of Elmhurst, Ill.

While memorial sites and reflections from those with whom the Hope contingent spoke demonstrated the horrors and lasting impact of the genocide and deep ethnically

based resentments, the class also found hope expressed through Rwanda's "reconciliation villages"—in some cases former perpetrators and former victims literally live next door to one another. They learned about a bank with a Christian focus that provided resources for local entrepreneurship, but also saw pervasive poverty that such initiatives could not address. They visited a national park to observe mountain gorillas, an opportunity to understand how the nation is emphasizing eco-tourism and sustainable development—and realized that many Rwandans are too poor to afford a visit to their own national treasure.

"There's a lot of give-and-take," Nelson said. "It sparked a lot of good discussion with the other students and Annie and Joel [faculty leaders Dr. Annie Dandavati and Dr. Joel Toppen '91]."

The course reflects the college's ongoing commitment to, as Hope's mission statement notes, "educate students for lives of leadership and service in a global society." Hope offers programs on six of the seven continents (nothing in Antarctica—so far), including semester-long and full-year experiences as well as shorter-term courses

genocide; we could look at the economic perspective; we could look at issues related to reconciliation; and we could explore vocation—to see where the students' excitement and passion, not just to make a living, fits with what the needs of the world are," said Dr. Dandavati, who is a professor of political science and director of women's studies.

Dr. Toppen, an associate professor of political science who had previously made more than a dozen trips to Sub-Saharan Africa, likewise appreciated the way that the destination and theme provided an opportunity to engage issues, learning and life in a holistic way.

"From our perspective, this course represents what a Hope College education ought to be—engaged, relevant, combining the spiritual and cultural, and all of it coming together into one experience," Dr. Toppen said.

"When students are confronted with these realities that they see and learn about Rwanda, they're forced to think about their role in this global society and what their responsibilities are, particularly with reference to genocide and poverty," he said.

The professors provided the students with an advance reading list and met with each before the trip to talk about the learning ahead—and also how to approach it. "We went there with humility, with grace, as learners," Dr. Dandavati said.

The students and faculty met people who had been on both sides of the genocide. They spoke with leaders—such as a bank CEO, a bishop and a documentary filmmaker—about Rwanda's present and future. They sat down for a meal with university students. They visited orphanages—and were swarmed by enthusiastic children. They learned that Rwanda is a leader internationally in involving women in senior roles, with women comprising more than half of its parliament. They saw how local, national and even international organizations are all seeking to address the nation's endemic poverty (some 45 percent of the children under five are malnourished). They worshiped with Rwandans at local churches—and saw how the people's faith shaped their approach and commitment to reconciliation and change.

"It's inspiring to see and meet people who are rebuilding and moving forward, working hard and taking their responsibilities seriously," Dr. Toppen said.

Together, the faculty and students also confronted what they were experiencing and their response to it, not only through discussion across the duration of the course but also via a class blog in which they recorded and shared their thoughts.

"Being in Rwanda has opened my eyes to the face of injustice, the power of reconciliation and the true calling of Christians to loosen the chains of injustice," said Sarah Wenz of Barrington, Ill. "Rwanda is a beautiful country with a lot to say, and the world should listen."

"The trip to Rwanda was extremely engaging yet challenging and intense," said Brenda Cuellar of Fennville, Mich. "It has expanded my way of thinking and made me realize that I want to study development in a third world country. Rwanda has an intriguing and challenging past because of the genocide. Being able to see Rwanda in the condition it is in and the great programs of reconciliation, has motivated me to continue my studies in this area. Rwanda was a great experience."

Drs. Dandavati and Toppen were both pleased with the spirit with which the students approached the class and the impact that it had on them. "Many of them described it as a life-changing experience," Dr. Toppen said.

The two professors are hoping that they'll be able to offer the course again—eager to help a new group of students learn not only about the world but their place in it along the way.

They're not the only ones.

"I wish that almost every student going through Hope would take this class," Nelson said. "This class was pretty much at the core of what I see as Hope's vision and of what students can experience by going to Hope." 



Hope's June Term in Rwanda provided not only in-person encounters with the nation's political and social circumstances but reflection regarding the students' place in a complex world with deep needs and how they might help meet them.





Called to Coach

By Greg Chandler

Over the years, many Hope alumni have gone on to be coaches, primarily at the high school or junior high level but in the collegiate ranks as well. While highly competitive on the field, many of these coaches have taken the values they learned as students at Hope to build mentoring relationships with the athletes they coach.

In this month's *News from Hope College*, we feature the stories of just a few of the many alumni who have sensed the "call to coach."

John Conlon '97
Byron Center, Mich.

John Conlon recalls watching sporting events with his father as a young child, and

getting a glimpse of what it was like to be a coach.

"He would point out the strategy of the teams and the tactics of the coaches," said Conlon, a fifth-grade teacher in the Kentwood (Mich.) Public Schools and the highly successful head varsity boys' and girls soccer coach at East Kentwood High School for the past 10 years. "Likewise, he would point out the actions of the players and the reasons for their decisions."

Conlon was a part of outstanding Hope men's soccer teams during the mid-1990s, during which he earned Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association Most Valuable Player honors and Division III All-American recognition. He says the key to the success of those teams was the family atmosphere fostered by head coach Steven Smith and his staff.

"Soccer was simply a vehicle that we used to create friendships and relationships and it was used to teach life lessons," Conlon said. "As a result of our coaches and their leadership, we were taught that values and ethics were the foundation of a successful team."

Conlon credits Smith for encouraging his development as a coach, starting with working under him at Hope youth soccer camps while a student-athlete.

"He was always willing to sit and discuss with me tactics and the pedagogy behind his teachings," he said.



Jill Evers-Bowers '88

Conlon's East Kentwood teams have experienced a great deal of success under his leadership, winning 10 conference championships, nine district titles, three regional and two state championships. He takes most pride, however, in the relationships he has built with the student-athletes he coaches.

"To me the most important part of what I do as a coach is to help in the development of young men and women to become productive members of society," he said.

Conlon currently serves as president of the Michigan High School Soccer Coaches Association. Earlier this spring, he was honored by Hope's Alumni Association with its Young Alumni Award, given to honor the talents and contributions that young alumni have made to their professions, their communities and to the college.

Jill Evers-Bowers '88
Kent City, Mich.

Jill Evers-Bowers has a saying that she shares with the cross country and track athletes she coaches at Kent City (Mich.) High School: "It's what you love that defines you."

Evers-Bowers has coached at Kent City for the last 19 years – 17 as head coach of the boys and girls cross country program and the girls track program. She says she felt led by God to go into coaching, and credits a variety of mentors along the way, including former Hope

coaches Karla Hoesch '73 Wolters, Russ DeVette '45 and Gordon Brewer '48, for helping mold her into the coach that she is today.

Evers-Bowers, who competed in field hockey and track and field as a student-athlete at Hope, recalls the impact Wolters had on her.

"She did a wonderful job of making coaching more than just getting us in shape and prepared for the games," Evers-Bowers said. "She had little devotionals and special team bonding times. As a team, we wanted to perform well for her."

Evers-Bowers says that one of the values she gleaned from her experience of Hope was self-discipline, particularly when it came to off-season workouts.

"It would have been easy to 'skip out' on portions of those, but it wasn't an option for many of us if we wanted to do well," she said.

As a coach today, Evers-Bowers makes it a point to be involved in her team's workouts.

"I sometimes get to work out with them so that they know that the planned workouts are reasonable and designed for a specific purpose. The runners know that I am committed to them and the team," she said.

Evers-Bowers was named the 2006 Michigan high school girls track and field Coach of the Year by the Michigan High School Track Coaches Association after her Kent City team won the state Division 3 championship.

In addition to her coaching, Evers-Bowers still runs competitively today, taking part in five-kilometer and 10-kilometer races.

Dennis Griffin '81
Alma, Mich.

Dennis Griffin took a somewhat unusual path to becoming the most successful softball coach in the history of the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association.

When Griffin arrived on the Hope campus in 1977, he wanted to become an athletic trainer. While the college did not yet have a program to train students to become athletic trainers, he soon got the opportunity to work as a student assistant under Lawrence "Doc" Green, who served as Hope's athletic trainer and men's tennis coach from 1952 until his death in 1982.

Griffin credits Green and Gregg Afman, former men's soccer coach at Hope, for encouraging his development as an athletic trainer and coach.

"I'd look at these two individuals and how they did things as a model for what I do," said Griffin, who is now director for Alma College's athletic training education program and the head coach of the Scots' softball team.

Griffin earned his bachelor's degree in biology from Hope in 1981, and with Green's

encouragement, enrolled in graduate school at Western Michigan University, where he earned a master's in athletic training. He was hired by Alma in 1983 to direct the school's athletic training program.

Griffin was hired as an assistant softball coach in 1987 by Ray Allen, at the time Alma's head coach, who would later serve as head baseball coach and assistant football coach at Hope. Two years later, Allen left Alma, and Griffin debated whether to apply for the job.

While reluctant at first to apply, "as we went through the process to find the next person, I became more intrigued," Griffin said.

Griffin was hired for the position, and has gone on to an amazing run as Alma's head coach. This past spring, Alma won the MIAA softball championship, the 12th for the Scots under Griffin's direction, breaking the previous record of 11 by former Hope coach Karla Hoesch '73 Wolters.

"The wins are nice, but it's the relationships you build with your student-athletes," said Griffin, who was also Alma's athletic director from 1994 to 2003. "Those are the special things you get from being a coach."



John Conlon '97



Dennis Griffin '81





Greg Mitchell '89

**Greg Mitchell '89
Laingsburg, Mich.**

It didn't take long for Greg Mitchell to get his opportunity to coach after he graduated from Hope in 1989.

Less than four months after receiving his diploma, he was offered the varsity boys' basketball head coaching job at Laingsburg (Mich.) High School.

More than two decades later, Mitchell still roams the sideline for the Wolfpack, and has not lost any of his passion for the sport or the players he coaches.

"Coaching is an amazing profession. Every year is different. You get to impact kids and build relationships," said Mitchell, who has taught English and physical education during his 21 years in Laingsburg, a small rural community located near the state capital of Lansing.

Mitchell points to two mentors who were highly influential in his decision to go into coaching – his high school coach in Okemos, Mich., Stan Stolz, and his coach at Hope, Dr. Glenn Van Wieren '64. He says he'll never forget the values and life lessons learned from Dr. Van Wieren as a member of the Flying Dutchmen.

"Coach was so good at having the sport of basketball reflect life – the adversity of basketball being like the adversity of life," Mitchell said.

A rangy 6-foot-3 shooting guard, Mitchell still ranks as the most accurate three-point shooter in Hope men's basketball history, having made of 45 percent of his long-distance

shots during his career. As a coach, he has had many outstanding teams at Laingsburg, including four district championships and two regional titles.

But most of all, Mitchell values the relationships he's built with his players and the backing he gets in the Laingsburg community. "I have a lot of support and great kids," he said.

