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Lasting Friendships, Lasting Lessons

Delta Phi Turns 100

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On the Cover

Members of the Delta Phi sorority participate in a candlelight walk on behalf of cancer awareness during the group's annual "Pink Day" in September. Service projects are a major focus for the sorority, which celebrated its 100th anniversary in October.



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"Quote, unquote"

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



Each year, Hope cancels classes for a day not as a vacation but for the Critical Issues Symposium, an in-depth exploration of a topic of global importance that features several presentations by nationally respected experts. This year's symposium, held on Tuesday and Wednesday, Oct.

5-6, addressed "Good Food for the Common Good," considering the theme through dimensions ranging from justice to nutrition to the environment to politics. The following excerpts are from "Why Christians Should Care about Eating" by Dr. Norman Wirzba, who is the Research Professor of Theology, Ecology and Rural Life at Duke Divinity School. He reflected on the significance of eating in the communion of the Lord's Supper; on the idea of food as a gift; and on how the modern era's anonymous, mass-market approach to providing food distances people from its significance. In closing, he asked his audience to be deliberate in thinking and acting as if food is more than a simple commodity, and eating more than simply refueling.

"This is an intimate act. You're about to take something that was once alive [animal or plant] and put it into you so that you can be alive. What's more intimate than that?

"So you're going to do this incredible act. You need to get ready for it, so that you can remember what's happening, so you can remember what's happened. You can't be thankful if you don't know what you're being

thankful about. Otherwise, your words are just pious rambling. Or, as my kids say, 'It's just Dad going, "blah blah blah."'

"So, how do we become worthy of the food that we eat? This is a major question. Saying Grace is one of the ways that we try to do that. And that involves this difficult labor of remembering, 'Who made this food possible?'

"And when we discover how, in our food system, our food comes from far, far away, we might be inclined to say, 'Well, let's start buying food from people who are closer by so that we can actually say "Thank You." Let's shake the hand of the farmer or the gardener who gave the milk, or the eggs, or the carrots—or whatever.

"Or even better yet, grow them yourself. Start to get involved in that, because then you'll start to see why you need to be thankful. Because, the world comes to us as a gift...

"When I go out in my garden, I can be a -----, and there will still be food. I don't deserve it. I can do things terribly wrong, and yet I live in a space, in a garden, where God continues to bring gifts to us. I can do a lot to screw it up, and that's also important for us to understand—how through our arrogance or belligerence we can really mess up the place. So getting involved in the care of another living being, whether plant or animal, whatever, is so important because it will help you see how the world we live in is this incredible gift that we receive daily, that we need daily so that we can thrive.

"Ultimately our goal when we come to the Eucharistic table is that by eating Jesus he becomes our food. We can then become food that will be a source of nurture to the world. That's what the source and the inspiration of Christian living ought to be. It's what the objective of Christian living ought to be." ✍



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Events

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Jan. 9, Sunday—Residence halls open, noon
 Jan. 11, Tuesday—Classes begin, 8 a.m.
 Feb. 11-16, Friday, 6 p.m. to Wednesday, 8 a.m.—Winter Recess.
 March 18-28, Friday, 8 a.m. to Monday, 8 a.m.—Spring Recess.

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 remaining days for 2010-11 are: Monday, Jan. 17; Friday, Jan. 28; Friday, Feb. 4; Monday, Feb. 21; and Friday, March 4.
Junior Days: Friday, April 1; Friday, April 8; Friday, April 15

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

DANCE

Chicago Tap—Saturday, Jan. 29
 Knickerbocker Theatre, 8 p.m.
 Ticket information tba.
Dance 37—Friday-Saturday, March 4-5; Thursday-Saturday, March 10-12
 Knickerbocker Theatre, 8 p.m.
 Tickets are \$10 for regular admission, \$7 for senior citizens, and \$5 for children 18 and under.
IDT—Thursday-Saturday, April 7-9
 Knickerbocker Theatre, 8 p.m.
 Tickets are \$10 for regular admission, \$7 for senior citizens, and \$5 for children 18 and under.



GREAT PERFORMANCE SERIES

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.

THEATRE

Under Milk Wood—Friday-Saturday, Feb. 18-19; Wednesday-Saturday, March 2-5
 DeWitt Center, 8 p.m.
Gone Missing—Friday-Saturday, April 15-16; Tuesday-Thursday, April 19-21
 DeWitt Center, 8 p.m.

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.



SPORTS SCHEDULES

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

JACK RIDL VISITING WRITERS SERIES

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.

DE PREE GALLERY

End of the Line: An Exhibition of Drawing—Friday, Jan. 14-Friday, Feb. 11
Thomas Allen: Paper Cuts—Friday, Feb. 18-Friday, March 18
Graduating Senior Art Show—Friday, April 8-Sunday, May 8

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.



MUSIC

Orchestra Concerto/Aria Concert—Friday, Feb. 4: Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.
High School Band Festival Day Concert—Saturday, Feb. 12: location and time tba. Admission is free.
Wind Ensemble Concert—Wednesday, Feb. 23: Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.
Musical Showcase—Monday, March 7: DeVos Hall, Grand Rapids, 8 p.m. Ticket information tba.
Symphonette Concert—Friday, March 11: Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.
Chapel Choir Home Concert—Monday, March 28: St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church, 195 W. 13th St., at Maple Avenue, 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.
Jazz Combos Concert—Tuesday, March 29: Wichers Auditorium of Nykerk Hall of Music, 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.

For the full listing of the semester's concerts, please visit the college online.



VESPERS ON THE AIR

This year's Christmas Vespers service will be carried by radio stations around the country. Please visit the college online for the list or call the Office of Public and Community Relations at (616) 395-7860 for more information.

ALUMNI, PARENTS & FRIENDS

Satellite Basketball Gatherings—Saturday, Jan. 29
 Gatherings around the country to watch the 3 p.m. Hope-at-Calvin men's basketball game live. www.hopecalvin.com
Winter Happening—Saturday, Feb. 5

Includes multiple seminars and a home women's basketball game with Calvin College.
Alumni Weekend—Friday-Saturday, April 29-30
 Includes reunions for every fifth class from 1961 through 1981, and a 50-Year Circle brunch for all classes from 1960 and earlier.

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

TRADITIONAL EVENTS

Celebration of Undergraduate Research and Creative Performance—Friday, April 15, 2:30-5:30 p.m. DeVos Fieldhouse.
Baccalaureate and Commencement—Sunday, May 8

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.

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.





DEATH MOURNED: Peter Cook of Grand Rapids, Mich., whose long-time commitment to Hope will continue to make a difference for generations, died on Sunday, Nov. 28, 2010, at age 96.

He and his wife, Emajeane (Pat), who died on May 20, 2008, were involved in the life of the college in many ways. Their support had included establishing the Peter and Emajeane Cook Scholarship Fund and the Peter C. and Emajeane Cook Endowed Professorship. Cook Residence Hall and Cook Auditorium in the De Pree Art Center, for which they provided leadership gifts, are named in honor of them. Peter was a member of the Board of Trustees from 1977 to 1989, when he became an honorary trustee, and was a national co-chair of the college's successful *Legacies: A Vision of Hope* comprehensive campaign that concluded in 2005. He received an honorary degree, a Litt.D., from Hope in 1981.

Additional information, including a biography and listing of surviving relatives, is available online.

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SUSTAINABLE HOPE: President Dr. James Bultman '63 has signed the international Talloires Declaration as a reflection of the college's ongoing commitment to environmental sustainability.

The declaration is a 10-point plan for incorporating sustainability and environmental literacy in teaching, research, operations and outreach at colleges and universities. It has been signed by more than 350 university presidents and chancellors in more than 40 countries.

Earlier this fall, Hope moved up in the annual "College Sustainability Report Card" compiled by the Sustainable Endowments Institute. Hope has earned a B- in the report for 2011, a dramatic climb given that the college received a D- grade two years ago and a C+ for 2010. The report card evaluates institutions in nine main categories: administration, climate change and energy, food and recycling, green building, student involvement, transportation, endowment transparency, investment priorities and shareholder engagement. The college's aggregate score included As in food and recycling and in investment priorities. Hope is among the 55 percent of the 322 colleges and universities surveyed to earn a B grade. Of the remainder, 16 percent earned As, 23 percent earned Cs and six percent earned Ds.

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CHEMISTRY DISTINCTION: A survey by the American Chemical Society places Hope among the nation's top producers of graduates with a chemistry major.

The survey, published in *Chemical and Engineering News* in August, found that more students (55) graduated from Hope with a chemistry major in 2009 than from any other liberal arts college in the nation. Hope also produced more chemistry majors than well-known universities like Harvard, Princeton, Stanford and Yale. Nationwide, only 46 institutions, all comprehensive universities, produced more, including only the University of Michigan in the college's home state.

STUDY-ABROAD LEADER: Hope has been recognized as a pioneer in providing study-abroad experiences for students.

IES Abroad honored Hope as one of the consortium's first 10 institutional members during the organization's 60th-anniversary celebration in October. Hope became the second member of IES Abroad (formerly the Institute of European Studies) when the college joined the program in 1964.

The college's engagement with IES Abroad had actually started some eight years earlier, in 1956, when Dr. Paul Fried '46 worked with the program as he developed Hope's popular Vienna Summer School. IES's first initiative in 1950 had taken 23 students to Vienna for a year.

In commemoration of its anniversary, IES Abroad also published a book that chronicles the organization's history. In citing Hope's involvement, the volume includes the cover of the 1965 Vienna Summer School brochure as an illustration.

MEDICAL SCHOOL ADVANTAGE: Hope students who aspire to medical school have a new advantage in addition to (and because of) the college's national reputation for excellence in the natural and applied sciences.

Hope has joined the Early Assurance Program of the Michigan State University College of Human Medicine. In an agreement announced in October, pre-medical students from Hope, Aquinas College and Calvin College will have an enhanced opportunity to attend the medical school.

Up to eight admission slots per year will be reserved for the combined three colleges, with preference given to deserving students and students interested in caring for underserved populations. For the 2010 entering class, the College of Human Medicine received more than 5,900 applicants for 200 seats available for first-year students.

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RESTORATION ACCLAIMED:

The 2008-09 adaptive restoration of Graves Hall received recognition for excellence twice in as many months.

The Grand Valley American Institute of Architects recognized the project in the Historic Preservation/Adaptive Reuse category of its 2010 Honor Awards program on Saturday, Sept. 25. Graves was named the area's top historical-renovation project in the 2010 Construction Awards Program of the Western Michigan Chapter of Associated Builders and Contractors Inc. on Tuesday, Oct. 26.

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JAZZ CD: The jazz program has released a CD featuring performances by two Hope ensembles.

Suspending Judgement includes nine tracks recorded by the Jazz Arts Collective and the Jazz Chamber Ensemble I in 2008 and 2009. Several pieces were written by members of the Hope community, including faculty members Dr. Brian Coyle, Dr. Robert Hodson '89 and Steve Talaga, and Michael Hobson '09.

Copies are available for \$10 at the Hope-Geneva Bookstore, which can be visited online at www.hope.edu/bookstore/ or called at (616) 395-7833 or 1-800-946-4673.

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FAMILY ANCHOR: Junior Carly Henkel of Erie, Mich., has won the 2010 Family Anchors Award presented by the Office of Alumni and Parent Relations during Family Weekend on Saturday, Nov. 6.

The award, sponsored by the Hope Fund, is presented following an essay contest that provides students with an opportunity to recognize parents, step-parents, or guardians who have been significant in their development. Henkel wrote about her great-grandmother's gentle way of helping her approach mistakes patiently and positively as an experience from which to learn. The essay is available online.

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HOPE IN PICTURES: Please visit the college online to enjoy extensive photo galleries organized by topic and chronicling a variety of events in the life of Hope. At right is a moment from this year's Homecoming Weekend, which ran Friday-Sunday, Oct. 22-24.

More ONLINE www.hope.edu/pr/gallery





Transforming the Future

They're gifts that transform lives.

Endowed scholarships are about as direct as it gets, making it possible for a specific individual to become a student at Hope and learn and grow into the future beyond.

The impact is incalculable. Every graduate goes on to shape the lives of others, who in turn touch still others, a continuum extending and expanding in perpetuity.

The statistics convey a sense of the scale at the beginning of the process. Some 60 percent of Hope students, more than 1,900 each year, receive financial assistance based on need. A total of 90 percent of the students at Hope, nearly 2,900, receive aid based on a combination of need and merit.

The brief, illustrated profiles on these pages provide just three examples of the difference that such support makes. The chain, though, starts before the first student receives any given scholarship. It begins with the donor who cared enough to establish it.

The scholarships endowed by alumni and friends of the college represent the intersection of the need being met and the interests and experiences of the donors. Some are designated for students pursuing specific careers, such as education, medicine or the ministry. Some are for students who are members of groups traditionally underrepresented in higher education, or who are from certain parts of the country or abroad, or who are members of the Reformed Church in America, the college's



Senior **Christopher Jackson** of Keego Harbor, Mich., is an accounting and business management major. He plans to seek a position in marketing or human resources after graduation, but longer-term hopes to become a self-employed entrepreneur. He feels that Hope has helped set him on his way.

"Hope has given me internship opportunities within different companies to establish relationships with people within the company and prove my worth—what I can bring to a particular company, based on the education provided at Hope," he said.

He's also appreciated the character of his experience. "Another important aspect is that the Hope community strives to establish relationships with those investing time in their education," he said. "Relationships have been everything for me and my experience at Hope."

Jackson has been supported through both the Max and Connie Boersma Scholarship Fund and the Vern and Isla Schipper Scholarship Fund. "This assistance was especially important to me, because otherwise the positives in life that are coming into fruition would not have been a possibility."

parent denomination. Many are simply for any student with financial need.

As diverse as the range is, the endowed scholarships at Hope reflect one common value: a priority placed on helping others realize their dreams—inspired, quite often, by the difference that others or Hope made to them.

"Those who attend Hope College are offered a great education experience. Scholarship aid may make the difference from a financial standpoint as to whether a student can be part of that experience or not," said Dave Byrne '90, who with his wife Rhonda Boelkins '90 Byrne established a scholarship to encourage and increase diversity at Hope.

"Invariably, Hope graduates, whether as part of their careers or otherwise, will be put in a position of needing to work with or side-by-side with people of other races," Dave Byrne said. "Interaction creates understanding, and understanding reduces conflict, individually and globally."

Dave and Rhonda Byrne—who went on to graduate school at the University of Michigan and careers in law and social work respectively, and now live in Fremont, Mich.—remembered their own positive experience when making the decision to support future generations of students.

"We had such a great four years at Hope that prepared us for graduate school and our careers, and we wanted to help others to be a

part of a great institution," Dave Byrne said. "Our positive Hope experience is based on so much more than academics, however. We both grew in our Christian faith, created memories and friends that have lasted 20 years, and thoroughly enjoyed our time at Hope."

Frank Kraai '60 of Holland, Mich., who is retired from a combined 45 years in teaching and administration, established a fund for deserving junior, senior or non-traditional elementary education students pursuing teaching in a public school system. His perspective is informed not only by his 30 years in the West Ottawa School System, but by the additional 15 years he spent at Hope as a student teacher supervisor, educator and mentor.

"It's about the kids," he said. "To work with some of them—in my role, I got to know them very well, very personally."

"To meet these young people, it seems to be a bigger thrill the older I get," Kraai said. "They're creative and bright, and they're going to create a better world than we left them."

Hope has added 66 endowed scholarships within recent years, bringing the total number of scholarships at the college, some endowed and some not, to more than 600. It's a quantity the college is hoping to increase, in keeping with the college's overall goal of helping students and building the endowment.

Tuition covers approximately 75 percent of the cost of a Hope education, with the rest

provided by endowment and annual support.

When it comes to endowment, Hope ranks second from the bottom among the 14 peer liberal arts colleges with which the college is comparable (and not infrequently competes for students). The highest endowment in the group in 2009 was \$537 million, with Hope's endowment at \$125 million. About 45 percent of the annual income from the endowment provides student financial aid, with the rest supporting the academic program and general college operations.

A strengthened endowment, bolstered in particular by additional endowed scholarships, will help reduce the college's dependence on tuition while at the same time enhancing Hope's affordability and helping make Hope more competitive in attracting students.

The institution, after all, has much to recommend it. Hope regularly ranks among the top liberal arts colleges on multiple measures, from the evaluation of independently published college guides, to the number of federal research grants received in the sciences, to its accreditation in all four arts programs, to its graduate school placement rates, to the quality of its teacher-education program. And the list goes on.

Such results reflect the college's commitment to wise stewardship—to make the most of the resources entrusted to its care—and to the excellence and dedication of the faculty

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— Dave Byrne '90, co-founder of scholarship with wife Rhonda Boelkins '90 Byrne

and staff. Hope professors are outstanding scholars and teachers who are at Hope because they believe in its mission, and care about their students and do their utmost for them.

Those are the values from which all Hope students benefit. And with more endowed scholarships, more students will be able to do so, and be changed themselves—and become agents of change—through the college's combination of academic rigor, a vibrant Christian dimension and high-quality co-curricular programs. 🙌



Senior **Carmen Hirsch** of Highmore, S.D., is an exercise-science major who plans to go on to physical therapy school and a career as a physical therapist. She appreciates the opportunity that she's found at Hope.

"The small class sizes allow you to get to know your professors as well as your peers on a personal level, and they get to know you, too," she said. "Coming from a small school, where I was one of 25 graduates, Hope gives me a feeling of comfort, as it's like the small community where I came from, where everyone cares for each other. With regards to my major, the kinesiology department is very accommodating and we are lucky to have a well-educated staff that only wants their students to succeed."

Hirsch notes that the scholarship that she has received throughout her four years at Hope, through the Charlotte A. "Chuckie" Mulder Scholarship Fund, has made her time at the college possible. "I come from a farming and ranching family from rural South Dakota, and without the assistance of scholarships, I would not have been able to attend Hope," she said.

Junior **Christopher Mattson** of Muskegon, Mich., is majoring in biology and plans to become a physician. He has valued his academic training—but he's learned through his time beyond the classroom as well.

"Hope College has had a tremendous impact on the person that I am today. Here, I have experienced a rigorous academic load which has challenged me to aggressively engage my classes. I have also been fortunate enough to be a member of the baseball team here at Hope; the honor of competing as a student-athlete at this institution is wonderful," he said. "The relationships that I have developed here at Hope College have made me a better person."

He's been supported by the Calvin '37 and Rachel VanderWerf Scholarship Fund. "Without the scholarship assistance I received to attend Hope, I simply would be unable to attend this amazing institution," he said. "When I applied to Hope as a high school senior, I knew that my attendance here would, at least in part, be dependent on the financial aid offered to me. My sponsors have truly given me a life-changing opportunity, one which I will do my best to validate through my actions as a student, and eventually as a physician."





Giving Voice, Restoring Dignity

By Greg Chandler

Twelve years had passed since Dr. Ernest Cole fled his native Sierra Leone in the wake of a bloody civil war.

When Dr. Cole, an assistant professor of English at Hope, returned to the western African nation in the summer of 2009, he sought to document the experiences of survivors who had arms, legs, or hands amputated by anti-government rebels during the decade-long civil war.



In sharing the stories of the amputee survivors of Sierra Leone's civil war, Dr. Ernest Cole hopes to see new opportunities for their active involvement in society—a crucial need not only for them as individuals but in preventing further violence. Such engagement can take many forms, such as a popular soccer league that has even provided opportunities for travel for the participants.

So Dr. Cole went to “resettlement camps” that had been set up outside the capital city, where many of those survivors have been relocated. With a small video camera in hand, he captured the stories and living conditions of about 50 survivors – including a former customs officer who was attacked by rebels on his way to work and had his arms cut off with machetes. When the man’s son tried to stop the attack, he was shot to death.

“I’d go back (after interviewing a survivor), and I couldn’t sleep at night,” Dr. Cole said.

As Sierra Leone tries to get back on its feet after the war, Dr. Cole is concerned that those who lost limbs during the conflict are being forgotten about by the government. Many are dealing with both physical and emotional after effects of their experience. Dr. Cole hopes by sharing their stories, those survivors will not only get the help they need, but also find a way to reclaim their dignity and eventually, learn to forgive what happened to them.

“Somebody has to do it, to go back to give these people a voice,” Dr. Cole said. “We must break the silence. These people must be given back their voice.”

Ultimately, he hopes to see opportunities for the amputees to become active participants in society, a crucial need, he feels, not only for them as individuals but in preventing further violence.

“The message the attackers are inscribing on the individual is that you are dependent, you have no hope,” Dr. Cole said. “The

amputee soon begins to see himself through images of guilt, humiliation, anger, and before you know it, revenge.”

“If they can be made functional again, they can go back and provide for their families. They’ll reclaim their dignity, they will reclaim their humanity, and above all, they will be able to forgive,” Dr. Cole said.

Dr. Cole’s work is part of a pilot project at Hope in what is described as the “digital humanities.” While Dr. Cole is putting together materials for future courses at Hope based on his Sierra Leone experience, five students at the college are going through his video footage and putting together a long-form documentary and other multimedia presentations that can be used to educate faculty and students alike. A three-minute introductory video, using footage from Dr. Cole’s visit, can be found on the video-sharing website YouTube.

“It’s certainly made me much more aware of human rights issues in Africa,” said Carl Dunker, a Hope senior from Bloomfield Hills, Mich., who is one of the students who have spent countless hours editing interviews and converting Dr. Cole’s videos into a digital



Dr. Ernest Cole's concern for those maimed during the 1991-2002 civil war in his native Sierra Leone has led him back to the country to help tell their story. His research project has provided a prime learning opportunity for Hope students through the college's emphasis on using new and emerging technologies to enhance scholarship in the arts and humanities. Dr. Cole is pictured with senior Carl Dunker and junior Kylen Blom reviewing footage he shot during his recent visit to the country.

product. “I never realized how bad it was or really what went on. It’s something you don’t hear about on the news.”

Dr. Cole’s project is an example of the kind of work Hope students will have an opportunity to take part in through the college’s new Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Scholars Program in the Arts and Humanities.

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Assistant Professor of English

The program, which began this fall with 17 sophomore students, is designed to deepen students’ scholarship in the arts and humanities through collaborative, interdisciplinary research projects and the use of digital technologies, said Dr. William Pannapacker, associate professor of English at Hope and director of the Mellon program.

“This gives us an opportunity to formalize research programs for students interested in the arts and humanities,” Dr. Pannapacker said.

The program, which was established with the help of a three-year, \$200,000 grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation awarded last year, will enable select Hope students to develop research projects with faculty mentors, with a particular emphasis on teaching students how to use digital technologies for developing, disseminating and preserving their work.

The Mellon Scholars Program begins in the students’ sophomore year with a two-semester interdisciplinary course that will emphasize the development of traditional liberal arts skills, such as collaborative research and scholarly writing. In the second semester of the course, the students are introduced to developing

digital skills such as producing podcasts and editing videos. The goal, Dr. Pannapacker says, is to open up opportunities for students to share their research with larger audiences.

“There’s an understanding here at Hope that the traditional liberal arts are foundational. They don’t change,” Dr. Pannapacker said. “But there are new technologies that have made those traditional skills much more powerful than they ever were before.”

Faculty from each of the departments within the arts and humanities will help teach the courses, with students choosing primary and secondary disciplines from which to pursue their research project. Students work with faculty mentors on their research project in their junior year, to be followed by a thesis in their senior year, Dr. Pannapacker said.

While Dunker is not in the Mellon Scholars Program, the double major in English and philosophy says he can foresee the benefit of students taking part in the program in the future.

“We’re going to see a lot more use of multimedia – videos, podcasting, blogging and interactive Web sites – to present research to the academic world,” he said.

Dr. Cole says the students who have collaborated with him on the Sierra Leone project are gaining valuable experiences that will serve them well after graduation.

“Hope is committed to training students as global citizens,” he said. “If (students) are going to be global citizens, they must be exposed to different cultures. There must be an encounter with differences.”

Dr. Cole, who is also writing a book based on his Sierra Leone experiences last year and again this past summer, says he wants to provide educational materials and learning opportunities to give Hope students an opportunity to explore various issues in a global context.