**Kim Spalsbury '77
Grand Ledge, Mich.**

Kim Spalsbury remembers his first visit to Hope College, during his senior year at Grand Ledge High School.

Spalsbury had decided that he wanted to go into teaching and coaching, inspired by his track and cross country coaches at Grand Ledge. So he paid a visit to Hope – by himself.

One of the first people he met on campus was Gordon Brewer '48, at the time the head track and field coach and athletic director.

"His extremely positive attitude and the school's remarkable reputation in teacher preparation and placement, convinced me to enroll at Hope," said Spalsbury, who has taught and coached for 33 years at DeWitt, Camden-Frontier, Fowler and Grand Ledge high schools, all in Michigan.

"Once enrolled, I was struck by the fact that other coaches and professors showed a genuine interest in me, as a total person. It was not uncommon for a coach from another sport or a professor to comment on our team's performances or my individual accomplishments as an athlete," Spalsbury added.

Spalsbury ran both cross country and track

and field at Hope, serving as captain for both teams his senior year. However, knee surgery in March of his senior year kept him off the track, but led to his first coaching assignment.

"Coach Brewer graciously asked me to serve as the assistant coach in charge of the distance runners," Spalsbury said.

Spalsbury went on to have great success as a high school cross country and track coach. At Fowler, his teams won nine state championships and finished second nine other times. At Grand Ledge, his men's cross country teams won 10 league titles in 13 years, while his men's track teams won the first two regional titles in school history.

Spalsbury says the best part of his experience has been the relationships he has developed with the runners he has coached. "They are my extended family, and just as I have tried to be there for them in times of need, they have been there for me when my family and I have faced the challenges that life delivers to all of us," he said.

**Lauren Stieper '06
Hamilton, Mich.**

Lauren Stieper says if you're thinking about getting into coaching, make sure you care about teaching more than just the sport you're coaching.

"You need to be able to teach kids that the qualities learned from hard work and dedication to something are much more important than the game outcome," said Stieper, a teacher and coach in the Hamilton (Mich.) Community Schools.



Lauren Stieper '06

In addition to teaching German at Hamilton High School and serving as department chair and junior class advisor, Stieper coaches the eighth grade girls' soccer team at Hamilton Middle School and the junior varsity boys' soccer team at the high school – one of the few women coaching a boys high school program in the state.

Stieper played on the Hope women's soccer team during her four years at the college, and credits her coach, Dr. Leigh Sears, for her development as a player and as a person.

"I love the open communication that Coach Sears had with me as a player, and the fact that even as a coach I could go back to her and ask for new drills, new theories on coaching, and so on," she said. "I can remember asking Coach Sears to meet with me two summers ago before I got the junior varsity boys position at Hamilton because I needed some good ideas, and it was extremely helpful. "I love that she was there for me as a player and student, but is still there as a friend and mentor five years later."

Stieper says she wants to embody the same characteristics as a teacher and coach that she experienced from her coaches while she was at Hope.

"I want my students to know that I care more about who they are as people than I do about their skill as a player," she said.

**Peter Stuursma '93,
East Grand Rapids, Mich.**

When Peter Stuursma enrolled at Hope in the late 1980s, he considered a career in business, possibly joining his father's office furniture company.

Then, one day, he had a conversation with Dean Kreps, his academic advisor and at the time an assistant football coach at Hope.

"He was the first to ask what I really enjoyed and what I wanted to do," said Stuursma, principal at East Grand Rapids (Mich.) Middle School and head varsity football coach at the high school. "I told him I wanted to work with kids and subsequently changed my major the next day."

Stuursma credits Kreps and Ray Smith, his head coach on the Hope football team, for their encouragement. It wasn't without some bumps along the road. He recalled receiving a phone call in his dorm room after receiving midterm grades during the second semester of his freshman year and being told to meet with the two "as soon as possible."

"I will never forget the re-focusing discussion we had on why I was at Hope College," Stuursma said. "Ray Smith and Dean Kreps set the example of integrity, confidence, and knowledge of the game for which I am forever grateful."

Stuursma has gone on to become one of the most successful high school football coaches in Michigan, as his East Grand Rapids teams have won six state championships, including four consecutive Division 3 titles from 2006 to last year. However, he is careful not to take too much credit for his team's success.

"Coaching is done through a 'village' of people – with the players being the most significant piece of the puzzle. The coaches, trainers, managers, teachers and parent groups collectively provide the other essential pieces to a successful team," he said.



In conjunction with Homecoming this fall, the alumni H-Club will be celebrating all of the college's alumni who have become coaches. The recognition will take place during the group's annual luncheon on Saturday, Oct. 23, during which the H-Club will also be presenting "Hope for Humanity" awards to recently retired Hope coaches and faculty members Dr. Glenn Van Wieren '64 and Karla Hoesch '73 Wolters. More information is available online.

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Kim Spalsbury '77



Peter Stuursma '93





Coaching beyond the Scoreboard



By Greg Chandler

New head coaches Matt Neil '82 (men's basketball) and Mary Vande Hoef (softball) are both following a call to coach informed by their own mentors that emphasizes the holistic growth of their players.

From the time they were young, Matt Neil '82 and Mary Vande Hoef sensed a call to become coaches.

Growing up in the small town of Hastings, Mich., Neil organized practices and drew up the plays for his sixth-grade YMCA basketball team, which he nicknamed “Matt Neil’s Bruins,” a nod to the great UCLA basketball teams of the 1970s.

Meanwhile, in Orange City, Iowa, Vande Hoef dreamed since the third grade of becoming the first female head coach in the National Football League. While still in high school, she was already coaching a softball team at the local junior high school.

Their separate journeys brought them to Hope, where they are now the newest head coaches in the college’s athletic department.

Neil is now the head coach of the men’s basketball program, after having been an assistant coach for 26 years to his mentor, Dr. Glenn Van Wieren '64, who announced his retirement in April. Vande Hoef takes over as head coach for the Flying Dutch softball team, replacing Karla Hoesch '73 Wolters, who also retired.

“I believe in this place. I believe in the mission. I believe that everybody that enters this institution will have a chance to grow in ways they haven’t even conceived,” said Neil, who enrolled at Hope in 1978, earning his bachelor’s degree in mathematics.

Vande Hoef comes to Hope after spending five years as an assistant coach – first at Ithaca (N.Y.) College, where she earned her master’s

degree in sport psychology, and more recently at her alma mater, Central College in Pella, Iowa, like Hope an institution affiliated with the Reformed Church in America.

“The college years are such a critical time,” Vande Hoef said of the college experience. “You’re shaping what you’re going to be about. The exciting part for me is getting to build relationships with the players.”

Both new coaches say they owe a great deal of gratitude for their opportunities to their mentors – for Neil, it was Dr. Van Wieren. For Vande Hoef, it was her coach at Central, George Wares.

Neil said Dr. Van Wieren was a model for him, not only in terms of being a coach, but also in modeling how to be a man of faith. He also said Dr. Van Wieren was open about accepting feedback from his players.

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– Matt Neil '82

“His influence is one that is valuable for any coach – to sit with players, and ask, ‘how do you feel about things,’” said Neil, who began his coaching experience with the Holland (Mich.) Public Schools and also coached Hope’s junior varsity team.

Vande Hoef not only played for four years under Wares at Central, but worked with him as an assistant coach.

“He challenged me with questions that I didn’t know the answers to, and helped me work through things that didn’t have anything to do with softball,” Vande Hoef said.

Vande Hoef, who earned her bachelor’s degree in economics at Central, was a department manager at Pella Windows for five months after graduation and a personal trainer for two years before deciding she wanted to coach softball at the collegiate level. She came to that realization while working a summer camp at Central.

“When I worked this camp, I thought to myself, ‘This is where I feel I’m at my best,’” Vande Hoef said.

In addition to his coaching responsibilities, Neil will teach in the department of kinesiology, where he’ll hold the rank of assistant professor. Vande Hoef will serve as director of Hope’s intramural program and assistant director of the Dow Center.

“My hope and prayer is that I’m able to build trust, complete trust with the people in our program, that they feel incredibly comfortable talking with me about a situation they might bring up,” Neil said. 🏀



Heightened Living



As one era ends, a new one begins.

A Hope tradition for at least 30 years (there seems to have been no formal announcement of when the practice began...), homemade lofts are now a thing of the past.

Lofts—which raise students’ beds to make living space beneath—have been an option in select campus residence halls for decades. In addition to creating space, the homemade structures often provided an opportunity for personal expression in design and décor.

For many, construction also often provided a... unique... opportunity for bonding during the busy first hours on campus, along with a trip or two to area hardware stores.

As part of its long-term housing plan, the college has been phasing out

the homemade variety for a number of years, with Durfee, Gilmore and Phelps the last halls to host them. The function, however, endures, albeit in a new form. Next year, Durfee, Gilmore and Phelps will all join halls such as Kollen in featuring college-provided beds that are designed to be “loftable” on their own. The result is a bit less personalized, but also, perhaps, easier on families and new students during Move-In Day.

“They can still have a loft, but we’re going to provide the parts,” said Dr. John Jobson ’95, who is associate dean of students and director of residential life and housing. “That will make move-in and negotiating the transition to college easier for students, and during the first couple of days roommates will get to focus on building their relationship rather than building a loft.”

The photos above show state-of-the-art Hope lofts of an earlier decade and in Kollen Hall this past year. At right are moments of construction from Move-In Day in August 2006 and August 2009.



Mentors Shaping Lives

Statewide recognition earlier this summer reinforced what thousands already know from direct experience: CASA makes a difference.

The Children's After School Achievement (CASA) program, a Hope College outreach program for more than 20 years, provides academic and cultural enrichment for at-risk first- through fifth-grade students. The program, which runs year-round, is intended to improve the students' academic performance by providing the tools they need to succeed in school.

CASA was named Michigan's "Outstanding Mentoring Program" in the 2010 Governor's Service Award program during a ceremony at the Gem Theatre in Detroit, Mich., on Thursday, June 24. Coordinated by the Michigan Community Service Commission, the

Governor's Service Awards are given annually to individuals, businesses, and organizations to acknowledge their commitment to serving their communities through volunteerism.

"Michigan's volunteers give of their time and talent without thought of praise or recognition," said Governor Jennifer Granholm, who presented the award. "Volunteers are making a real difference in their communities. Recognizing them for their efforts is a simple way of thanking them for their commitment to service and honoring their accomplishments across the state."

The "Outstanding Mentoring Program Award" honors an extraordinary mentoring program or organization that provides high-quality mentoring with significant results for children in Michigan.



Hope students play a central role in the award-winning Children's After School Achievement (CASA) program, which has received a 2010 Governor's Service Award as Michigan's "Outstanding Mentoring Program." Each year more than 175 serve as volunteer tutor-mentors, paired one-on-one with a Holland-area child to help with homework, practice reading, build relationships through games and other activities, and just generally serve as a positive role model through the all-important gifts of time and attention.