“I think projects of this nature are crucial to this kind of discourse, of one’s humanity, of one’s perception of life, of one’s obligation as a Christian, of one’s relationship to his Maker,” Dr. Cole said.

Already, the work Dr. Cole and the Hope students have put in on this project is making an impact. At Hope Church, in Holland, Mich., church members raised \$7,000 in assistance for survivors after hearing a presentation by Dr. Cole and seeing the video. The presentation was coordinated by Dr. David Klooster, professor of English and department chairman. About \$1,500 has already been used to pay for tuition, books, supplies and uniforms for 20 children now living in the resettlement camps, Dr. Cole said. 🙏





Living Memories

The years and miles melted away as the members of the Delta Phi sorority took time to celebrate.

Representing some eight decades, nearly 250 alumnae joined the sorority's 59 actives during Homecoming Weekend to commemorate the group's 100th anniversary. Their lives and experiences spanned generations, and many of the particulars of campus life and the world had changed since the days the eldest was a student, but as they gathered for their two-day reunion, they could also appreciate how much they shared—and how much that meant.

"It was wonderful to see women reconnect with old friends as well as meet new friends through this experience," said Ellen Tanis



The chance for alumnae and current students to connect and share experiences was a major highlight of the anniversary reception and literary meeting held on Homecoming Friday. Above, Ruth DeGraaf '50 Dirkse talks with senior Claire Wulf of Upper Arlington, Ohio.

'90 Awad, who is director of student life and Greek life at Hope as well as a Delta Phi alumna herself.

"What stands out to me is that although times have changed, hundreds of women through the decades have made lifelong friends and memories because of their involvement in Delta Phi," she said. "Reciting the Delta Phi Creed and singing our song together as a multi-generational group was unifying—very meaningful."

The activities began with a reception and literary meeting that included reflections by graduates from the 1940s through 1990s, with a video prepared by the actives to showcase the sorority's life in the present. Senior Lyndsey Vanderveld of Wood Dale, Ill., who as the sorority's vice president coordinated the current students' involvement in the celebration, enjoyed the way that the bonds transcended the differences.

"I think it's cool that you have that immediate connection with someone," Vanderveld said. "Even if you haven't met before, you have a lot in common."

"They all knew the same traditions," she said.

The Friday-Saturday, Oct. 22-23, gathering was felicitously timed. Delta Phi had begun in the very month a century before, in October 1910.

Delta Phi is the fifth Greek organization at Hope to have passed the century mark. The Fraternal Society was established at Union College in 1834, before Hope was even founded, and brought to Hope by the Rev. Philip Phelps Jr., the college's first president; the Cosmopolitan fraternity began in 1890; the Sigma Sigma sorority began in 1905; and the Knickerbocker Fraternity began in 1909.



The Delta Phi sorority's 100th anniversary, celebrated during Homecoming Weekend, provided alumnae representing seven decades

The organization predates most of the campus. Only four buildings have existed longer: Van Vleck Hall (1858), the President's Home (1892), Graves Hall (1894) and Voorhees Hall (1907).

Voorhees played a particularly important role in the life of the sorority for many years. Constructed as a residence hall for female

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– Ellen Tanis '90 Awad, director of student life and Greek life and Delta Phi alumna

students, the building served as Delta Phi's home for decades. Several of the college's sororities had rooms set aside on the basement level as meeting space.

The sorority moved to its current quarters, the Delta Phi cottage located just west of Kollen Hall in the central campus, in 1980. The house—originally a private home before the college acquired it and started using it as student housing some years before—was at the time the first sorority living unit on campus, although multiple other sororities now have on-campus houses, as do several of the fraternities.

Dee Freyling '51 Hertel, Marjorie Dykema '53 Visscher and Bette Brewer '55 Visscher all spoke easily together as they attended the reunion reception. Their days at the college and in the sorority created bonds that have lasted more than 50 years.

"My very best friends are from Hope College," Hertel said.

"We've always kept in contact," Bette Visscher said. "We were in each other's weddings."

"We've always kept up through Christmas and anniversaries and occasions like that," Marjorie Visscher noted.

The close friendships Vanderveld observed among current actives were an important consideration when she made the decision

and current students an opportunity to reflect on friendships made, lessons learned and traditions held in common even as times have changed.

to join the sorority after transferring to Hope as a sophomore. She's also appreciated that Delta Phi's members reflect a broad range of interests—majors across the curriculum, a variety of co-curricular activities—with the sorority correspondingly providing a way of connecting with a wide assortment of students.

"You get to become friends with people that you never would have thought you'd meet beforehand," she said. Similarly, she said, graduation years drop away within the group as well. "Seniors and freshmen can be best friends."

Vanderveld was no less motivated by the sorority's emphasis—shared throughout the college's Greek community—on leadership and service opportunities. In addition to being vice president this semester, she's been Delta Phi's chaplain and "intra-sorority" coordinator, planning events for the group. She values the sorority's work raising support for and awareness of cancer prevention through its "Pink Day" activities and the college-wide Relay for Life; the group's active involvement in Dance Marathon on behalf of Helen DeVos Children's Hospital; and participation in events such as Holland Rotary's fund-raising 5K run.

"The sorority is fun and social, but you do make a difference in the community and you can extend yourself out to help others," she said.

The friendships and opportunities to become involved were also important considerations to Haleigh Heneveld '08, who since graduation has found the lessons that she learned in Delta Phi to be a valuable complement to her academic program as she pursues a career in nursing. "I learned a lot about time management and splitting my time between classes and sorority life, and being involved in a leadership role when I was a member," she said.

Her positive experiences with the group and the enduring friendships she formed made participating in the reunion planning in the months before Homecoming a natural step.

"It's exciting to celebrate 100 years," Heneveld said. "I think it's a real accomplishment."

The process only deepened her appreciation for the sorority, as she worked with alumnae from across the years as well as with the current students.

"I've enjoyed hearing their stories and really knowing that it's not just the years I was at Hope College," Heneveld said. "It's much more than that." 🐾



Sophomores Brianna Burking of Indianapolis, Ind., and Jacqueline Bos of Grand Rapids, Mich., enjoy spending time with the sorority's history via scrapbooks displayed during the Homecoming Alumni Tailgate picnic at Smalenburg Park immediately before Saturday's football game.





Unyielding Determination, Endless Compassion

By Chris Lewis '09

For Emily Blauw '06, Valentine's Day 2001 will always stand out as a moment in which her life changed forever.



Dance Marathon with its emphasis on helping children was of central importance to Emily Blauw '06 during her student days—her involvement a harbinger of her focus as a professional. She is pictured during the 2006 Dance Marathon with Hannah Schmidt. Readers with especially good memories may recognize the photo as the cover of the April 2007 issue of *News from Hope College*, which focused on Hope students' commitment to service and the lessons that result.

At first, the day appeared to be much like any other. After singing with her high school choir throughout the day, she was excited to be able to drive home and see her family.

However, although the spring season was in the horizon, yet another Michigan winter storm had blanketed the roads with freshly fallen snow. Her car approached a large sheet of black ice.

Suddenly, she lost control of her vehicle as it slid across the ice and crashed into a tree.

In that instant, everything was different.

While recovering from the life-threatening accident, Blauw learned that she had sustained a variety of injuries, ranging from a collapsed lung and a fractured pelvis to a lacerated liver and a broken vertebra.

Most damaging was that her spinal cord had been severed. She had become paralyzed from the chest down.

Although many people might have reacted in a negative manner had they faced the same challenge, Blauw has truly been able to recuperate from the accident and utilize her past experiences while helping other disabled victims throughout the state heal from injuries and proceed to once again lead happy, healthy lives.

"I have learned there are so many people that have different ailments, disabilities, struggles, and pain in this world, but we each have unique gifts from God to be able to care for one another and help each other through life," she said.

Her recovery following her accident first brought her to Mary Free Bed Rehabilitation Hospital, located in Grand Rapids, where she participated in an intensive five-month-long, inpatient therapy program, as well as an outpatient program that continued for an additional three months.



Paralyzed in an automobile accident while in high school, Emily Blauw '06 participated in inpatient and outpatient therapy at Mary Free Bed Rehabilitation Hospital for several months.

Throughout her rehabilitation, she was determined to achieve many of the same life goals that she had prior to the accident. Although she missed the remainder of her junior year of high school, she returned to West Ottawa for her senior year and graduated with her peers and friends – an accomplishment that motivated her to pursue further goals.

Prior to graduating, Blauw had set her sights on colleges and universities throughout the state, but none of them attracted her attention quite like Hope. Not only was her father, the Rev. David Blauw '77, an alumnus, but she also appreciated the size, community, and reputation of the college.

"Hope was always in my mind as a place where I might like to attend, due to the college's Christian atmosphere, small class sizes, and quality academics," she said.

While she was still attending high school, Blauw had considered pursuing a future career in speech therapy after babysitting the children of a speech pathologist for an extensive period of time. During her rehabilitation at Mary Free

Bed, and witnessing first-hand the ways in which speech therapists positively impact other peoples' lives, including hers, she was even more determined.

During her collegiate career, she was interested in pursuing extracurricular activities that would not only prepare her for the future, but also lead her to service and community enrichment opportunities. For Blauw, no other

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– Emily Blauw '06, Ms. Wheelchair Michigan

Hope tradition was dearer to her than the annual Dance Marathon – an event that raises thousands of dollars each year for the Helen DeVos Children's Hospital.

As a member and director of the marathon's family relations committee, she developed a strong passion for helping ill children and their families due to her own health conditions.

"I could relate to them and I wanted to support them. Now, in hindsight, those children and their families were helping me just as much as I was helping them," she said. "The Dance Marathon kids gave me a reason to look outside myself and my own health problems and to focus more energy on others and that was, in turn, healing for me."

Consequently, Blauw was even more inspired to serve others while fully utilizing the knowledge she had attained after her accident. In addition to Dance Marathon, she became involved in campus events such as the Relay for Life, and served the community through the special education ministries at Holland's Third Reformed Church.

As she reflects on her past collegiate experiences, Blauw is pleased with her decisions.

"Hope was a very caring community of faculty and students. The professors and student support staff really are there to help every student succeed academically and in life," she said. "After attending other universities upon receiving my bachelor's degree, I have realized just how unique Hope is. The college does not only provide a quality education to students, but its community helps all students, even those with disabilities, succeed."

After graduating from Hope with a psychology major, Blauw obtained a Master of Arts degree in speech-language pathology from Western Michigan University.

Ironically, this past January, Blauw was well-rewarded for her years of hard work and dedication to the speech pathology field as she was offered a position at Mary Free Bed--the same hospital that first helped her recover more than nine years ago.

On a daily basis, Blauw works with children and adults at the hospital as she strives to help them improve their speech and to progress towards the lives they were leading before their accidents or illnesses. It's a way of living out values that are a central part of her life.

"If you start focusing on others rather than yourself, life is more fulfilling. We all need help from each other to live in this world – we can't do it alone," she said. "Just as the nurses and therapists helped me regain life after being paralyzed, I now strive to do the same for others. Every day I try to offer encouragement,

compensatory healing, and compassion to the people I meet."

Blauw's outlook and achievements helped lead to recognition earlier this year as Ms. Wheelchair Michigan. Although she was honored by the recognition, she was even more pleased by the opportunity to become a spokesperson for the disabled community. Since March, she has attended local schools, visited rehabilitation hospitals, and met with community leaders while promoting her platform, "Empowering Children with Disabilities."

"My goal is to educate children with disabilities, families with disabled children, and the community at large that disabled children need to be included in schools and sports and encouraged to pursue goals of higher education, careers, and families as they grow," she said.

As she prepares for the future as a spokesperson, speech pathologist, and servant to others, she is reminded just how precious life is and how quickly everything can change.

"We must all be motivated to live life to the fullest," she said. "Each day I strive to never take anything for granted." 🐦



Crowned Ms. Wheelchair Michigan this past spring, Emily Blauw '06 has valued the opportunity that the role has provided to promote her platform "Empowering Children with Disabilities." During the national pageant in August, she won the "Business Professional Award" (she is pictured with the event's masters of ceremonies, Dave Schembri, director and CEO of The Vehicle Production Group, which has developed the MV-1, a vehicle designed with wheelchair users in mind). Photo courtesy of Emily Blauw '06.