"This award means the world to us," said Fonda Green, executive director of CASA. "Thousands of hours go into making CASA outstanding--time from our staff, our volunteers, our young students, our donors, and the college. We are thrilled to share this recognition with all those who love CASA and work so hard to open the doors of education for our children--what a lifetime gift."

Hope students play a key role in CASA. Each school year more than 175 serve as volunteer tutor-mentors in the program, paired one-on-one with a child from the Holland or West Ottawa school systems from September through April to help with homework, practice reading, build relationships through games and other activities, and just generally serve as a

positive role model through the all-important gifts of time and attention.

Lindsay Ter Haar '10 of Holland, Mich., signed on as a tutor during her sophomore year. She became so committed to the program that she also worked with CASA as a classroom assistant during its full-time summer sessions in 2008 and this year (she was abroad in 2009).

"It's a great way to share a passion for learning that the children maybe wouldn't get any other way," she said.

"I think it's a really great way to give back—and it's so easy to do," Ter Haar said. "You just basically have to be yourself, and the kids look up to you."

Ter Haar worked with the same child throughout her time in the school-year program, noting that she appreciated seeing the shy girl that she first met blossom into confidence in addition to gaining academically.

Brian Davis, superintendent of the Holland Public Schools, singled out the mentoring relationships with Hope students and the program's campus location for particular praise, especially for children who might not have older siblings at home, or who might not otherwise have had a chance to experience a college or university.

"Being able to foster that kind of a relationship on a college campus has a very powerful impact on students," said Davis, who

nominated CASA for the award. "It exposes children to higher education in a very positive way, and it provides great role models and great academic support as a result of that."

CASA was established in 1987 by Marge Rivera Bermann and Latin Americans United for Progress (LAUP) and originally housed at First United Methodist Church. CASA moved to Hope in 1989.

During the school year, the students meet after school twice per week in one-on-one sessions with volunteer tutors, most of whom are Hope students like Ter Haar. During the six-week summer session, CASA runs five classes, each led by a certified teacher and assistant, four mornings a week. A total of 150 elementary-age students participated in CASA during 2009-10.

Dr. Jane Dickie, professor of psychology, has valued CASA's impact not only on the children but on the Hope students who work with them. She has observed the difference in particular among the 20 to 30 students who participate each semester for a field placement in conjunction with the college's developmental psychology course.

"It has a clear effect on the young people being mentored, but what may be less obvious is the enormous impact on the college students who are the mentors," she said. "I have seen first-hand the transition from uncertainty

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— Brian Davis, superintendent, Holland Public Schools

about how to work with children to clear sensitive and developmentally appropriate ways to help all children."

"I see this placement as an effort to prevent future behavioral and emotional problems, not only in the at-risk children but especially in the future children of our students," Dr. Dickie said. "The long-term effect on hundreds of our Hope College students and their children is astounding. It is not just working with children that creates this effect, but teaching the students how to work with children which CASA does especially well."

A total of 40 finalists were named in eight categories in the Governor's Service Award program, selected from more than 130 individuals, businesses, and non-profit organizations from across the state nominated for their commitment to volunteer service.

In addition to the "Outstanding Mentoring Program Award," the categories in the Governor's Service Award program are the "Governor George Romney Lifetime Achievement Award," the "Corporate Community Leader Award," the "Mentor of the Year" award, the "Outstanding Volunteer Program Award," the "Senior Volunteer of the Year Award," the "Volunteer of the Year" award and the "Youth Volunteer of the Year" award.

The other four finalists in the "Outstanding Mentoring Program Award" category were the Art of Leadership Foundation of Detroit; the Explore Mentor PLUS Program of Alma, Mich.; The Henry Ford Youth Mentorship Program of Dearborn, Mich.; and Lunch Buddies-Central Michigan University Volunteer Center of Mount Pleasant, Mich.

[NOTE: CASA will be having its first-ever CASA Tutor Reunion during the Homecoming Tailgate Picnic at Hope on Saturday, Oct. 23, at noon at Smalenburg Park near Holland Municipal Stadium. For more information, please contact Fonda Green at CASA 616-395-7944, fgreen@hope.edu.]



While CASA emphasizes helping its young charges grow academically, the program also makes priorities of socialization and fun. Each year for Halloween, the college's chapter of Mortar Board has been providing pumpkins for the children to carve and take home.

The Children's After School Achievement (CASA) program at Hope has received a 2010 Governor's Service Award as Michigan's "Outstanding Mentoring Program."





From First Impressions to Lasting Lessons

Hope students reflecting on their college choice often say it: one visit to campus is all it took.

It can be that way for prospective faculty as well. As a young candidate for an athletic training position back in 1982, Richard Ray knew immediately.



Dr. Richard Ray, Hope's new provost, enjoys Hope's campus on a picture-perfect day earlier this summer. Dr. Ray knew during his first visit to campus 28 years ago as a young faculty candidate that Hope embodied exactly what he felt higher education should be: faculty and administrative colleagues cared about each other and supported one another's work, and students were engaged by their learning and not merely putting in time.

"I remember just like it was yesterday walking out of the Dow Center on a bright sunny afternoon in May thinking, 'I've got to get this job,'" he said.

He had found a place that embodied exactly what he felt higher education should be. Faculty and administrative colleagues cared about each other and supported one another's work, and students were engaged by their learning and not merely putting in time.

It's what drew him to Hope, it's what's kept him enthused about the college across the 28 years since, and it's what has him excited by the opportunity to serve as the college's chief academic officer.

"I've appreciated the relationships with the people with whom I work, I've appreciated the intellectual engagement of students, and I've appreciated the sense that I'm working in partnership with the college and my colleagues for the benefit of the students," said Dr. Ray, who became provost earlier this summer, appointed by the Board of Trustees following a nationwide search for a successor to Dr. James Boelkins '66. "It makes working at Hope a wonderful thing, and I just can't wait to get to work and get started every day."

He sees in Hope the three attributes that author Rosabeth Moss Kanter of Harvard University's Business School has called cornerstones of organizational success in her book *Confidence: How Winning Streaks and Losing Streaks Begin and End*: accountability, with members of the community sharing information and working to high standards; collaboration, with members of the community respecting one another and enthused about working together; and initiative, with members of the community contributing because they feel that doing so makes a difference.



Dr. Richard Ray's vision for the coming years is grounded in the college's mission statement and how best to help his faculty colleagues work with each other and with the rest of the college community to realize it.

Dr. Ray has valued the way that those attributes have supported his own ability to contribute to Hope and fostered his scholarly and professional development. He has written numerous scholarly articles and three books on athletic training and sports medicine. While serving as the college's head athletic trainer for several years, he was given the freedom to develop Hope's program in athletic training into a major—one of the first at undergraduate institutions in Michigan to earn national accreditation. He was encouraged by his institutional mentors to become involved with his discipline at the state, regional and national level—for which he has earned multiple awards for service, including election to the Hall of Fame of the National Athletic Trainers' Association. He is a past chair of the department of kinesiology, led the college's successful 2004 effort to seek institutional reaccreditation, and from 2008 until his appointment as provost served as dean for the social sciences.

It's experience that has helped prepare him to see the institution in a big-picture way, a perspective that he enjoys and which is of course essential in his new position, but it has also taught him some lasting lessons that inform the way that he sees individuals.

"Anything I've been able to accomplish at

Hope has been because others have both encouraged me and made it possible for me to accomplish it, and in no case did I accomplish it myself," Dr. Ray said.

"It was people like Nancy Miller [former dean] and people like Jack Nyenhuis and Jim Boelkins who preceded me as provost—and frankly Jim Bultman, who when he was dean encouraged me to go back for my doctorate—who saw more in me than I saw in myself and allowed me to spread my wings a bit," he said.

"That's been a leadership lesson for me," he said. "I've tried and am still trying to be sure that I see all the potential in all the people around me so that I don't pigeonhole them." Dr. Ray's vision for the coming years is grounded in the college's mission statement and how best to help his faculty colleagues work with each other and with the rest of the

college community to realize it.

"We need to assure that our commitment to academic excellence is not only maintained but advanced, that our commitment to being a vibrantly Christian academic community continues to have a very strong presence on campus, and that our students are prepared for lives of leadership and service in a global society," he said.

He feels that students are particularly well served by the college's model of teaching through involvement in collaborative research with members of the faculty.

"I think that the true value of such scholarship at a place like Hope is what the students take away from it. It's the critical-thinking skills and the lateral-thinking skills, the problem solving and the ability to work in teamed environments," he said. "These are

the skills that develop as the result of research with faculty members, and are why research at Hope is a form of teaching for our students and not just an end for itself."

Preparing students for the larger world in which they will live, serve and lead after graduation, he notes, includes encounters with diversity and presenting a model for such encounters.

"I am fully committed to helping foster an environment on our campus in which students and faculty are all welcomed and affirmed irrespective of the ways in which they might be different from the majority," he said.

"Even if they've grown up someplace relatively homogeneous, as our students graduate they are going to be making their lives in a world that is increasingly diverse, and their ability to achieve in the ways that they want will be highly dependent on the degree to which they can navigate successfully a multicultural society," he said. "We have a very big obligation to prepare students for that, both on campus and beyond."

Diversity takes many forms. Dr. Ray has appreciated it in his own faith journey, finding as a life-long Roman Catholic that he has been more than welcome at Hope, whose roots are in the Reformed tradition.

"To have been in this community with colleagues drawn from the whole patchwork quilt of the Christian tradition has been such an enriching thing for me," he said.

"It's helped develop who I am as a Christian, and the degree to which we not only tolerate but accept each other is a remarkable statement of affirmation," he said. "In my time at Hope we've always had a 'big tent' approach to the Christian traditions, and I feel lucky to be able to be a member of this community of faith."

"I very much hope that we continue that approach in the future," Dr. Ray said. "I think it's good for our students, and I know that it's been good for me."

Hope recently invited an external team to come in and review the General Education curriculum, a report that the college will in turn use to refine the program for the better in the coming years. Dr. Ray is looking forward to the process, excited by the prospect of engaging with treasured colleagues in seeing Hope College advanced as a confident organization, and serving—as he knew in 1982—exactly where he wants to be.

"There are a lot of places I wouldn't want to be the provost," he said. "But because I believe so much in the mission of Hope, and because Hope is poised as a confident institution, well, it's just fun to be in a position like this." 🐦

"I've appreciated the relationships with the people with whom I work, I've appreciated the intellectual engagement of students, and I've appreciated the sense that I'm working in partnership with the college and my colleagues for the benefit of the students."

— Dr. Richard Ray, Provost



Finding Hope in China



They met for the first time on campus in May, but Dan Tian '08 and Ziyue Liu '12 of China are nearly family friends. It was a book by Dan's mother concerning her college search that ultimately led Ziyue to Hope when her mother read the volume and realized that Hope matched Ziyue's interests as well.

When it comes to the college search, it is important to consider the insight of mothers.