Living Narrative

By Greg Chandler

Dr. Fred Johnson was in the third grade, attending school in the Philippines where his father was stationed in the United States Air Force, when he discovered his passion for history.



Students have rewarded Dr. Fred Johnson's engaging approach to teaching with honors including the Faculty Appreciation Award, selection as the Commencement speaker and the Hope Outstanding Professor Educator (H.O.P.E.) Award.

He asked his parents for books dealing with the history of the Air Force, the rise and fall of Adolf Hitler, the Battle of Britain and *30 Seconds Over Tokyo* – the story of the 1942 raid on Japan led by Lt. Col. Jimmy Doolittle.

"It just got worse as I got older," quipped Dr. Johnson, an associate professor of history at Hope whose scholarly interests range from U.S. foreign policy in Africa, to the role of railroads in the Confederacy during the Civil War, to the late rapper Tupac Shakur.

As a teacher at Hope, Dr. Johnson has taught courses ranging from the Civil War to Modern European History. Acclaimed for his work in the classroom, he hopes to connect his students with the human dimension of the past, to see the events about which they're learning as a living process, and to envision their own place in the stories to come.

In his Modern European class, for example, he has his students visit nearby Pilgrim Home Cemetery, to study the monuments and gravestones of those who lived in Holland many years ago. He has them note the birth and death dates on the monuments.

"I tell (the students) that every last one of those folks used to be just like them, walking around on the earth. They had dreams, passions, desires and ideas about the future.

"The great story is what you do between birth and death. That's when history is written," Dr. Johnson said.

In a U.S. history class, he has his students simulate the February 1861 Peace Conference held in Washington, D.C., where northern and southern delegates argued about slavery and other issues in a last attempt to prevent the outbreak of civil war.

"The students usually come away (from the simulation) with a lot more respect for the elected officials and leaders of that time,

that they didn't slide willy-nilly into war," Dr. Johnson said.

Students value his engaging approach. During Homecoming in 2002, they presented him with the Faculty Appreciation Award. In 2003, the graduating class chose him to deliver the Commencement address. Two years later, he was voted the recipient of the prestigious H.O.P.E. (Hope Outstanding Professor Educator) Award by that year's senior class.

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– Dr. Fred Johnson, Associate Professor of History



A moment during "U.S. History to 1877." Dr. Fred Johnson of the history faculty hopes to connect his students with the human dimension of the past, to see the events about which they're learning as a living process, and to envision their own place in the stories to come.

This past February, he was the featured speaker in Hope's "Last Lecture Series," organized by the college's Mortar Board honorary society. His talk, titled "Let It Not Be In Vain," focused on the implications of the life and death of Jesus Christ for the choices people make.

"Christ did His part for me on the cross. Now, my obligation for His sacrifice is to not let it be in vain. By that, I mean I owe Him service to others. The work He did for me, I am now charged to do for others," Dr. Johnson said.

Dr. Johnson's path to becoming one of Hope's most popular professors was not without challenges.

At 15, he was severely beaten by police officers in Prince George's County, Md., who had raided a block party he was attending.

"It was definitely a sign of the times, the kind of thing that often happened in a southern black community," Dr. Johnson said.

While such an incident might provoke many to anger, he used it to further fuel his interest in history. He began reading about Frederick Douglass, an escaped slave who

became a major figure in the abolitionist movement.

"What I learned, as a student of history, was to ask 'Why are we doing this?'" Dr. Johnson said.

A few years later, Dr. Johnson's dreams of going to the U.S. Naval Academy and becoming a fighter pilot were crushed when he discovered he had a sickle-cell blood trait that disqualified him from flight school. He instead completed his undergraduate degree at Bowie State College, after which he became a communications and electronics officer in the Marines, serving on active duty for four years and another eight years as a reservist.

After his discharge from the military, Dr. Johnson worked for several companies, including Packard Electric of GM in Warren, Ohio (near Cleveland), Contel – Page Communications in Fairfax, Virginia, and Aircraft Braking Systems (formerly Goodyear Aerospace) in Akron, Ohio.

While in Ohio, Dr. Johnson completed his master's degree, and later his doctorate, in

history at Kent State University. It was there that he crossed paths with Dr. Robert Swierenga, at the time a history professor at KSU, who served on his dissertation committee and recommended that he look at Hope, and Hope at him.

"He was a Christian, he was a very good teacher and he seemed to have an interest in teaching more than research and writing," said Dr. Swierenga, now a research professor at the A.C. Van Raalte Institute on the Hope campus. "He simply is a very fine gentleman, he had high moral standards, and I knew he would fit in at Hope."

Dr. Johnson is active in the community and as a scholar and author in addition to his deep commitment to his students.

He serves on the boards of a variety of community organizations, including the Holland Area Arts Council, Holland Historical Trust, Latin – Americans United for Progress, and Disabilities Action Network Lakeshore. He is a facilitator for the Institute of Healing Racism sponsored by the Holland Area Chamber of Commerce, and is a past member of the Holland City Human Relations Commission. He was a faculty representative to the college's Board of Trustees from 2006 through earlier this year.

He has been recognized repeatedly for his ability as a public speaker. In 2006, he was Division champion and second place winner in District 62 for the Toastmasters International Speech Contest. In 2007, 2008 and earlier this year he won the District 62 championship and advanced to the semifinal rounds of the International Speech Competition.

In 2008, Dr. Johnson entered the political arena, running as a Democrat in Michigan's Second Congressional District against incumbent Rep. Peter Hoekstra '75. He received nearly 120,000 votes, the most ever by a Democratic candidate in the heavily-Republican district. He ran again this fall in the Second District, receiving 32 percent of the vote.

He has written three novels: *Bittersweet* (2002), *A Man Finds His Way* (2003) and *Other Men's Wives* (2005). He contributed a chapter to the book *The United States and West Africa: Interactions and Relations* (2008), and is currently writing *America's Blind Spot: U.S. Foreign Policy in Africa, 1945 - present*. In January, he and New York-based author Tayannah Lee McQuillar published *Tupac Shakur: The Life and Times of an American Icon*, a book that examined the controversial rapper who was shot to death in 1996.

Dr. Johnson takes seriously the challenge of making the most of his time, of living his story in the same way in which he encourages his students to live theirs.

"All you get to leave behind is your story," he said. "You need to carefully manage how you write it." 📖





Building Hope Together



It won't come as a surprise, to anyone who knows Hope, that in the college's fund-raising Phonathon, the process matters just as much as the outcome.

That's not to say that the outcome, generating annual operational support for Hope, isn't crucial. Along the way, though, it's done with an emphasis on people, relationships and—above all—the students who are the entire reason that the college even exists.

Four nights a week and Saturday mornings across the entire academic year, teams of those students spend time calling alumni, parents and friends of the college who have not yet made a gift to the Hope Fund, which supports Hope on a day-to-day basis. While those conversations always involve a polite request for a donation, the students especially value the opportunity to connect with others in the Hope family—many of whom have been where they are, and are where they're going.

"I enjoy talking to the alumni—hearing stories of how they met their spouses, talking about their major or minor, and talking about what they experienced at Hope and all the similarities that we have," said senior Kristen Garrison of Batavia, Ill., who's worked with the program since her freshman year.

A political science major, Garrison has appreciated the chance to compare notes with alumni who had classes with many of the same professors with whom she is studying now. She has also found those she's called generous in their interest in her.

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— Kristen Garrison '11 of Batavia, Ill., Phonathon caller

"A lot of them are willing to help with my future goals, with contacts or whatever assistance they can give," said Garrison,

who is interested in foreign policy and U.S. international relations.

Students enjoy the Phonathon experience so much that most, like Garrison, come back year after year. When spots do open up (the program can handle up to 31 students), it's generally due to graduation.

Sophomore Joe Soderberg of Glen Ellyn, Ill., is new to calling this year, having snagged one of the six slots available in August. At first, he admits, the idea of calling someone he didn't know—and, in the end, requesting a donation—was a bit intimidating, but it's an affirmation of the good character of the Hope family that he has found that those he is calling make it easy. "You're talking to some pretty nice people," he said.

Interested in public accounting, he's appreciated the reassurances he's received from those with whom he's spoken.

"They say it's a great career," he said. "And I've heard good things as far as the job market is concerned."

The students aren't the only ones who enjoy the conversations. Notes often accompany the donations that come to Hope

as a result of the Phonathon. "I love getting a phone call from a Hope student. It reminds me of all the neat people I met there, who are still friends to this day," one shared recently. "What a lovely young woman who contacted us. She should go far," said another.

Emily Donahue '09 can appreciate the Phonathon from both perspectives. She enjoys receiving calls as an alumna now, just as she enjoyed making those calls herself as a junior and senior.

"It was a fantastic experience," she said. "I think that being able to connect with alumni and graduates of all years was beneficial for me in appreciating my experience and also understanding where people are going."

Donahue notes that she initially signed on because, as a communication major, she saw the program as an opportunity to hone her interpersonal skills. "The experience through the Hope Fund Phonathon gives you the ability to gain that phone etiquette that you can only get through practice," she notes.

It happens that the Phonathon also informed her career direction. She is currently working at the Naper Settlement Museum in

Illinois and pursuing a master's degree in non-profit management.

"Having that experience in college kind of turned me on to the whole concept of development and fund-raising," Donahue said. "It's been one of the puzzle pieces in me finding where I want to be."

In addition to enjoying their time as callers, the students also take the responsibility seriously, recognizing the importance of what they're doing. To enable the college to stay on budget, the Hope Fund is seeking \$3 million this year, to which the Phonathon will contribute \$1.25 million.

The figures aren't arbitrary. Tuition covers about 75 percent of the cost of keeping Hope running each year, with the remainder paid by income from the college's endowment (a story about which also appears in this issue) and the Hope Fund.

The Hope Fund provides unrestricted operational support that benefits every Hope student—and literally helps pay for everything. It contributes financial aid; keeps the laboratories stocked, the computers running, the classrooms heated and the sidewalks shoveled; underwrites health, counseling and career services; assists in bringing world-renowned artists, authors, musicians and lecturers to campus; and more, and more.

"We know our alumni give because they value a liberal arts education, they love Hope College and they love helping students," said Abby Madison '86 Reeg, who is director of the Hope Fund—and who, it happens, was a Phonathon caller herself as a student. "If people want to help students, giving to the Hope Fund is a great way to do it."

Reeg encourages alumni, parents and friends of the college not to be dissuaded if they're not in a position to make a large gift. Every contribution makes a difference in absolute terms, combining with similar donations from others, but also, significantly, makes a difference as a statement. She notes that grant-making agencies and guides like *U.S. News & World Report's America's Best Colleges*

consider alumni giving—the percentage who support the institution, not the dollar amount—in their own evaluations of colleges and universities. The reasoning goes something like this: if those who attended don't think highly enough of their experience to support the school, why should anyone else support or recommend it?

It's never too late to start—or too early. The Phonathon students themselves develop a uniquely informed perspective. They are not only living the Hope experience, but have an opportunity to see what it takes to provide it, and to help.

"It makes me more appreciative of not only the alumni but the school for doing this—for seeking the money on behalf of students," Soderberg said.

"It's nice to feel that I'm contributing to the college and the campus," Garrison said. "I'm contributing to it while I'm still here, through raising funds for the Hope Fund."

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— Abby Madison '86 Reeg, director of the Hope Fund

"Whenever my friends ask what my job is, I try to explain exactly what it is I do," she said. "Because the Phonathon goes into everything, including my scholarship, so I'm really grateful." 🙌

Missed our call? Please consider taking the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of Hope students through support of the Hope Fund.

An envelope is included with this feature for the convenience of those interested in making a gift, either before or after the end of the 2010 tax year.



Depth



Scenes from the much-in-demand Nykerk 2010. Clockwise from near right: members of the sophomore song section prepare before the event; the freshman play, “Scooby Doo and the Haunted Orientation”; the sophomore song section performs a choral review from *The Wizard of Oz*; the sophomore play, “Don’t Let the Bed Bugs Bite”; the freshman and sophomore orators, left-to-right, Jordan Ippolito and Zoann Wissner; freshman song creates a light-up lion-cub while singing “I Just Can’t Wait to Be King” from *The Lion King*; celebrating the freshman win.

For a gallery of more than 60 images, please visit the college online.
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This year’s Nykerk theme also applied aptly to the event itself. Built around “Depth: Live Deeply, Stand Strong, Be Your Favorite Song,” the 2010 Nykerk Cup competition was buoyed by the greatest participation in two decades, maybe even since the annual contest for freshman and sophomore women in song, plays and oration began in 1936.

Some 260 students, most swelling the ranks of the song sections, took part in this year’s installment, held on Saturday, Nov. 6. The enthusiasm for being a part of the evening, which the freshman Class of 2014 won, carried over to attendance

as well, with the Family Weekend audience of parents, grandparents, siblings and hundreds of fellow students filling the storied Civic Center high to bursting.

So voluminous was the crowd that there wasn’t even any space for the two classes to come together for the traditional “meeting in the middle” afterward—which isn’t to say that the culminating signifier of Nykerk’s emphasis on friendly rivalry was ignored. Instead, the essential Nykerk moment moved on to a follow-up party already scheduled in the DeWitt Center Kletz later in the evening.



Reaching for the Top

Hope athletic teams begin their respective seasons with specific goals the athletes and coaches aspire to attain. The ultimate goal is the opportunity to play in post-season NCAA championships.

Athletes in four of Hope's eight fall sports teams had that opportunity. Teams in men's soccer and volleyball gained automatic berths in the NCAA Division III tournaments as representatives of the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association (MIAA). Runners in women's and men's cross country ran with the nation's elite after qualifying at the Great Lakes Regional, which Hope hosted.

The regular-season race toward the Commissioner's Cup of the MIAA is once again a showdown between two rivals. The Cup's standings are determined by the best cumulative finishes in the league's 18 sports for men and women. Through the fall, Calvin has a four-point lead over defending champion Hope.

Soccer

An amazing second-half run of seven consecutive victories pulled the Flying Dutchmen from the middle of the standings to the top as MIAA men's soccer co-champions with rival Calvin. Two of Hope's regular-season



Allowing less than one goal a game, junior goalkeeper Logan Neil was voted the MIAA's most valuable player.

victories were over Calvin. The team's MIAA championship-clinching win was the 200th in league play under coach Steven Smith, who became just the third coach in the 40-year history of MIAA soccer to reach that milestone. The Flying Dutchmen, who finished with a 13-6-2 record, lost 1-0 to North Park, Ill., in the first round of the NCAA tournament.

Junior goalkeeper Logan Neil of Holland, Mich., was voted the MIAA's most valuable player. He was joined on the All-MIAA first team by senior mid-fielder Shaun Grootsema of Augusta, Mich., and junior back David Whitaker of Vicksburg, Mich.

Logan Neil and his father, Hope's men's basketball coach Matt Neil '82, have the distinction of being the first father-son Hope athletes to receive All-MIAA MVP honors. Matt was selected the MIAA's most valuable basketball player his senior season.

The Flying Dutch finished seventh in the MIAA women's soccer standings and posted an overall 6-9-3 record. Senior Courtney Cook of Grand Rapids, Mich., was voted to the All-MIAA team for the third time in her career. A season highlight was marking the 100th victory over nine years under coach Leigh Sears.

Volleyball

Nationally ranked throughout the season, the Flying Dutch posted two victories over rival Calvin late in the season to gain a conference co-championship and a berth in the NCAA tournament for the third consecutive year. The Flying Dutch, who finished with a 27-4 record, advanced to the second round of the playoffs before bowing.

Senior Jacie Fiedler of Richmond, Ill., was named a second-team Division III All-American by the American Volleyball Coaches Association. Teammates Greer Bratschie, a sophomore setter from East Grand Rapids, Mich., and Cassidy Bulthuis, a senior outside hitter from Nunica, Mich., received honorable mention All-America recognition. Fiedler and

Bratschie earlier were named to the All-MIAA first team.

Cross Country

For the first time in more than 20 years, Hope was host to nearly 500 runners for the NCAA Division III Great Lakes Regional. The home course was to the liking of Hope's athletes. The Flying Dutch qualified as a team for the national championships for the first time in 12 years, while the Flying Dutchmen advanced a runner to the finals for the third time in five years.

The Flying Dutch finished 19th in a field of 32 women's teams at the championship meet. Hope finishers among the 279 runners were junior Kelly Luftkin of Houghton, Mich., 69th; sophomore Taylor Mattarella of Traverse City, Mich., 80th; junior Karlyn Sikma of Grand Rapids, Mich., 100th; sophomore Sharon Hecker of Grandville, Mich., 103rd; freshman Camille Borst of Allendale, Mich., 110th; senior Emily Fischer of Naperville, Ill., 138th; and junior Kate Nelson of Williamston, Mich., 178th. Junior Nate Love of Midland, Mich. was 61st in the field of 279 runners in the men's championship.

Fischer, Hecker, Mattarella, Love and Luftkin received All-MIAA first team honors.

Golf

Senior Chris Ansel of Zeeland, Mich., maintained a tradition of golf excellence at Hope by winning MIAA medalist honors. The Flying Dutchmen finished third in the team standings, while Ansel topped all players with a seasonal average of 72.5 strokes over eight tournaments. He was joined on the All-MIAA squad by junior teammate Nick Campbell of Saline, Mich., who was a first-team honoree for the second time. Ansel's medalist honors marked the 12th time in the last 13 years that a Hope golfer has led the MIAA field.

For the third consecutive year, the Flying Dutch finished third in the seasonal MIAA women's golf standings.

Football

The Flying Dutchmen were .500 in conference games, but for the third consecutive year finished with a 3-7 overall record.

Four players received All-MIAA first-team honors for a second consecutive year: senior wide receiver Kyle Dietrich of Gobles, Mich.; junior offensive tackle Josh Droppers of Kalamazoo, Mich.; senior linebacker Zach Jones of Three Rivers, Mich.; and senior defensive back Kyle Warren of Grandville, Mich.

Dietrich, who set a Hope career record for pass reception yardage, and Jones, the MIAA's leading tackler as a junior and senior, were invited to play in post-season Division III all-star football games. 🏈



Senior Jacie Fiedler was named a Division III volleyball All-American.



The Flying Dutch qualified as team for the NCAA cross country championships.



Junior Nate Love raced to a spot in the NCAA cross country championships.



Senior Chris Ansel maintained a Hope tradition as the MIAA's golf medalist.



Putting Students First

It's an indication of Jon Huisken's approachability that the student doesn't hesitate.

Huisken, who is dean for academic services and registrar and an adjunct associate professor of English, is finishing lunch in the Kletz when a student passing by stops and asks if he can visit him later and work through something related to his records. In response, there's no "call my office and schedule an appointment," no "see someone on my staff." Instead, by the end of their friendly exchange they've simply set a time a couple afternoons hence, the tone of the conversation suggesting that whatever the issue is, they'll resolve it.

Two lessons emerge. First: the Kletz seems to be a pretty good place to get things done, a crossroads that provides a handy way to connect with people as they travel through the busyness of the day. Second, and more significant: Huisken is always ready to help, and students know it.

"The operating principle that I've always had is to be flexible, to be reasonable, but at the same time to have integrity."

**— Jon Huisken
Dean for Academic Services
and Registrar**

As he anticipates his retirement at the end of the school year, Huisken notes that he'll most miss the chance to interact with students and assist them as they complete their degree requirements. Across his more than four decades at Hope, it's been his goal to make working with his office—which maintains students' records and certifies when they've earned graduation—a positive experience, one



As a new staff member in 1969, Jon Huisken had the opportunity to develop the registrar's office—official keeper of students' academic records—nearly from scratch. He has made a priority of being of service to students as they travel through Hope en route to graduation, an approach that has made him and the office destinations that inspire, appropriately, hope when they need help.

that helps rather than hinders or terrifies.

"If there's any kind of a stamp that I've put on this place, it's to serve students, to keep them out of bureaucratic messes," he said. "The operating principle that I've always had is to be flexible, to be reasonable, but at the same time to have integrity in protecting the Hope degree."

When Huisken joined the staff in 1969, the newly computerizing records office was managed by the director of the computer center, who very clearly needed help with the work load.

Huisken, who had graduated from Calvin College in 1965, had been teaching middle school and junior high school, but was interested in working in higher education when the opportunity arose to come to Hope as assistant registrar. He became registrar a year later, and in 1989, to reflect the way that his responsibilities had grown, he was promoted to dean for academic services and registrar.

Among other duties, in addition to handling student records, his office runs course registration (now conducted online), coordinates academic advising, and oversees the Academic Support Center, FOCUS and SOAR programs, and Great Lakes Colleges Association Philadelphia Center, with Huisken additionally serving as the college's official contact with the Immigration Service. To stay in touch with what faculty experience, he's also been teaching the college's business writing course, and for several years had taught at Davenport College as well.

Hope students expressed their appreciation for him in 1987, when the graduating class presented him with a special award for service during that year's Commencement ceremony.

In addition, he received the "Provost's Award for Service to the Academic Program" in 2004.

Huisken doesn't like being in the spotlight. He stresses that the work his office does is a team effort.

"I've been blessed with a very competent, hard-working staff over the years, from the time I came here to the time I'm going to leave," he said.

Correspondingly, he notes, the college and its students will be well served after he retires. His successor, Carol DeJong, has been a member of the staff since 1988 and is currently associate registrar.

Huisken's work has had an effect on not only thousands of Hope alumni, but on his immediate family as well. Wife Joanne, who retired from a career in elementary education this past spring, completed an additional degree at Hope in 2004. All four of their daughters are also alumnae: Amy Huisken '86 Praestgaard, Shelley Huisken '88 Spencer, Jana Huisken '94 and Jennifer Huisken '96 LaPointe. In retirement, he and Joanne plan to spend more time with their children and five grandchildren, as well as at the family cottage near Ludington and catching the Cubs during spring training. 🏆

[Editor's Note: News from Hope College had previously profiled Jon Huisken in August 1995. That story, written by Eva Dean Folkert '83, a former member of the registrar's office staff and now assistant professor of kinesiology and co-director of athletics, is as engaging now as it was then, and so we have made it available online as an additional celebration of Jon's time at Hope.]

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Scott Travis '06
Director of Alumni and
Parent Relations

For colleges across the country, fall is a time full of energy, excitement and activity. This is especially true at Hope. In the classroom, students and professors are past the “getting to know you” stage and on to the gritty work of research projects, papers, discussions and exams. In residence halls, relationships grow deeper as students from around the world dine, study, talk and otherwise live life together. On stages, fields, studios and athletic courts, extra-curricular activity abounds with multiple events taking place every day and night.

There are many fall traditions at Hope that we eagerly anticipate each year. Two of the largest, Homecoming and Family Weekend, were recent highlights on the college’s autumn schedule.

On Friday-Sunday, Oct. 22-24, the Alumni Association welcomed alumni back to campus for Homecoming. The feeling on campus was one of high energy as students and alumni interacted at a variety of events on-campus and around Holland. I am often asked how many alumni “come home” for this weekend. My answer is always ambiguous. While hundreds connect formally at brunches, class reunions and tailgates, I am always amazed at how many informal reunions take place at athletic events, coffee shops or during walks through campus with a classmate and friend.

Just two weeks after Homecoming, Hope welcomed another important group of people to campus: the families of current Hope students. Highlights of the weekend included a Nykerk Cup victory for the Class of 2014 (see page 18), the President’s Breakfast, Parent Seminars and time spent with sons and daughters.

Personally, as I look back at a fall full of activity, I am reminded of the many Hope alumni, parents and friends that I have had the privilege of working with as they connect with the college and with each other. From freshmen to Fifty-Year Circle, I am constantly humbled by the talented and dedicated people that make up the Hope community.

I also look forward to seeing many more of you at winter and spring events to come. After all, another season is upon us and The Rivalry, Winter Happening and Alumni Weekend are just around the corner!

Above, Scott welcomes alumni to a special Homecoming H-Club Luncheon on Saturday, Oct. 23, that honored those “Called to Coach.” A complete list of upcoming events is always available online at www.hope.edu/alumni/events.