As a soon-to-graduate high school student in Chongqing, China, Ziyue Liu '12 knew that she wanted a different kind of college experience, something other than the large, comprehensive university that she could anticipate attending if she remained in China.

"I started to be really interested in liberal arts colleges," Liu said. "I really liked the small-school atmosphere."

Hope helpfully connected Ziyue Liu with a current student from China who could share some perspective. They started talking, and both discovered just how small the world can be.

She decided to study in the U.S., but there was one problem: where to begin?

"Very few people know about liberal arts colleges in China," she said.

Liu had spent time in the U.S. as a high school exchange student and was comfortable doing some research online, but the long-distance process—and the fact that the

nation is home to hundreds of colleges—wasn't leading to a clear choice. Her mother appreciated her dilemma and wanted to help, but doesn't speak English and wasn't able to aid in her search.

Except... Liu's mother found a book in Chinese by another mother whose daughter had studied in the U.S. and had herself chosen to do her undergraduate work at a liberal arts college. The 2007 book, whose title can be translated as *Introduction to American High School*, spoke highly of the daughter's experience at Hope College and her involvement in the accounting program—the same major in which Liu was interested.

It was enough to prompt Liu to contact the college, and Hope helpfully connected her with a current student from China who could share some perspective. They started talking, and both discovered just how small the world can be.

"I told her how I found out about Hope and how I read the book, and she said, 'My mom wrote the book,'" Liu said. The surprise was understandable—Tian's mother had used a different name in the book.

Tian's journey to Hope had begun from a bit nearer than Liu's. She graduated from Walter Payton College Preparatory High School in Chicago, Ill., where her father was part of China's diplomatic staff. She had correspondingly been able to visit a number of the schools that she considered, and as so often happens it was when she set foot on the Hope campus that she knew.

"I really liked the people and the professors

that I met in that college visit," she said.

Tian participated in the Phelps Scholars Program and Hope's Asian Perspective Association (HAPA) and the International Relations Club (IRC). She has recently completed a master's in accounting at Notre Dame University and has gone on to work with a Big-Four accounting firm in Silicon Valley.

Like Tian, Liu is pleased with her Hope choice. She, too, has been involved in multiple campus activities, including the Phelps Scholars Program, HAPA and the IRC. She was a resident assistant with the Phelps Scholars Program this past year, and will be an RA in Columbia Apartments next year. She participated in the Japan May Term earlier this summer, and in the fall will be in the Baker Scholars and continuing an internship with the Holland Area Chamber of Commerce.

"I feel like this was my best decision ever," Liu said.

Although Tian helped bring Liu to Hope, she wasn't able to greet her when she arrived as an incoming freshman—she graduated the previous spring. The two women stayed in touch online, however, and were able to work out their first in-person meeting on campus this spring as the college's Finals Week drew to a close.

Appropriately, the conversation turned to their mothers. Liu noted that she had made a point of telling hers that she was finally meeting the person who had inspired her own Hope journey.

"My mom is so excited," she said. "She said, 'I want to thank Dan's mom.'" 🙌



Engaging Hope

Bob Bieri '83, newly elected president of the Hope College Alumni Association, notes that his time as a student was more than enough reason for him to stay involved in the life of the college after graduation.

His daughters' experiences with Hope in more recent years have only served to reinforce that commitment.

He felt well-prepared with his business administration major and minor in engineering, but more than that he valued the personal touch and the sense of community that reflected that people *mattered*. Consequently, when he accompanied his eldest daughter, Amanda, during her college search—visiting a dozen schools—he found himself considering not only academics, but environment as well.

“You really get to start comparing and you really start asking questions about values, community and culture that you want your kids to be involved in,” Bieri said. “You see all those things when you visit other schools—or the lack of them is apparent as you visit other places.”

“If anything, the fabric of the culture and the community is much tighter and much more rich than when I was here, and I see it through my kids. To me, even more so than when I was here, it seems like professors reach out to kids more, there are more and deeper relationships.”

**– Bob Bieri '83,
Alumni Association president**

In the end, Amanda chose Hope, as did her younger sister, Melissa; they'll begin their senior and sophomore years respectively this fall. As he's enjoyed seeing them growing through their own time at the college, he's appreciated that the qualities that made a difference to him three decades ago remain an important part of the fabric of Hope—and thrive even more strongly.



“It's been fun to live it through our kids' eyes, their experience and their friends,” he said.

“If anything, the fabric of the culture and the community is much tighter and much more rich than when I was here, and I see it through my kids,” Bieri said. “To me, even more so than when I was here, it seems like professors reach out to kids more, there are more and deeper relationships.”

Bieri's journey through Hope included participation in the Arcadian Fraternity, Student Congress, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and intramural sports. Hope also provided a crucial personal milestone—it's where he met his wife, Jennifer Van Duyne '84 Bieri (in addition to Amanda and Melissa, the couple has two other children, Lindsey and Micah, at home).

After graduation he went on to complete a BSE in engineering at the University of Michigan (Hope did not yet have its engineering major). He has spent the majority of his career since in the automotive-supply industry. He is currently general manager of operation with Lacks Trim Systems in Kentwood, Mich. Through the years he has also served as president and chief operating officer of Prince Manufacturing, director of interior operations with Johnson Controls, and vice president of inside mirrors and electrochromatics with MagnaDonnelly.

Bieri has been a member of the Alumni Board since 2005, and was the board's vice president for the past two years. He's appreciated the added perspective that

serving on the board has provided on Hope, a broadened understanding of the breadth and depth of commitment that has built and sustained the college.

“Even though I live three miles from campus, the place is so much richer as you get that window into Hope,” he said.

“You realize that it's a commitment from so many people to make this culture and community what it is. It's volunteers, many of whom didn't go to Hope but are committed to students and their education. It's professors. It's members of the administration,” Bieri said. “It's the result of so many people being committed to it for a long period of time that makes that weave even tighter.”

Not every one of Hope's 29,000-plus alumni can serve on the Alumni Board, and not every one will become a Hope parent, but Bieri hopes that he and the board can help enable others to see the difference that Hope is continuing to make in young lives—and to inspire them to see how they, too, might share the Hope story and become engaged in assuring that the tradition continues for future generations.

“We hope to reconnect with people's hearts about the Hope experience and get them involved,” he said.

“Hope is a gem,” Bieri said. “Especially when people are looking for small, liberal arts, they're looking for a community, and they're interested in a nurturing environment, you point them to Hope.”

“Alumni can be a big piece of that,” he said. ✍️



The Results Are In!



The response rate itself was exceptional—chalk one up for Hope alumni.

Fully one out of eight of the college's alumni completed the "Alumni Attitude Survey" distributed via e-mail during the first quarter of the year, more than 25 percent of those given the chance to do so (everyone for whom the college has a current e-mail address). While 25 percent may not seem like much of a cause for celebration, in the world of survey sampling it's outstanding. Hope's survey was developed and managed in cooperation with a consultant that has done similar work for approximately 140 college and university clients nationwide and has found 15-20 percent much more typical.

"It's one of the highest response rates out of all the schools that have participated in this survey," said Scott Travis '06, director of alumni and parent relations at Hope.

The Alumni Association, which commissioned the survey, opted for e-mail distribution both to save on printing and

postage costs and, mindful of the environment, to eliminate sacrificing thousands of pieces of paper to get the survey into alumni hands literally. While Hope doesn't have e-mail addresses for everyone (and thus for some reading this story the fact that there even was a survey may come as a surprise) experience elsewhere has shown that the results from the subset of alumni populations surveyed online match the results when the net is cast more broadly using expensive phone and mail campaigns.

For Hope, the results were encouraging. Representing the continuum of the Hope alumni family, from the World War II era to the past decade, the vast majority of those responding were pleased, looking back, with their college choice.

"Ninety-five percent of alumni rated their decision to attend Hope as good or great, with 65 percent saying great," Travis said. "That response was similar for their experience as

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Director of Alumni and Parent Relations

Hope students studying in the Pine Grove. According to the alumni survey, the student experience is remembered and highly valued by Hope alumni of all ages.

a student, this time 60 percent great and 35 percent good."

"All of those measures are higher than the all-school benchmark or average," he said.

Those positive general feelings were backed up by alums' perceptions of the college's impact in more specific ways.

"Alumni felt overall very well prepared for life after Hope, with the strongest elements of that being further graduate education and a commitment to continuous learning and personal development," Travis said. "The most important aspects of their Hope experience were their academics and classes, and their relationships with faculty and with each other

as students. On those three measures, Hope was rated very high on performance as well."

Hope also earned high marks for communication, with every category—from this very publication to the website to reunion mailings—outperforming the average for effectiveness among all the schools surveyed. *News from Hope College* ranked first on the list of the college's communication methods (between "Very Important" and "Critically Important") as an information source, followed by e-mail and the website.

While such results are affirming, the Alumni Association's goal in sponsoring the survey—the first comprehensive alumni survey in 20 years—was to determine how to better serve the Hope constituency.

"A very practical thing that this survey does is allow us to prioritize—what services to provide, and what opportunities to provide alumni," Travis said.

For example, alumni of all eras indicated that they would like to see the college doing more to help provide job-finding support, even years after graduation; and to give alumni more ways to serve as ambassadors on Hope's behalf. In terms of the current student experience, alumni indicated that they would like to see greater exposure to diversity, and even more emphasis on skills and training for career.

The association's response to the input is ongoing. In the case of career assistance, the Alumni Association will seek to find ways to expand its current collaboration with the Office of Career Services—an effort that has already included listing career resources and alumni-listed job postings online (at www.hope.edu/alumni/career).

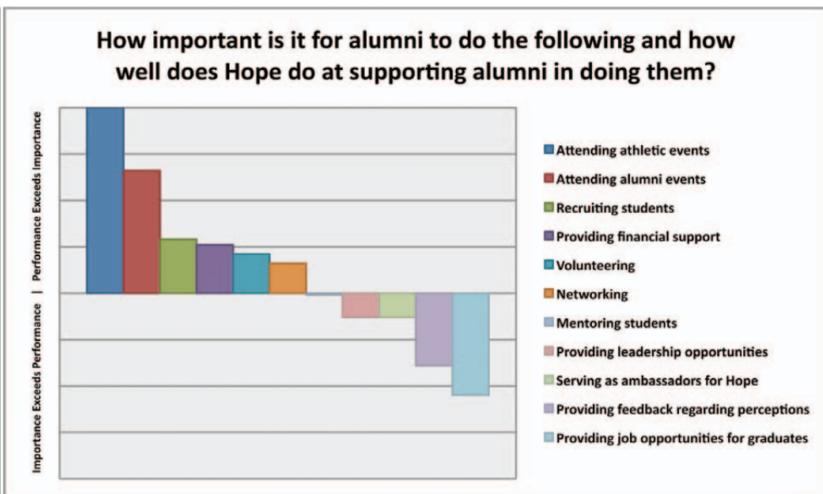
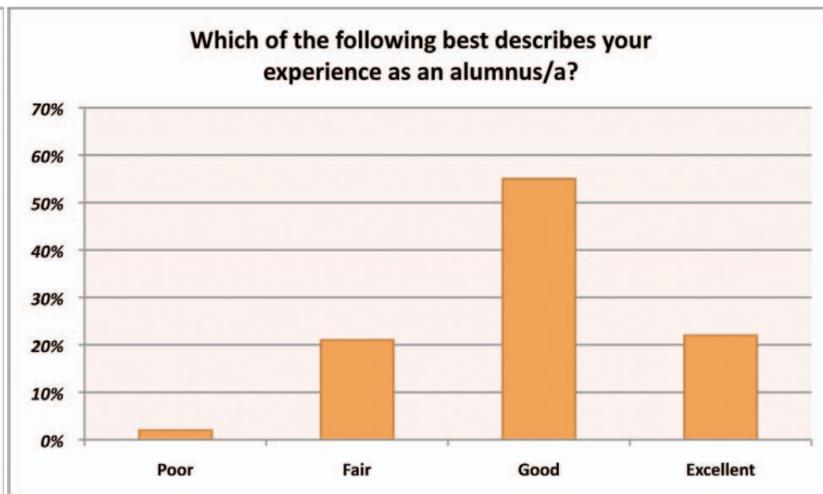
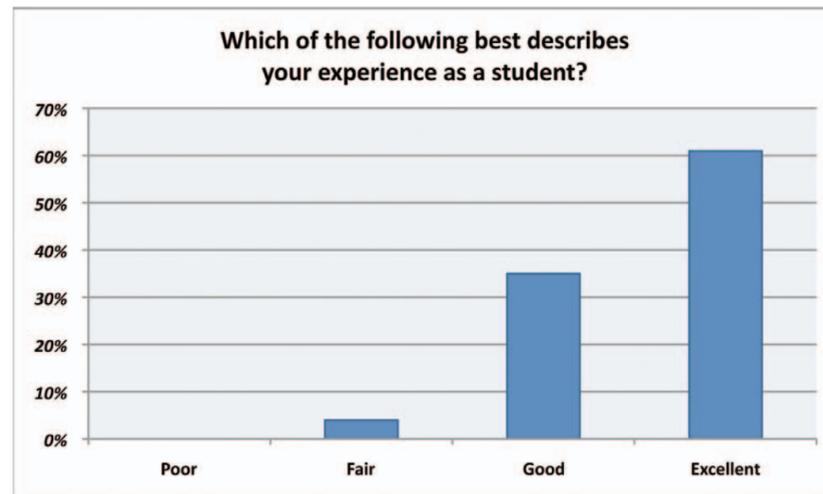
"Those have existed," Travis said. "What the survey shows us is how important they are and that we need to promote them more."

Similarly, the desire of alumni to serve as ambassadors reflects in part the disparity between their overwhelmingly positive experience and the revelation that, for example, fewer than 50 percent promote Hope to others more than "occasionally."

As in responding to the desire for career support, the Alumni Office is hoping to identify new ways for alumni to serve while also connecting them with existing opportunities, like the alumni calling program already operated in cooperation with the Office of Admissions. To further celebrate and build awareness of volunteer involvement, the 2009-10 Annual Report published in the fall will include a new section that will recognize Hope volunteers.

Even while suggesting overall themes, the survey provided indications of how the Hope experience has varied across time. For example, while more than half of all respondents said that the college's faith dimension was important in their decision to attend and stay at Hope, spiritual life was most important on average for the World War II-era and post-9/11 alumni, and less so for the decades in between.

"Something that I've learned from interacting with Hope's alumni, and it's also obvious from the survey data, is that the Hope experience and the alumni experience is very different depending on when you went to Hope," Travis said. "What that means for the Alumni Association is that we have to stay true to the Hope experience over time and stay relevant in the lives of alumni across generations."



Andy Frushour '99 attends the 2009 Homecoming Tailgate with his wife Emily and two daughters, Abigail and Katherine. Events like this continue to connect alumni, while current trends and alumni needs call for increased online and career networking services.





Scott Travis '06
Director of Alumni and Parent Relations

Each summer, I read a book by David McCullough, one of my favorite authors. Working on this column has reminded me of a McCullough book I first read a few years ago.

In *John Adams*, the author includes excerpts from letters written by Abigail Adams to her husband. One written in 1774 includes the piece of Abigail's wisdom that entered my mind as I thought about this column, written to accompany the alumni survey article on page 22. In her letter she wrote that, "we have too many high sounding words, and too few actions that correspond with them."

While there have been many high sounding words in articles, presentations and conversations since the largest Hope alumni survey in two decades was completed, I would like to take this opportunity to communicate a few of the many actions taking place because of the valuable feedback Hope has received.

- The Career Center at www.hope.edu/alumni/career will be improved and promoted.
- At Commencement, all graduating seniors now receive information on the benefits and services of the Alumni Association.
- We have improved our international alumni database and will be working to make more connections between alumni abroad and Hope students and faculty.
- Beginning with students and continuing with recent graduates, we will explore new ways to serve and engage Hope's young alumni.
- Homecoming (October 22-24) will include more student-alumni interaction.
- The Alumni Association is partnering with Admissions to develop improved ways to involve alumni as ambassadors for Hope.
- Alumni priorities and interests identified in the survey will help to shape future articles in this publication and fundraising solicitations.

In addition to the survey, there are other ways we collect alumni feedback, all of which are valuable as the college furthers its mission. Letters, phone calls, event surveys and Alumni Board meetings continually direct the Alumni Association. This cycle of alumni involvement does keep us busy. This, according to Abigail Adams, is just fine as she also wrote, "that a calm is not desirable in any situation in life. Man was made for action and for bustle too, I believe."

Window to Hope's History



It's Move-In Day 1972-73, and families and students are stirring the campus from the (relative) slumber of summer with the electricity of arrival and possibility as the new school year beckons. Pictured is the sidewalk leading into Phelps Hall; Gilmore Hall is visible in the background; 10th Street is lined with cars. Except for changes in fashion and automotive vintage, the scene remains much the same today.

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News and information for class notes, marriages, advanced degrees and deaths are compiled for *News from Hope College* by Julie Rawlings '83 Huisingsh. In addition to featuring information provided directly by alumni, this section includes news compiled from a variety of public sources and shared here to enhance its service as a way of keeping the members of the Hope family up to date about each other.

News should be mailed to: Alumni News; Hope College Public Relations; 141 E. 12th St.; PO Box 9000; Holland, MI 49422-9000. Internet users may send to alumni@hope.edu or submit information via myHope.com at www.hope.edu/alumni.

All submissions received by the Public Relations Office by Tuesday, July 6, 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. 14.

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Arthur Van Eck '48 of Fife Lake, Mich., was chosen as Senior Citizen of the Year for Fife Lake. He has been instrumental in the funding for a new library, for working with various local agencies to make Historic Fife Lake a destination and for the purchase and renovation of an 1878 Schoolhouse

by the Fife Lake Historical Society. He is a hospice volunteer. Art and his wife, **Bea Van Heest '53 Van Eck**, were paraded through the village in a convertible on the Fourth of July. **Duane Booi '49** and **Phyllis J. Sherman '50 Booi** of Holland, Mich., celebrated the 60th anniversary of their wedding in June.

Delta Phi Centennial

The Delta Phi sorority will hold a 100-year celebration on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 22-23, during the college's Homecoming Weekend.

Activities will include a literary meeting and gathering on Friday, Oct. 22, and an open house as well as participation in the Alumni Brunch and Homecoming Tailgate on Saturday, Oct. 23.

The Homecoming dates come close to the sorority's actual founding date. The Delta Phi Literary Society began on Oct. 10, 1910.

Additional information about the sorority's celebration may be obtained by e-mailing



greeklife@hope.edu or by calling Ellen Tanis '90 Awad, who is a Delta Phi alumna as well as director of student life and Greek life, and associate director of the Center for Faithful Leadership at Hope, at (616) 395-7800.

Three Join Alumni Board

During its May meeting, the Hope College Alumni Association Board of Directors elected its officers for 2010-11 and 2011-12, and appointed three new members.

Bob Bieri '83 of Holland, Mich., who previously served as vice president, has been elected president (please see the story on page 22). Lisa Bos '97 of Washington, D.C., has been elected vice president. Kat Nichols '99 Campbell of Greensboro, N.C., has been re-elected to a second two-year term as secretary.

The board's new members are: Andrea Converse, a junior from Lowell, Mich., as Junior Class Representative; Tom Kyros '89 of Grand Rapids, Mich., as a West Michigan Representative; and Nancy Clair '78 Otterstrom of Bethel, Conn., as a Northeast



Andrea Converse '12



Tom Kyros '89



Nancy Clair '78 Otterstrom

Representative.

Colleen Leikert '10 of Ludington, Mich., who was formerly Senior Class Representative, was appointed representative of the most recent graduating class. Senior Colton Wright of Tecumseh, formerly Junior Class Representative, was appointed Senior Class Representative. Mark Van Genderen '90 of Cedarburg,

Wis., whose term as president concluded, will continue to serve on the board as immediate past-president.

The board members who have concluded their service to the board are: Nancy Wallendal '72 Bassman of Scotch Plains, N.J.; Brett Kingma '09 of Grand Rapids, Mich.; and Carol Rylance '60 MacGregor of Norcross, Ga.

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Paul E. Boerigter '50 and his wife, of Zeeland, Mich., celebrated their 60th anniversary in June.

Harley Brown '59 and **Phyllis Prins '61 Brown** celebrated their 50th anniversary in June.

60s

John Kleinheksel '60 and **Sharon Van 't Kerkhoff '60 Kleinheksel** of Holland, Mich., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in August with a special celebration with family and friends. They have seven grandchildren. John is retired but working part-time as a calling pastor for Christ Memorial Church. He also enjoys arranging and composing hymns and tunes, and plays tennis and golf. Sharon enjoys family and friends, reading, and volunteer work.

Katherine Reynolds '61 of Durango, Colo., was one of 18 singers of the 100-member Durango Colorado Choral Society selected to participate in the 13-day Varna International Choral Orchestra Festival in June in Hungary, Austria, Slovakia and the Czech Republic singing the Mozart *Requiem*. Katherine has also sung the *Requiem* in Honolulu as part of the Hawaii International Choral Festival

and with the Durango Choral Society both in Durango and at Carnegie Hall in New York City.

Jack Siebers '63 of Holland, Mich., has joined the Business and Corporate Group of Foster Swift Collins & Smith.

J. Christopher Knecht '65 of Buffalo City, Wis., reports that he is entering his third year of retirement and enjoys traveling and spending time with his six grandchildren.

Robert Engel '67 of Virginia Beach, Va., retired in 1997 after teaching English for 30 years at the middle school level in the Sayville, Long Island, N.Y. school district. Also during those 30 years he was a swimming instructor and lifeguard instructor trainer for the Suffolk County, N.Y., Red Cross. He has recently published a book, *Sail Tales*, about his sailing adventures over the past 45 years.