Window to Hope's History



The Holland Civic Center was already the long-established home for the Nykerk Cup competition when this song section photo was taken in the 1960s. The hairstyles and fashions have changed, but the scene might otherwise much be the same today, more than 40 years later. Nykerk has taken place in five locations in its 76-year history, most of the relocations occurring in the first decade as the occasion grew: Carnegie Gymnasium (1936-39); the Woman’s Literary Club (1940-44); the Holland High School auditorium (1945-55); the Holland Civic Center (1956-2007, and 2009-10); and Central Wesleyan Church (2008). (This image from the Hope College Collection of the Joint Archives of Holland isn’t dated. If a *News from Hope College* reader recognizes the moment—perhaps from having been a part of it—please send a note to alumni@hope.edu and we’ll pass along the information.)

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Class Notes

News and information for class notes, marriages, advanced degrees and deaths are compiled for *News from Hope College* by Julie Rawlings '83 Huisingh. 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* at www.hope.edu/alumni.

All submissions received by the Public Relations Office by Tuesday, Nov. 2, 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, March 1.

40s

Elsie Piersma '43 Weeber of Holland, Mich., celebrated her 90th birthday in October.

Marvin Kragt '49 of Grandview, Wash., and his wife have completed their fourth mission trip to Ravnogor, Bulgaria.

50s

Jerry Groters '51 of Zeeland, Mich., was featured in the *Holland Sentinel* regarding his unblemished record as a football coach in 1960 when he was coaching the Zeeland High School football team. He was the last coach to have a perfect record. He was in attendance to cheer on the current Zeeland Chix, who had a 9-0 season. **L. James Harvey '52** of Caledonia, Mich., was the keynote speaker at the Turning the Page Expo, for seniors on Thursday, Sept. 30, at Calvary Church in Grand Rapids. He discussed *Run Thru the Tape*, which is the title of his newest book.

Robert T. Hamilton '55 of Glenwood, Iowa, received a lifetime membership in the Who's Who organization this fall.

Mary Alice Ferguson '57 Ritsema of Saugatuck, Mich., has been inducted into the Holland Township Parks & Recreation hall of fame for her work as the township's recreation director.



The following alumni and current students participated in the Hope College Critical Issues Symposium, held on Tuesday-Wednesday, Oct. 5-6: **Deb Weiss '75 Sturtevant, Tracy Ore '84, Heather Blauwkamp '91 Winia, Rebecca Rasdall '03, Lauren Janes '04, Kyle Morrison '04, Kristen Post '07 Livingston, Noah Livingston '07** and current student **Lindsey Boeve '12**. More about the symposium, including biographical sketches of the speakers is available online.

Everett Nienhuis '58 of Carlsbad, Calif., has written a novel titled *The Plaque*. His inspiration comes from the crash of a SAC B-52 bomber near Charlevoix, Mich., in January of 1971. The story weaves real and fictional events and characters, the plot unfolding as terrorists in the present day seek either to recover an unarmed nuclear bomb from the crash site or use spent fuel rods from a nearby decommissioned nuclear power plant to craft a bomb.

Calvin Bosman '59 of Grand Haven, Mich., will be retiring in January 2011. He is the circuit court judge for the state of Michigan.

60s

Daryl Siedentop '60 of Westerville, Ohio, spoke at Hope on Friday, Oct. 22, during Homecoming Weekend, presenting the address "Implementing the National Plan for Physical Activity in America's Schools" to the college's kinesiology majors. A professor

emeritus at The Ohio State University, he was in charge of developing the national plan for increasing physical activity in the education component for America's youth.

Arthur Bilyeu '61 of Gainesville, Ga., implemented and directed a residential treatment program in New York, after which he was recruited to Georgia to develop and implement a series of day treatment centers for seriously disturbed children. He developed a preschool program and a model program for seriously disturbed adolescents. These programs are still currently in place in the Georgia state school system. He served as state director of special education for the state of Georgia while maintaining a private family therapy practice.

He has spent 20 years as a financial advisor for Edward Jones and is currently perfecting the "Art" of retirement. During his retirement he has played double bass for 10 years in the Gainesville Symphony Orchestra, a professional auditioned orchestra; has scuba dived; and has reacquainted himself with hunting.

Evelyn Hollander '61 Bosman of Grand Haven, Mich., is working part-time in private practice as a marriage and family therapist.

Terry Hofmeyer '61 of Holland, Mich., has joined the Ottagan Addictions Recovery board of directors.

Connie Kregar '61 Scott of Burlington, Vt., has served as a docent for 13 years at the Ethan Allen Homestead. She received national honors for writing music for the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Adina Yonan '61 Van Buren of Westmont, Ill., is the docent for the Chicago Architecture Foundation and leads tours in French and English.

Wallace Van Buren '61 of

Westmont, Ill., was the commissioner for the Northeastern Illinois Planning Commission and is currently the commissioner for Westmont Planning and Zoning and is the trustee - vice president of the Downers Grove Sanitary District.

David Wilkin '61 of Wooster, Ohio, is singing in a chorus again, for the first time since graduation from Hope. He is also researching the French-speaking people who came to this country in the 19th century.

Barbara Wood '61 of Benicia, Calif., reports that she was a volunteer for 25 years with the National Ski Patrol in Heavenly, Lake Tahoe. She is currently serving on the Solano County bicycle advisory committee and is also an elder in her church.

Susan Mooy '64 Cherup of Holland, Mich., served as a oration judge for the college's 76th annual Nykerk Cup Competition at the Holland Civic Center on Saturday, Nov. 6.

Robert Mackay '64 of Stevensville, Mich., received the distinguished service award from the Michigan Credit Union League. He was the CEO of Berrien Teachers Credit Union (now Honor Credit Union).

Graham Duryee '66 of Douglas, Mich., is the managing broker for Greenridge Realty for the Holland and Hamilton offices.

Daniel Koop '66 of Plano, Texas, will retire in March after 37 years as regional sales manager for Urschel Inc. He also plays on an award-winning Senior Olympic basketball team, which has gone to the national tournament five times.

Allen Miedema '66 of Raleigh, N.C., retired in September 2007 after seven years as vice president for the Health, Social & Economic Research unit at RTI International. He currently is a

RuthAnn Sjolín '68 Reynen and Steve Reynen '68 are on a six-month motorcycle journey riding their BMWs from their home in De Pere, Wis., to South America. Upon reaching Ushuaia, Argentina, they will take a cruise to Antarctica, spending New Year's Day there; they will have then visited all seven continents, six of them by motorcycle. RuthAnn, a retired high school English teacher, and Steve, a retired corporate pilot, have been riding motorcycles since 1971, when they completed their Peace Corps service in Kenya, East Africa and rode a motorcycle across Africa. Their traveling companions on this trip are Jean



and Ross Copas from Tweed, Ontario, with whom they spent nine weeks in India and Nepal in the fall of 2008 touring on Royal Enfield motorcycles. More about their trip is available online at www.bikesbordersandbergs.blogspot.com



senior consulting economist with ARM Associates, primarily in energy and resource economics, and residential property owner and manager.

Bruce Oosterhouse '66 of Rockford, Mich., has retired from a career in education. He still is coaching baseball at Kenowa Hills High School and volunteers in the community and at church.

Teunisje Velthuisen '66 of South Bend, Ind., became a board certified chaplain with the Association of Professional Chaplains in 2007. He has been the chaplain at Memorial Hospital since 1996 and has served as the ecumenical officer for the Diocese of Northern Indiana (Episcopal) since 2000.

David Weddle '66 of Woodland Park, Colo., published a new book, *Miracles: Wonder and Meaning in World Religions*, this past July.

Hudson Soo '68 and his wife flew from Hong Kong to New York City to meet up with classmate Pamela Roden '68 Moore to renew old acquaintances. They were on their way to take a cruise ship to see the glorious autumn of New England. Last May they also cruised the Rhine River and saw the Passion Play in Oberammergau, Germany.

70s

Judith Sikkema '71 Holesinger of Fulton, Ill., reports that she is an active volunteer at the Red Cross DAT, Education committee windmill cultural center and is also a volunteer miller.

Elizabeth Maassen '71 Piel of Venice, Fla., is currently working with Child Protection Center in Sarasota County. She is the case coordinator for supervised visitation.

Gerald Van Wieren '71 of Grant, Mich., has been singing in the Great Lakes Chorus, a barbershop-style a cappella group, for two years.

Carolyn Borgert '74 of Covington, Ky., recently participated in the Alltech 2010 World Equestrian Games (WEG) at the Kentucky Horse Park, as the chief of fence judges, stopping stewards, communicators and interior crossing guards. She was in charge of 210 volunteers for the eventing cross country portion of the competition. She was also asked to participate in the closing ceremony. This is the first time that the WEG has been in the USA. Eight equestrian disciplines competed at the WEG.

Mark Williams '75 of Reading, Mich., retired from 35 years with the local 4-H programs. He was the extension director and current natural resource and conservation educator.

Eugene Sutton '76 of Washington, D.C., is the Bishop of the Diocese of Maryland in the Episcopal Church, where he leads initiatives in urban education, environmental awareness and contemplative spirituality. Nationally, he co-convenes the Presbyterian-Episcopal Ecumenical Dialogue, exploring common mission opportunities between the Reformed and Anglican bodies.

80s

William Buhro '80 of Saint Louis, Mo., in October received the St. Louis Award, presented to an individual who has made outstanding contributions to the chemistry profession. He is the George E. Pake Professor in Arts and Sciences and is the chair of the department of

Pamela Leestma '75 teaches second grade at Valley Christian Elementary School in Bellflower, Calif. This summer she was awarded the first 2010 Excellence in Teaching Award established by the NASA office of the chief information officer. She was presented with the award at the NASA IT Summit 2010 in Washington, D.C. The Excellence in Teaching Award recognizes K-12 educators for the innovative use of technology within their curriculum. She was honored for her "coast to coast," team-teaching approach using NASA educational resources and innovative use of technology within the school's curriculum.



The way she utilizes technology for teaching will be posted on the NASA education website. (She is pictured at right with fifth grade teacher Neme Alperstein of New York City and NASA administrator Charles Bolden; Photo Credit: NASA/Bill Ingalls)

chemistry at Washington University in St. Louis and is a fellow of the American Chemical Society.

Taylor Holbrook '80 of Hopewell Junction, N.Y., spoke at Northwestern College's chapel service in November through the Ronald Nelson Scholars and Artist in Residence program, which seeks to inspire students with scholarship that reflects a vision of peace and justice. He is currently the lead pastor at Hopewell Reformed Church in New York.

Lois Lema '80 of Keansburg, N.J., recently wrote and published *Tater Takes a Trip*, about a rescued basset hound's journey. It is available and the money benefits basset hound rescue.

Barbara Tacoma '81 DePree of Douglas, Mich., received

her master's degree (please see "Advanced Degrees") and founded MiddlesexMD, an informational website for women over 40.

Richard Lupkes '81 is the vice president and private banker with J.P. Morgan's private wealth management area. He lives in Ann Arbor with his wife, Lisa and children, Brendan (12), Cameron (seven) and Sydney (seven). **Mark Holmes '83** of Galesburg, Ill., was the guest juror for this year's annual fall juried student art show at Hope. He is an associate professor of art at Knox College.

Jim Behrenwald '85 of Clarksville, Mich., is the new head coach for the Lakewood High School football team. **Jennifer Heitman '85 Gamblin** received her teaching license in 2009 and teaches first grade in Louisville, Colo.



34 New DHS Members

Hope College is grateful to the 34 new households who joined the Dimnent Heritage Society in the last year. Membership in the Dimnent Heritage Society is offered to alumni and friends who enter into a planned giving arrangement with the college such as a charitable gift annuity, charitable trust, estate plan provision or naming Hope as a beneficiary of life insurance, IRA or other qualified plan.

Please let us help you create your Hope College legacy and help ensure that Hope will continue to provide an exceptional education in a vibrantly Christian environment.

From left: Jack Siebers '63, Mary Sagendorf '65 Siebers, Petey Faber, Ken Faber '58, John Blom '63, Sharon Cady '63 Blom, Jennifer Steeby '91 Ruiter, John A. Ruiter '91.

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David Lidgard '85 of Hudsonville, Mich., is the head coach for the Hudsonville football team.

Kimberly Larson '85 Mulder of North Muskegon, Mich., has worked at Mercy Hospital for 25 years as an R.N.

David Nelson '85 of Beulah, Mich., and his wife will be returning to Mozambique and Swaziland to care for orphans, and to plan and dream with other missionaries and concerned Christians about how to keep the nation of Swaziland from dying.

Mark Rebhan '85 of Farmington Hills, Mich., has been named senior vice president, account planning by Digitas, a full-service advertising agency in Detroit, Mich.

Susan Herman '85 Toering of Jenison, Mich., and her husband adopted Stacie Meng in August 2005 and Zachary Eli in October 2007, both from China. They now are blessed with five children.

Wendy Vander Hart '85 of Arlington, Mass., is serving as associate conference minister for the Massachusetts Conference of the United Church of Christ. She celebrated her fifth wedding anniversary with her spouse, Joanne Paul, in October.

Karen Becker '86 Bos of Holland,

Mich., served as a song judge for the college's 76th annual Nykerk Cup Competition at the Holland Civic Center on Saturday, Nov. 6.

James Hop '86 of Midland, Mich., is currently in his second full year as assistant professor and department chair for entrepreneurship at Northwood University in Midland, Mich. In addition to his responsibilities at Northwood, he is a shareholder and president of MedAudit Services, Inc, a medical cost containment company.

Steve Majerle '86 of Belmont, Mich., was inducted into the Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan Hall of Fame. He is the coach for the Rockford boys basketball team.

Mark DeWitt '87 of Hudsonville, Mich., placed third in age division and 18th out of 194 cyclists overall in Le Tour de Donut race at Klackle Orchards on Saturday, Sept. 25.

90s

Diana Slama '90 Fox of South Euclid, Ohio, is a research assistant at Case Western Reserve University, working on a study of children who were prenatally exposed to cocaine. She will be completing her master's degree at Case.

Amy DeVries '90 Ritsema of Zeeland, Mich., competed in the Chicago Marathon in October to raise money for World Vision.

Patrick Dalton '91 of Rockford, Mich., has become a shareholder of Berends Hendricks Stuit Insurance Agency Inc.

William Teichert '91 of Chicago, Ill., is a librarian at Chicago Public Library.

Seth Weeldreyer '91 of Marshall, Mich., was installed as the new pastor at First Presbyterian Church in Kalamazoo.

Julie Artinian '93 of Tecumseh, Mich., has her own practice as an independent mental health practitioner, working with children and adults.

Chad Warmington '93 of Edmond, Okla., has joined the State Chamber of Oklahoma as the executive vice president.

James Beckering '94 of Petoskey, Mich., is the new Boyne City High School art teacher.

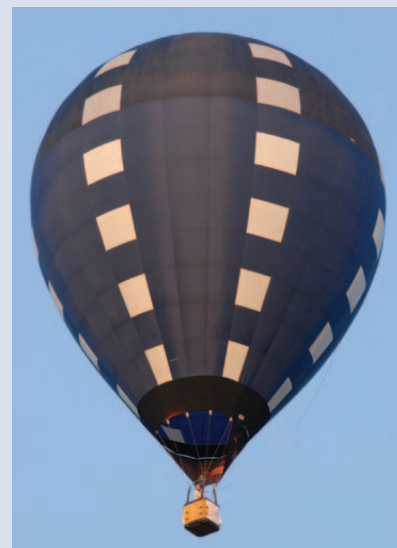
Scott Crawford '95 of St. Louis, Mo., is the associate director of the office of undergraduate admissions at Washington University, where he has worked since 1999. His position includes travel within the United States and internationally to recruit prospective students. In April, he completed a six-city trip visiting schools in Singapore, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Shanghai, Beijing and Seoul. He met with students in California, Oregon and Washington in October.

Eric Foster '95 of Grand Rapids, Mich., is the new director of The



Jeff Pestun '96 of Zeeland, Mich., earned four wins in ballooning competition this year, and is currently ninth in the Balloon Federation of America's national ranking. In May, he won the 2010 Balloon Federation of America Great Lakes Regional Championship in Frankenmuth, Mich., which involved the top pilots from Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio and Wisconsin, and (during the same event) the 2010 Balloon Federation of America Michigan State Championship. In July, he placed first at the inaugural

Angola Balloons Aloft event in Angola, Ind., and in September he won the 20th annual RE/MAX of Midland, Mich., festival. In addition, this fall he was a member of the support team for U.S. balloonist Paul Petrehn, who was one of the six Americans that qualified for the 2010 World Hot Air Balloon Championship that took place in Debrecen, Hungary on Oct. 2-10. Jeff continues to work at Hope as associate director of computing and information technology.



Duane Dede '84 of Gainesville, Fla., presented "Critical Issues in Sports Related Concussion" at Hope on Monday, Nov. 8. He is a clinical professor in clinical and health psychology at the University of Florida Health Science Center at Gainesville. He also serves the center as co-director of the Mild Traumatic Brain Injury Clinic, directing clinical and research efforts around mild traumatic brain injury with the focus of the interdisciplinary team. He is the author and co-author of numerous articles published in refereed publications and has made many presentations at professional conferences.

Imagine Fund, a private scholarship organization.

Cheryl Kreinbring '95 of Wayland, Mass., reports that in September she completed the Pumpkinman Half Iron triathlon, swimming 1.2 miles, cycling 56 miles and rowing 13.1 miles in South Berwick, Maine. It was her 16th triathlon and the largest total distance (70.3 miles).

Kathleen Dominiak '95 Treasure of Schererville, Ind., is the dance director at the Academy for the Performing Arts in Hammond, Ind. She teaches and choreographs theater productions and APA Dance Ensemble.

She serves as a choreographer for Valparaiso University and is the artistic director of Generations Dance Theatre, a multigenerational dance troupe. She also served as a play judge for the college's 76th annual Nykerk Cup Competition at the Holland Civic Center on Saturday, Nov. 6.

Nathan Kronwetter '96 of Providence, R.I., is the men's assistant soccer coach for Bryant University in Smithfield, R.I.

Robert Lunn '96 of Holland, Mich., performed several original pieces during his faculty guitar recital at Lake Michigan College in October.



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Heidi Van Wieren '96 of Iowa City, Iowa, teaches painting and drawing at University of Iowa, and had a show this summer titled *New Work* at Roy Boyd Gallery in Chicago, Ill.

Tammy Clark '98 of Holland, Mich., is part of an ensemble called *Amici Trio*, which recently played at First Reformed Church. She also teaches orchestra and instrumental music at Black River Public School and maintains a private violin studio. She is assistant concertmaster of the Holland Symphony Orchestra and has played for 14 years with the Westshore Symphony.

Robert J. Elliott '98 of Fennville, Mich., is a pastry chef at Bit of Swiss Bakery in Stevensville.

Kathryn Wing '98 Sundararajan works with her husband to support the creation and distribution of audio Bibles in India, splitting their time between India and United States.

Rebecca Blom '99 Dawson of Byron Center, recently completed her master's degree (please see "Advanced Degrees") and is the school counselor at Hudsonville High School.

Noah Haiduc-Dale '99 was named assistant professor of history at Waynesburg University. He will teach Western civilization and Middle East history.

Jill Donehoo '99 Landes of Holland, Mich., served as a song judge for the college's 76th annual Nykerk Cup Competition at the Holland Civic Center on Saturday, Nov. 6.

Josh Schicker '99 of Holland,

Mich., performed at Lemonjello's in September. He is the training program coordinator at Gazelle Sports.

Andrew Zwuyghuizen '99 recently completed his residency in plastic surgery at the University of Michigan and accepted a position as an assistant professor of plastic surgery with the Michigan State University department of surgery. He now resides in East Lansing with his wife, Carrie, and their 16-month-old son, Evan.

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Anne Cochran '00 Armstrong of Howell, Mich., is the new assistant principal at West Ottawa High School.

Betsy Gibbs '00 of Grand Haven, Mich., served as a song judge for the college's 76th annual Nykerk Cup Competition at the Holland Civic Center on Saturday, Nov. 6.

Ross Howell '00 of Mount Pleasant, Mich., is the owner of Mount Pleasant Music Studio. He started School of Rock in 2006 to give students a tangible reward for their hours of training.

Curtis Kesler '00 and **Gretchen Lemmen '00 Kesler** have relocated to Midland, Mich., after spending three years in Lake Jackson, Texas.

Lucas Smith '00 of Garner, N.C., was recently promoted to team leader of the Carolinas for Swank Audio Visuals LLC. He now oversees all operations in both North and South Carolina.



Anna Jonkman '08 of Grand Rapids, Mich., brought unique experience to helping students in the college's "Composition II" dance class as they developed a work with a military theme for this semester's student-choreographed dance concerts. She was newly returned from serving in Iraq in the 1073rd Support Maintenance Company as a specialist with the Michigan Army National Guard. During a visit to

campus on Wednesday, Oct. 13, the former Hope dance major helped the students with their marching and to understand other aspects of military protocol, and also shared some of her experiences while serving overseas. She joined the National Guard for six years during her senior year at Hope. With her deployment ended, she plans to pursue a master's degree in dance and ultimately hopes to teach at the college level.

Ryan Bass '01 of Evansville, Ind., has joined the St. Mary's emergency department as a physician.

James Raseman '01 of Plainwell, Mich., completed his first marathon, the Metro Health Grand Rapids Marathon, on Sunday, Oct. 17.

Lindsay Maharg '02 Bitzer of Bloomfield Hills, Mich., is the new middle and high school counselor at Unionville-Sebewaing area schools.

Jeremy Hoekstra '02 of Grand Rapids, Mich., made his debut musical performance at Lemonjello's in September. He is the music leader for contemporary worship at First Evangelical Covenant Church in Grand Rapids.

Christopher Meyer '02 of Holland, Mich., is part of an ensemble called *Amici Trio*, which recently played at First Reformed Church. He also teaches orchestra at West Ottawa High School and Macatawa Bay Middle School, and is a member of the Holland Symphony.

Joshua Silvis '02 recently attained the professional designation of Certified Insurance Counselor (CIC) from the National Association of Independent Insurance Agents. He works as an agent in the commercial insurance department at Shoreline Insurance Agency in Muskegon, Mich.

Jennifer Walvoord '02 of Holland, Mich., performed in October for the Tuesday Musicales 100th anniversary in Grand Haven.

Jason Kehrner '03 of Holland, Mich., spoke at the Keystone Community Bank breakfast series at Western Michigan University. He is the chief problem solver at the Image Group and discussed *Leveraging Social Media for Business*.

Andrew Mullenix '03 of Seattle, Wash., qualified in June at Ironman Coeur d'Alene to race in October's Ironman World Championship in Kailua-Kona, Hawai'i. He finished



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with his best time yet, 9:00:21, and joyfully accepted his third-place age-group award. The time also landed him eighth amateur and 50th overall. This was his eighth Ironman, and third time competing at the world championships.

Joshua Ruch '03 is a fellow in hematology/oncology at the University of Michigan Health System. He and his wife, Sara Kouchnerkavich '03 Ruch, moved to Ann Arbor in June.

Jennifer Price '04 of Kennesaw, Ga., has been inducted into the Lakeview High School athletic hall of fame.

Dan Vagle '04 of Chicago, Ill., received his MBA (please see "Advanced Degrees") and was promoted to business analyst at J.P. Morgan Chase Bank.

David Boersma '05 has joined DeOlivera Twigg Eubanks Creative as a design manager, in Denver, Colo.

Michael Cortez '05 recently received his Ph.D. in applied mathematics from Cornell, and is now working on post-doctoral research in the department of biology at Georgia Institute of Technology.

Kelley Hutchins '05 of Livonia, Mich., recently completed her D.O. (please see "Advanced Degrees") and has started her residency in medicine/pediatrics at Louisiana State University.

Stephanie McCann '05 of Lansing, Mich., recently completed her MSW (please see "Advanced Degrees") and is the domestic foster care case manager for the Lutheran Social Services of Michigan.

Andrew Wells '05 of Ada, Okla., recently received Iowa State University's graduate college research excellence award (please see "Advanced Degrees") and is an assistant professor of mathematics at East Central University.