Wes Granberg-Michaelson '67 of Kentwood, Mich., has announced that he will be concluding his service as general secretary of the Reformed Church in America, anticipating that he will continue until the fall of 2011 to facilitate a smooth transition following the approval of a successor during next year's General Synod. He has been general secretary since 1994.

A. Paul Schaap '67 of Grosse Pointe Park, Mich., was awarded the Penn High School Alumni Association's second annual distinguished Alumni Award in May.

Ann Van Dorp '68 Query of Zeeland, Mich., will be retiring from the Zeeland Chamber of Commerce after 22 years of service.

Neal Sobania '68 has been elected Chair of the CIEE (Council on International Educational Exchange) Academic Consortium Board. He is the executive director of the Wang



Robert Yin '57 of La Jolla, Calif. has worked in the field of paper engineering and then as a professional underwater photographer in the recent 25 years. He has just published 10 books with Hameray Publishing for a total of 35 books.



Center for Global Education and professor of history at Pacific Lutheran University. He and his wife Elizabeth Sobania '00 live in Lakewood, Wash. **Jeffrey Seise '69** of Waldwick, N.J. has been elected vice-president of the North Jersey Woodcarvers. His work was displayed in July in the Ho-Ho-Kus, N.J. Pinkham Library and can be viewed at www.whittlersden.com. He taught music and computers for 39 years in the Park Ridge school district.

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Drew Hinderer '71 of Midland, Mich., has been appointed the James V. Finkbeiner endowed chair in ethics at Saginaw Valley State University. He is also this year's recipient of the Franc A. Landee Award for teaching excellence, the university's most prestigious award. His principal area of teaching and research concerns health care ethics and public policy.

Jon Constant '72 of Traverse City, Mich., has retired from teaching history at Traverse City Central High School after 38 years.

Michael Stampfler '72 of Portage, Mich., has been hired as the emergency financial manager for the City of Pontiac, Mich.

Barbara Van Eck '72 of Kalamazoo, Mich., was recently honored as the Michigan Hospice Chaplain of the year by the Michigan Hospice and Palliative Care meeting in Bay City, Mich. Barbara, a clergy member of the United Church of Christ, was recognized as one who represents the "best of the best." Her colleagues at Borgess Visiting Nurse and Hospice, Kalamazoo, Mich., nominated her for her work in not only caring for patients with a sensitivity to cultural

and spiritual differences, but for engendering spiritual awareness in the entire team.

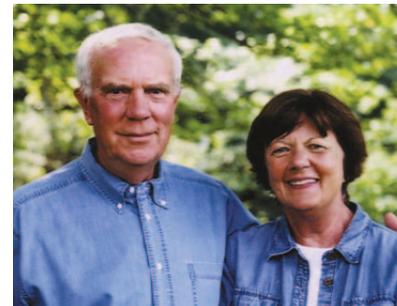
Joan E. Donaldson '75 of Fennville, Mich., had a new novel, *On Vine's Mountain*, selected by the Friends of American Writers as one of their outstanding young-adult novels of 2010. The Bank Street List of the Best Books of 2010 also included *On Vine's Mountain*, and the State of Tennessee has chosen the novel to represent the state at the National Book Festival to be held in Washington, D.C., in September.

Karen DeMeester '75 Bandstra of Midland Park, N.J., has been promoted to director of finance at the Holland Christian Home in North Haledon, N.J.

Susan Glerum '75 van Voorst of Gloversville, N.Y., is in her 34th year of teaching music, and is currently instructing K-5 general music, elementary chorus and beginning instrumental in two buildings. She is also a keyboardist in the performing duo *Brass & Ivory*, a private piano teacher, an accompanist for County Music Festival Choirs and a pianist/music director for local community theater productions. She has two granddaughters.

Jill Morrone '75 Lewis of Troy, Mich., is currently a sixth-grade science teacher in Bloomfield Hills Schools. She has been teaching for 28 years. She is also working on obtaining her real estate license to practice real estate when she retires from teaching. She has also formed an online company called "Innovative Written Solutions" with her son Chris Lewis '09. The company provides services from writing news releases to editing and resume writing.

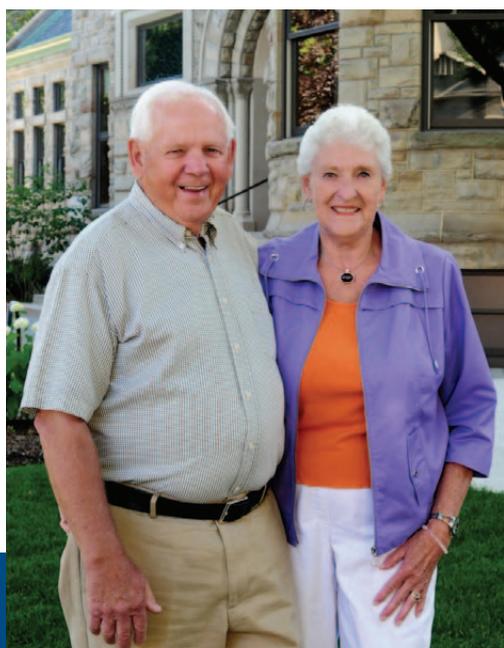
Jerrianna Van Gessel '76 Boer of Modesto, Calif., is the principal of



Phyllis Brink '58 Bursma and **Albert Bursma '59**

received the annual Second Century Presidents' Award on Tues, June 29. The citation celebrated their extensive service to Hope, ranging from serving as volunteers for planning efforts and fund-raising campaigns, to attending East Coast college presidential inaugurations on Hope's behalf, to establishing endowed scholarship and research funds at the college. Al also served on the college's investment committee. Phyllis is also a past president of the Alumni Association Board of Directors, and received a Distinguished Alumni Award from Hope in 1987.

Hart-Ransom Elementary School, a K-8 school in central California. Based on state scores, No Child Left Behind criteria, and the narrowing of the achievement gap between English-only speakers and second-language students, Hart-Ransom School was awarded the California Distinguished Schools Award for 2010. Only 468 schools of six thousand elementary



Giving to a "Charity Child"

The Rev. Donald E. '54 and Alice '55 Jansma have included Hope College as a beneficiary of their estate using a unique concept. They have added "charity" as an additional child in their estate plan. Hope is included as a partial beneficiary of the "Charity Child" portion of Don's and Alice's estate. Including a Charity Child could be of real benefit to those who are interested in providing for their loved ones and leaving a legacy to their community.

Hope College is grateful to the Jansmas and the 700+ members of the Dimnent Heritage Society for their continued generosity in supporting the students, faculty and mission of the college. For more than 30 years, planned giving from donors such as Don and Alice has helped shape the character of Hope and its community.

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schools earned this award in 2010. **Nancy Clair '78 Otterstrom** of Bethel, Conn., has been traveling through Africa over the past year introducing a new grant management system to IRC's international offices. The project has taken her to South Sudan, Kenya, Ethiopia, and Tunisia.

80s

James I. Munger '81 of Torrance, Calif., served as Mission Operations lead for the NASA LCROSS program in October of last year. The mission discovered water on the moon. LCROSS was recently awarded the National Space Society's Space Pioneer Award for 2010 in the Science and Engineering category. He was recently awarded the Northrop Grumman Aerospace Systems Presidents Award for his participation as Mission Operations lead.

Sue Boeve '81 Uden of Parker, Ariz., was named the Parker Unified School



Daryl Siedentop '60 of Westerville, Ohio, received the Luther Halsey Gulick Award from American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (AAHPERD), which annually awards its highest honor to a distinguished leader in any one of the alliance's fields of activity. This honor is due to his long and distinguished service in teaching and scholarship.

Districts 2010 teacher of the year. She has been teaching corrective reading for 27 years at Parker High School. She lives in Parker with her husband and two sons.

Joel Russcher '81 of Holland, Mich., and a friend have opened on-the-water food service called Sun Dog. They will be selling hot dogs, brats, chips, ice cream and pop from a pontoon boat on Lake Macatawa in Holland.

Russell Camp '82 and Lorrie Sherwood '87 Camp recently moved to Oshtemo Township, Mich., where Russell is the new minister at Fourth Reformed Church.

John Brender '84 of Holt, Mich., is director of the Confucius Institute at Wayne State University. The institute's two-fold mission is to enhance inter-cultural understanding of students and faculty at Wayne State University and residents of the metro-Detroit community by providing resources and programs related to Chinese language and culture; and to establish and foster educational and economic ties between China and the United States and especially between Wuhan and southeastern Michigan. John recently completed a 24-minute documentary with the institute and Wayne State University spotlighting a Chinese immersion program being run at a public K-8 school in Detroit, to show the importance of learning Chinese and to highlight a successful example at the K-12 level.

Doug Hall '85 of Grand Rapids, Mich., celebrated his 25th anniversary of employment at Steelcase Inc. in Grand Rapids, Mich., on Thursday, June 3. The occasion was marked with a commemorative watch and induction into the 25-Year Club. Doug's current role is senior consulting software engineer.

Jane Abe '86 of Naperville, Ill., is the vice president for business development of the Downers Grove Area Chamber of Commerce & Industry. She has just served her second year on the board of regents of the Institute for Organization Management, a four-year professional development program of the U.S.

Chamber of Commerce of which she is a graduate.

Regina Werum '88 of Clarkston, Ga., is an associate professor of sociology at Emory University, and will serve as program director for sociology at the National Science Foundation for the next two years.

John L. Tuitel '88 of Grand Rapids, Mich., has joined the board of Family Hope Foundation. He is an award-winning children's author, motivational speaker and the founder of the charity Alternatives in Motion.

Maureen Mc Manus '89 Teunissen of Middlebury, Ind., works as an associate for the law firm of Bird, Svendsen, Brothers, Scheske & Pattison, P.C. located in Sturgis, Mich. In addition to being licensed to practice law in the State of Michigan, Maureen was admitted to practice law in the State of Indiana.



Don Poest '71, pastor of Brunswick Reformed Church in Brunswick, Ohio, is the new president of the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America. Don has been serving Brunswick Reformed Church as pastor for nearly 32 years. He is also a mentor through Kid's Hope U.S.A., a board member of a local hospice, and the lead cheerleader of his church's new ministry with adults with developmental and intellectual disabilities.

90s

Tomas Ter Maat '90 of Ada, Mich., has joined the general litigation group with the firm of Foster Swift Collins & Smith.

Kevin McLeod '92 is the new vice president at Southwest Michigan First and will run the Michigan Medical Device Accelerator in Kalamazoo, Mich. He and his wife **Debra Nord '94 McLeod** reside in Portage, Mich. **Michelle Cornish '93** of Alpena, Mich., is the new assistant principal at Thunder Bay Junior High School in Alpena.

Joel Reisig '96 of Birmingham, Mich., has written the screenplay *Win by Fall* which will be filmed in Rockford, Mich.

Brian Dykstra '98 of Grandville, Mich., is assistant vice president and wealth management advisor at Fifth Third Bank.

00s

Meredith Arwady '00 of Kalamazoo, Mich., was a guest artist in Augusta at the chamber music festival in Saugatuck, Mich. She has sung with the Lyric Opera of Chicago and the Metropolitan Opera in New York.

Michael Klynstra '00 of Oak Park, Ill., is the marketing director at Geneca. **Jeffrey Mulder '00** of Chicago, Ill., has joined the firm Holly Duran Real Estate Partners as the in-house financial specialist.

Linda Schaap '00 Laird of Holland, Mich., is program director at the Imagination Station in Zeeland, Mich. **Hussein Wario '00** was in the news in June as a result of a federal appeals court's ruling concerning his bid to remain in the United States. The court refused to overturn a previous decision that he be required to return to his native Kenya. The accounts

reported his concern that he will be persecuted because of his conversion to Christianity; he is a member of a tribe that is Muslim. He is author of the book *Cracks in the Crescent*, which discusses his conversion.

Nicholas A. Reister '02 of Hamilton, Mich., has joined Hoesch & Vander Ploeg, P.L.C. in Zeeland, Mich., as an associate attorney, practicing in the areas of real estate law, estate planning, probate litigation, and general litigation.

Sarah E. Herman '02 of Reynoldsburg, Ohio, will be relocating to Oxford, N.C., to be the minister of music for Oxford United Methodist Church.

Eric Wohlfield '02 of Brighton, Mich., will be playing for a chance to play on the PGA tour. He recently tied for second during the Michigan Open.

Ryan Hamby '03 of Chicago, Ill., has completed a residency in internal medicine at Swedish Covenant Hospital in Chicago, and has begun a fellowship in gastroenterology at Riverside Hospital in Kankakee, Ill.

Brad Norden '04 of Durham, N.C., recently earned an advanced degree (please see "Advanced Degrees") and is a certified registered nurse anesthetist at Duke University Medical Center in Durham, N.C.

Elizabeth Horstman '05 of Minneapolis, Minn., recently accepted a new position within United Health Group in Minneapolis. She is now a human capital consultant in the prescription solutions division.

Ryan Weaver '06 of Nashville, Tenn., recently co-authored the book *More with symfony*. This book is about advanced symfony (PHP framework)

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Maxine Gray '04 of Comstock Park, Mich., is the project manager at Williams Group, a marketing, branding and communication firm in downtown Grand Rapids, Mich., and is on the Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Council at Varnum law firm and a member of InForum West Michigan Regional Council. She also joined the board of BL²END (business leaders linked to encourage new directions) in 2006 and has served in a volunteer leadership role to oversee the marketing and communications and professional development activities of the organization. As chair of the professional development initiative, she plans three events and identifies and secures speakers and sponsors, providing opportunities for



young professionals to gain insight and exposure through the educational, professional and community leadership experiences of seasoned professionals of color in the local community.

topics and written for those with experience in developing projects within the framework.

Adam Blystra '06 of Glendale, Ariz., is completing his final year of medical school and plans to specialize in general surgery.

Claire Koen '06 Blystra of Glendale, Ariz., is employed by Banner Good Samaritan Hospital as a registered nurse.

Abigail Bolkema '07 Nyhof of Helena, Mont., is employed by the Helena Public Schools as an elementary music teacher.

Stefanie Greybar '07 of La Porte, Ind., was recently honored as a five-star award winner at Lakeland Hospital. Stefanie received the award for "going above and beyond," and being a patient advocate. Stefanie is an RN at Lakeland Hospital.

Jennifer Pyle '07 of Hinsdale, Ill., was recently awarded competent communicator status by Toastmasters International.

Stephanie Beach '07 of Austin, Texas will be attending the University of Virginia School of Law this coming fall.

Nate Golomb '07 and his father won the Greater Kalamazoo (Mich.) Golf Association's season-opening tournament on Sunday, May 2.

David Visser '08 of Creswell, Ore., was commissioned an ensign in the United States Navy on Friday, May 28. He is currently stationed in Pensacola, Florida, where he will train to be a naval aviator.

Katie Ross '09 of East Lansing, Mich., is currently working on her Master of Music degree in vocal performance at Michigan State University.

Rachel Romero '09 of Golden, Colo., took a position in May at the National Renewable Energy Laboratory

(NREL) in Golden. She is a mechanical research engineer, working on the research and deployment of energy efficiencies in commercial buildings.

Dan Lithio '09 of Downers Grove, Ill., recently won the David A. Rothrock Mathematics Fellowship Award given in recognition of excellence in the teaching of mathematics. He is an associate instructor while pursuing a Ph.D. in mathematics at Indiana University-Bloomington.

10s

Christopher Tidmarsh '10 of South Bend, Ind., is serving in the Lutheran Volunteer Corps in Seattle this year, working for an environmental advocacy organization, Hanford Challenge.

Katie Haines '10 will be teaching second grade during the 2010 school year and third grade during the 2011 school year at Garfield Elementary School in Garden City, Kan.

Marriages

Kathryn J. Leggett '66 and Stan Witteveen, Dec. 2, 2009, Holland, Mich.

Christopher de Alvare '01 and Kara Barney, Oct. 24, 2009, Holland, Mich.

Sally Fisher '03 and Adam Bawtinheimer, Aug. 9, 2008.

Tiffany Drendall '04 and Kevin Brown, May 1, 2010, Sanibel, Fla.

Michael Nelsen '05 and Stefanie Haba '06, July 3, 2009, Lake Orion, Mich.

Rachelle Ruark '06 and Daniel Rosenblit, March 27, 2010, Islamorada, Fla.

Adam Blystra '06 and Claire E. Koen '06, June 12, 2010, Los Gatos, Calif.

Luke DeRoo '07 and Katie VanderWeide '07, Dec. 19, 2009, Holland, Mich.

Anna Wadsworth '07 and Jeff Matarese, Jan. 2, 2010, East Greenbush, N.Y.

Michael Forbes '07 and Anna Herzog '07, Oct. 24, 2009, Sheboygan, Wis.

Jenna Geerlings '07 and Robert Ter Horst, May 21, 2010, Holland, Mich.

Daniel Sultz '08 and Vera Dusenbery '09, May 16, 2010, Geneva, Ill.

Kevin VandenBosch '08 and Eden Jager '09, Aug. 15, 2009, Holland, Mich.

Matthew Clark '10 and Rachel Richter '10, Jan. 2, 2010, Holland, Mich.

Aaron Clark '08 and Hannah Hackett '09, Sept. 19, 2009, Holland, Mich.

Larry Mann '92 and Emily Erickson '95 Mann, Joshua Aaron, Nov. 20, 2009.

Jonathan Slagh '94 and Andrea Slagh, Alexander Milton Slagh, March 13, 2010.

Julie Blair '96 Riekse and Jim Riekse '97, Charlotte Anne, Sept. 18, 2009.

Stephen Bovenkerk '97 and Ann Bovenkerk, Emily Johanna, March 15, 2010.

Katherine Murphy '97 VanSoest and Marc VanSoest '97, Emma Jean, June 1, 2010.

Tyler Murphy '97 and Kimberly Murphy, Reagan Ann, June 9, 2010.

Becky Ponka '98 Lokey and Burke Lokey, Evan George, Dec. 1, 2009.

Rachael Wagner Stebbins '98 and Tim Wagner '98 Stebbins, Eloise Catherine, Jan. 28, 2010.

Kara Gebben '98 Green and John Green, Owen John, May 12, 2010.

Kelly Zweering '99 Wierenga and Michael Wierenga, Jenna Paige, June 2, 2010.

Trena Hedley '00 Kerrins and Chris Kerrins '00, Jude Christopher, May 1, 2010.

Jennifer Yonker '00 Harris and Chad Harris, Sydney Jude, Nov. 19, 2009.

Darla S. VanderRoest '00 Wheeler and Evan Wheeler '00, Brody Thomas, May 9, 2010.

Paul Bengelink '00 and Molly Bengelink, Andrew Gerrit, June 7, 2010.

Matthew Goupell '01 and Sarah Goupell, Caleb Richmond, May 23, 2010.

Erin Bates '01 Altman and Zac Altman, Claire Eleanore, Jan. 18, 2010.

New Arrivals

Thomas Van Den Brink '88 and Thitiporn Van Den Brink, Mali Isabelle, Oct. 19, 2006, and Thomas Jarat, Feb. 27, 2010.

Kari Schaafsma '90 Alvaro and Gerald Alvaro, Justin Dominic, Dec. 9, 2009.

Christine Deibler '90 Dorn and Doug Dorn, Caleb, Oct. 6, 2007.

Robert G. Riekse '92 and Rebecca Riekse, Eleanor Rose, Sept. 22, 2009.



Sheila DenOuden '07 of Huntington Beach, Calif., is an orthopedic nurse at Long Beach Memorial Medical Center, and is also part of a dance company called "Salsa Intocable." In addition, earlier this year she competed in the ABC show *Wipeout!* She notes: "If you've ever caught even a glimpse of the awesomeness that inhabits ABC's summer hit *Wipeout!* and know anything of my penchant for all things challenging and ridiculous, then you are fully aware that

I had no other choice but to attend the open casting call for the show. Even without the lure of \$50,000 which is awarded to the winner of each episode, I was entirely enchanted by the idea of participating in such an epic obstacle course, being afforded the opportunity to test my strength, my stamina, and my sanity." For the rest of her engaging, first-person reflections regarding her experience on the show, please visit the college online.

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Jennifer Chelepis '01 Novakoski and Joseph Novakoski, Lyla Dee, May 27, 2010.

Courtney Ball '01 Voss and James Voss '03, Dylan James, June 7, 2010.

Shannon Tucker '02 Robinson and Ben Robinson, Lauren Anne, May 10, 2010.

Rob Allison '00 and Teagan McCaslin '02 Allison, Priya Maureen, Feb. 4, 2010.

Emily White '02 Ream and Don Ream, Elijah Duane Ream, April 19, 2010.

Kristin Fortney '02 Woudwyk and Jacob Woudwyk, adopted Ella Marie, born on April 30, 2010.

Christen DeVries '02 Groenhout and Chad Groenhout, Levi Nathaniel, May 9, 2010.

Jill Kalajainen '04 Smith and Chris Smith, Mallory Elizabeth, April 29, 2010.

Rebekah Oegema '04, Brennan Cole, Jan. 12, 2008.

Amy VanHoven '04 Wolters and Jonathon Wolters, Brock Jonathon, May 10, 2010.

Jason Misner '05 and Julie Misner, Janai Michelle, June 7, 2010.

Advanced Degrees

Thomas De Young '71, Master of Science in accounting, Governors State University, University Park, Ill., April 26, 2010.

Linda Butler '75 Cristaldi, Master

of Arts in school counseling, Centenary College, May 15, 2010.

Daniel Griswold '86, Ph.D. in religious studies, Southern Methodist University in Dallas, May 15, 2010.

Ann Krive '86, Masters in Library and Information Science, University of Rhode Island, May 2010.

Danielle Battle '92, Master of Arts in human behavior & society, Valparaiso University, December 2009.

Catherine Keich '96, Master of Science in information architecture, Illinois Institute of Technology, May 15, 2010.

Keith Louwerse '98, Ph.D. in psychology, George Fox University.

Justin Wormmeester '99, J.D., Columbus School of Law at the Catholic University of America, May 28, 2010.

Rachel Meengs '00, master's in special education, Grand Valley State University, May 2010.

Vicki Dryfhout-Ferguson '01, Ph.D. in sociology, University of Cincinnati, June 2010.

Sarah Herman '02, Master of Arts in church music, Trinity Lutheran Seminary.

Jacob P. Van Pernis '02, Master of Divinity, Princeton Theological Seminary, May 22, 2010.

Tracey Forbes '03 Hoesch, Master of Social Work, Grand Valley State University, May 1, 2010.

Brad Norden '04, Master of Science in nursing degree, Duke University, May 16, 2010.

Dawn Flandermeyer '05, master's degree in public health with concentration in women's and reproductive health, Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health, May 2009; M.D., The George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Science.

John Boote '05, Master of Public Policy, George Mason University, May 2010.

Andrew Mercer '05, Master of Arts in pastoral counseling, Loyola University, Chicago, 2009.

Joseph Tolton '05, Master of Divinity, Bethany Theological Seminary, 2010.

Mari Stuppy '05 Billingsley, Master in the Arts in teaching, Marygrove College, 2009.

Lori Sullivan '06, J.D., Catholic University of America, Columbus School of Law, May 28, 2010.

Rachel C. Achtemeier '06, Master of Divinity and The Kenyon J. Wildrick Award for Excellence in Homiletics Degree, Princeton Theological Seminary, May 24, 2010.

Eric Johnson '07, Master of Science in geology, Idaho State University, May 2010.

Carrie Thomason '07, Master of Science in geology, Idaho State University, May 2010.

Katie VanderWeide '07 DeRoo, Doctor of Physical Therapy, Grand Valley State University, July 2010.

David Visser '08, Master of

Science in civil and environmental engineering, Stanford University, June 2009.

Carrie Haulenbeek '08 Dall, Master of Social Work, Loyola University, Chicago, May 2010.

Deaths

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

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Robert M. Bouwma '72 of Englewood, Fla., died on Wednesday, June 9, 2010. He was 69.

He retired from a career in teaching to become a full-time home builder.

Survivors include his wife, Dianne L. Bouwma; his children, Suzanne Morgan and Robert Bouwma Jr.; and three grandchildren.

Leonard E. Bruns '53 of South Burlington, Vt., died on Tuesday, May 11, 2010. He was 78.

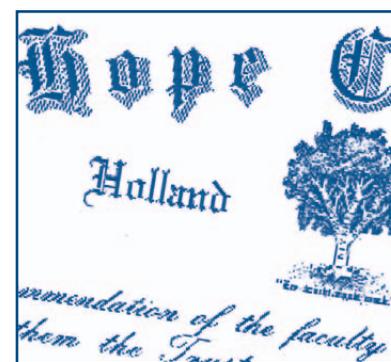
He was preceded in death by his father, Rev. Bruno Bruns '27.

Survivors include his wife, Joan L. Bruns; children, David Bruns, Paul (Kate) Bruns and Jean (Dana) Baker; three grandchildren; and his sister, Marjorie Bruns '55 Schilling.

Katherine Skillern '32 Crockett of Caldwell, Idaho, died on Sunday, May 16, 2010. She was 99.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 63 years, Lorin Crockett, and her sister, Zella Skillern '32 Godfrey.

Survivors include her daughters, Deanna Bagley and Loraine (David) Felty; a son, David (Peggy) Crockett; two grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter.



A total of 256 seniors graduated with honors in May. Please visit the college's website for the list.

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Jean E. Mason '45 Debbink of Ann Arbor, Mich., died on Sunday, June 20, 2010. She was 86.

Survivors include her husband, John Debbink; her four children, David (Marcia) Debbink, Ellen (Gaard) Arneson, Bob (Jennifer) Debbink and Tom (Jonnie) Debbink; 15 grandchildren, including Kristin M. Debbink '02; and two great-grandsons.

Clifford G. Dobben '52 of Muskegon, Mich., died on Tuesday, May 18, 2010. He was 80. He was preceded in death by his brothers-in-law, Bill Vanderwerp and Andrew Terres. Survivors include his wife of 55 years, JoAnn Vanderwerp '52 Dobben.

Lawrence R. Hagberg '74 of Tucson, Ariz., died on Tuesday, May 11, 2010. He was 58.

He served in the U.S. Navy as an officer.

He received his doctorate in linguistics from the University of Arizona, and worked on translating the New Testament into the Mayo language of Mexico and helped in the revision of the Yaqui New Testament.

Survivors include his wife, Nancy Hagberg, and his seven children, Nathan, Elizabeth, Ezra, Esther, Anna, Daniel and Samuel.

Robert J. Hoffman '59 of Broomfield, Colo., died on Monday, May 17, 2010. He was 72.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Harold J. (Eleanor) Hoffman '32.

Survivors include his daughter, Sheri Hoffman and son, John Hoffman.

Rev. William M. Hoffman '53 of Stewartville, Minn., died on Tuesday, June 15, 2010. He was 85.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Elisabeth; his parents, Martin and Sena Hoffman; and his brother-in-law, Allen Stembel.

Survivors include his wife of almost 63 years, Alberdena Hoffman; his daughters, Karen (LeRoy) Kraai, Martha (Paul) Steege, Mary (Herb) Carlson and Priscilla Joy (Ken) Mann; nine grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Carl Holkeboer '60 of Holland, Mich., died on Saturday, June 19, 2010. He was 75.

He served in the Navy Reserves. He owned Home Planning for over 30 years in West Michigan.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Edward and Reka Holkeboer, and his brother Ronald Holkeboer.

Survivors include his wife of 45 years, Karen Andreasen '64 Holkeboer; daughters, Kathy Holkeboer and Julie (Tracy) Hardy; one granddaughter; and two step-grandchildren.

Warren W. Kane '57 of Arlington, Va., died on Thursday, May 20, 2010. He was 75.

He served with the Appropriations' commerce, justice, state and judiciary subcommittees. He was the former Alumni Association president at Hope College, serving from 1978 to 1980.

Survivors include his wife of 51 years, Dale Carey Kane; a daughter, Susan Kane '82 (Joe) Sullivan; a son, Eric Kane; and four grandchildren.

James S. McArthur '90 of Holland, Mich., died on Sunday, June 27, 2010. He was 49.

He was employed with Magna-Donnelly for 20 years.

Survivors include his wife, Michelle McArthur; his sons, Will and John McArthur; his parents, Dr. Peter and Edna McArthur; his aunt, Dorothy Scott; his brothers, Peter (Jennifer) McArthur and Andy (Vanessa) McArthur; his mother-in-law, Gale Roberts; and in-laws, John Roberts and Kelly Roberts.

David Lynn Ousterling '60, of Indian Wells, Wis., died on Sunday, Sept. 28, 2008.

He held senior executive positions with Hexcel, Inc., M and T Chemicals and Allied Chemicals before forming his own chemical plating business, Pro-Com, in which he was still an active participant.

Survivors include his wife of 23 years, Diane Caldwell Ousterling; his three daughters (from his first wife, Lois Rubino), Cheryl Lynn (Michael) Talty, Diane Marie (Ralph) Hopkins, and Lisa Rene (Christopher) Crowley; his step-children, Heather Galloway Hunts, Alexander T. Galloway, Meghan Galloway Richards and Gordon Scott Galloway; and 11 grandchildren.

William M. Tappan '42 of Reno, Nev., died on Thursday, May 6, 2010. He was 90.

He served in the U.S. Army Medical Corps in Italy at the end of WW II.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Mary Loker '15 Tappan, and son, W. Ross Tappan.

Survivors include his wife of 61 years, Sally Tappan; son John (Lydia) Tappan, and daughter-in-law Maureen; four grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter.

Louise Rove '48 Ver Hey of Holland, Mich., died on Monday, June 28, 2010. She was 84.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William J. Ver Hey '50, and son, Nicholas C. Ver Hey '75.

Sympathy To

The family of **Marion Tysse Becker** of Coxsackie, N.Y., who died on Thursday, May 27, 2010. She was 99.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Rev. John W. Tysse '29.

Survivors include her children, John P. (Patricia Derks '63) Tysse '60 and Lucille Tysse '55 (Rev. Dr. Robert '54) Hoeksema; and grandchildren, Deborah Hoeksema '83, Cheryl Tysse '86 Berrodin and Karen Tysse-Donaldson '84.

The family of **Stevens E. Brooks** of Chestnut Hill, Pa., who died on Thursday, June 3, 2010. He was 68.

He was the executive director of The Philadelphia Center from 1973 to 2007.

Survivors include his wife, Krail, and a son, Reed.

The family of **Julia Morrison** of Centerville, Ohio, who died on Thursday, April 8, 2010, following a battle with cancer.

She served on the Hope Board of Trustees from 1992 to 2000. She, along with her husband, Jobe, who survives her, established three endowed funds at Hope: the Jobe and Julia Morrison Family Faculty Development Fund, the Catherine Morrison '89 Book Award Fund, and an operational endowment for the Gordon and Margaret Van Wylen Library. Additionally, they provided significant support for the A. Paul Schaap Science Center.

In addition to her husband, Julia is survived by her three daughters, Susan Donahue and husband Charlie, Nancy Tebeau and husband Rik, and Cathy Morrison '89 Lane and husband Robert '89; eight grandchildren; her brothers,

William DeWitt Jr. and Ray DeWitt; and her sister, Shirley DeDoes.

The family of **June Nyhuis** of Hamilton, Mich., who died on June 30, 2010. She was 86.

Survivors include her husband of 63 years, Clinton Nyhuis; her children, Terry (Anita Kollen '72) Nyhuis '72, Ward (Karen) Nyhuis and Jeanne Nyhuis '77; two grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

The family of **Roberta Poest** of Atlantis, Fla., who died on Saturday, June 12, 2010. She was 91.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Vernon G. Poest '39.

Survivors include her daughter, Patricia King, and son, Thomas (Andrea) Poest; three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

The family of **John G. Utzinger** of Leensburg, Wash., who died on Wednesday, April 21, 2010. He was 78.

He taught in the department of philosophy at Hope from 1959 to 1964. He then taught philosophy and logic at Central Washington University until he retired in 1993.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 45 years, Charlotte Curlee '61 Utzinger, and his brother, Bill Utzinger.

Survivors include his daughters, Marika Ann (Larry) Fudacz and Andrea Lee Utzinger (Thomas Logan); and three grandchildren.

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