Daniel Zomerlei '06 of Hudsonville, Mich., recently completed his M.Div. and M.S. (please see "Advanced Degrees"). He is now a Ph.D. student and a graduate teaching assistant at Michigan State University, and is an intern at the MSU Couples and Family Clinic.

Bethany Gleason '08 of Denver, Colo., is the adventure education teacher for the Cherry Creek School District.

Meghan Moore '08 of New York, N.Y., performed a graduate recital with works by Poulenc, Schubert, Barber & Granados (please see "Advanced Degrees"). She is continuing to perform in the city and takes lessons and studies privately with Catherine Malfitano.

Nicholas Zendler '08 of Flint, Mich., won the Grand Rapids Marathon in October.

Marjorie McBride '09 of Sparta, Mich., recently completed her MSW (please see "Advanced Degrees") and is working with the Dwelling Place, a not-for-profit which helps the homeless and addiction-affected in Grand Rapids.

Luke Pinkerton '97 Receives Award

It's a given at Hope that everything is a learning opportunity, even if it's not apparent at the time.

When newly arrived freshman Luke Pinkerton '97 was whisked off by his new swimming teammates in 1993 for an introduction that, to put it mildly, made it clear that he was joining a fun-loving group, he didn't realize that his journey in Hope athletics would prove in many ways as useful as his academic work in engineering-physics. For even as the members of the team took time to enjoy themselves, they never lost sight of their purpose: to be the best.

"The important message that I learned from the swim team was: despite how crazy they were, they had a vision," he said.

"In business it's the same thing," Pinkerton said. "It's the only way to keep growing and improving—is to focus on that vision and to do everything you can to get there."

Pinkerton reflected on the experience while receiving the Alumni Association's Young Alumni Award during Homecoming Weekend on Saturday, Oct. 23. He was



Luke Pinkerton '97

honored as the president and chief technology officer of Ann Arbor, Mich.-based Polytortex, which he co-founded in 2003. Polytortex manufactures Helix, a twisted steel reinforcement that is mixed with concrete to provide superior strength and resistance to cracking, faster installation times and lower costs than traditional materials such as rebar. Helix is sold in more than 30 countries for virtually all uses of concrete.

Pinkerton majored in engineering-physics at Hope. After graduation he pursued a master's degree in civil structural engineering at the University of Michigan, where he was part of a research team that developed

what ultimately became Helix.

After completing his graduate degree at the University of Michigan, Pinkerton went on to work with General Dynamics as a structural engineer and founded Home Port, a company to market a consumer electronics device that he had designed. In 2002, he left General Dynamics and enrolled in the MBA program at Georgia Tech University en route to working with his former faculty mentor and others to develop a business around Helix.

Pinkerton and the company have received several awards through the years, including The Michigan Technology Tricorridor Award, a National Science Foundation Small Business Innovation Research Grant, the National Collegiate Inventors and Innovators Association (NCIIA) Award for Excellence in Marketing and the Carrot Capital Business Plan Competition. Helix was featured on *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition* in May 2006.

Pinkerton and his wife, Joy Black '96 Pinkerton, live in Ann Arbor. They have two young children at home, Wil and Meg.

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Caroline DeNooyer '10 of Kalamazoo, Mich., has joined STAP, a local advertising agency that specializes in strategic marketing, as an account coordinator.

Austin Stauffer '10 of Holland, Mich., is currently an interim minister of senior high youth and young adults at Fellowship Reformed Church of Holland.

Michelle Zeitter '10 VanderVelde of Grand Rapids, Mich., is employed at Spectrum Hospital in the Meijer Heart Center as a nurse and is continuing her education at Michigan State University for her Ph.D. in nursing research.

Marriages

Gerry Frazier '76 and Lori Hanf, July 30, 2010, Richboro, Pa.

William Teichert '91 and Insook Kang, Aug. 11, 2010, Chicago, Ill.

Kathleen Dominiak '95 and Justin Treasure, June, 2009.

C. Jonathan Bosman '98 and Amy Noel Mullen, Sept. 3, 2010, Charleston, S.C.

Amanda Pryor '99 and Andrew Vidor, June 5, 2010, Traverse City, Mich.

Michael Zuidema '00 and Katherine Nagengast, Aug. 7, 2010, Grand Rapids, Mich.

Benjamin Fedak '03 and Anna Pillot '09, Oct. 23, 2010, State College, Pa.

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

Daniel Zomerlei '06 and Heather Tamminga, Aug. 6, 2010.

Kari Luenberger '07 and Ben Nelessen, July 10, 2010.

Cassandra Rae Peterson '07 and Gregory Loveland, June 26, 2010.

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

Tim Paver '08 and Miriam Head '09, Dec. 19, 2009, Ham Lake, Minn.

Julia Defoe '09 and Tyler DeVos, July 24, 2010, Grand Haven, Mich.

Jillian Greshel '09 and Andrew Vander Yacht '09, Oct. 2, 2010.

Kelly Shea '09 and Tyler Barnett '10, Sept. 5, 2010.

Matthew VanderVelde '09 and Michelle Zeitter '10.

Lauren Geswein '10 and Adam Green '10, June 5, 2010, Holland, Mich.

Rachelle Victory '10 and Mark Nauta, Aug. 14, 2010, Holland, Mich.

New Arrivals

Kris Ritton '91 and Kim Mason '99 Ritton, Madalyn Leslie, Oct. 9, 2010.

Tracy Bolo '92 McMichael and Tim McMichael, Adam McMichael, Aug. 3, 2010.

Philip Sotok '92 and Jodi Sotok, Maelyn Rose, Sept. 16, 2010.

Karen Walker '93 LeuamChampassak and Thun LeuamChampassak '95, Grace Sivilai, Oct. 12, 2010.



Kevin Mackey '93 and Michelle Brinks '94 Mackey, Violet Catherine and Luke Ernest, March 20, 2010.

Rachel Dahl '95 and Brian Gootee, Zoe Dahlia, Sept. 16, 2010.

Thomas Dawson '95 and Rebecca Blom '99 Dawson, William Thomas, Feb. 4, 2009.

Aaron Frey '96 and Christine Krueger '96 Frey, Jack Raymond, March 6, 2010.

Nicole Lamkey '96 Kothe and Brian Kothe, Austin Cooper and Makena Grace, July 21, 2010.

Dana Jensen '97 Roffers and Mark Roffers, Elaina Campbell, March 1, 2010.

Jeff Renz '98 and Jessica VanDam '02 Renz, Elise Dorothy, Aug. 7, 2010.

Mark Baker '99 and Sara Warber '99 Baker, Kendall Jane, Sept. 14, 2010.

Jeanine Roberts '99 Smith and Antonio Smith, Quentin Bryce, June 27, 2010.

Carrie Koop '99 Traver and Michael Traver '99, Soren August, Sept. 24, 2010.

Kerri Haveman '99 Weldon and Thomas Weldon, Micah James, Nov. 19, 2009.

Christopher Howell '00 and Amy VanderMeer '01, Anne Louise, Oct. 3, 2009.

Katie Ergang '00 Meyering and Kevin Meyering, Gabe Evan, Sept. 21, 2010.

Heidi Huebner '00 Wheeler and

Joshua Wheeler '00, Judah Brooks, Sept. 26, 2010.

Christopher Dattels '01 and Carrie Cochran '02 Dattels, Jillian Taylor, Sept. 17, 2010.

Ed Gall '01 and Kara Schaberg '02 Gall, Zoe Lee, July 18, 2010.

Anne Houseworth '01 Gray and James Gray, Maeve Eleanor, June 3, 2010.

Rachel Dean '01 Henderson and Jared Henderson '01, Dale Ruth, Sept. 23, 2010.

Emi Teshima '01 Irish and Evan Irish '01, Julia Roxanna and Colin Glenn Arthur, Sept. 7, 2010.

Jordan R. Schmidt '01 and Melissa Howe '01 Schmidt, Jacob Ryan, July 7, 2010 (born on their ninth wedding anniversary).

Cara Beth Brackenridge '01 Southland and Scott Southland, Paige Beth, July 9, 2010.

James Raseman '01 and Karen Raseman, Liam Clyde, May 30, 2010.

Laura Evans '01 Schlader and Mark Schlader, Henry Schlader, Aug. 23, 2010.

Amy Brower '02 Glupker and Kurtis Glupker '02, Madison Jo and Makenzie Kay, Sept. 22, 2010.

Megan Wood '02 Reilly and Sean Reilly, Kaiden John, Oct. 11, 2010.

Joshua Silvis '02 and Amy Silvis, Owen Robert, May 3, 2010.

Geoffrey Bremer '03 and Erin Bremer, Charlotte Faith, Oct. 13, 2010.

Molly Arntz '03 Burnett and Ryan Burnett, Brady Ryan, July 23, 2010.

James Grosse '03 and Alison Fineout '07 Grosse, Ava Elizabeth, Oct. 5, 2010.

Andrew Imdieke '03 and Laura Cowen '03 Imdieke, Joseph Andrew, Sept. 27, 2010.

Joshua Ruch '03 and Sara Kouchnerkavich '03 Ruch, Nolan Joshua, Oct. 9, 2010.

Katie Carlston '03 Saldanha and Christopher Saldanha, Easley Christine, May 5, 2010.

Jeff Sankiewicz '03 and Mary Dunlap '03 Sankiewicz, Dylan Joseph, Sept. 22, 2010.

Emilie Preseau '03 Spalla and Daniel Spalla, McKenna, Nov. 29, 2009.

Maria Hoogendyk '04 Straatsma and Philip Straatsma, Katie Victoria, May 21, 2010.

Lindsey Aronson '05 Blacquiere and Bradley Blacquiere, Charlotte Ellen, Sept. 16, 2010.

Kathryn Hoenecke '05 LeClair and Christopher LeClair, Enzo Christopher, Sept. 26, 2010.

Andrea Pratt '05 McIntosh and Scot McIntosh, William Christopher, Sept. 22, 2010.

Lisa Genzink '05 Myrick and Bryan Myrick, Charley Grayson, Sept. 10, 2010.

Rachael Zwar '05 Swearingen and Keith Swearingen '07, Ethan Paul, Oct. 12, 2010.

Stephanie Martz '06 Erickson and Kyle Erickson, Layla Marie, Feb. 25, 2010.

Angela Dykhuis '06 Reynolds and Ryan Reynolds, Ariana Noelle, Aug. 11, 2010.

Jennifer Boone '06 VanderLugt and Jason VanderLugt, John Boone, Oct. 15, 2010.

Kurtis DeHorn '07 and Stephanie Poll '07 DeHorn, Braelyn Rae, Sept. 26, 2010.

Daniel Zomerlei '06, Master of Divinity and Master of Science in marriage and family therapy, Fuller Theological Seminary, June 2010.

Alison Fineout '07 Grosse, Master of Social Work, Western Michigan University, June 2010.

Anna Wadsworth '07 Matarese, Master in Social Welfare, University at Albany-SUNY, May 16, 2009.

Meghan Moore '08, Master of Music, Manhattan School of Music, 2010.

Marjorie McBride '09, Master of Social Work, University of Michigan, August 2010.

Rebecca Blom '99 Dawson, Master of Arts in school counseling, Western Michigan University, 2007.

Deaths

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

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JoAnn VanKolken '51 Belter of Grand Rapids, Mich., died on Monday, Sept. 20, 2010. She was 81. She retired from Grand Rapids schools as an art supervisor. In later years she was a professional model. Survivors include her brother, Paul Van Kolken; nieces, Amy Van Kolken (Martin) Banister and Emily Van Kolken; and a granddaughter, Allison Bridges.

Betty Mulder '45 Burton of Traverse City, Mich., died on Friday, Sept. 24, 2010. She was 87.

She was ordained by the United Methodist Church as a minister and worked as a caseworker to aid dependent children with the Michigan Department of Social Services.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Bernard Mulder '19 and Louise Weaver '20 Mulder; her husband, Eldon; a son, David VerBerkmoes; a daughter, Suzanne Darmenio; two grandchildren, Jessica VerBerkmoes and Stephen McCann; and a sister, Donna Mulder '47 Rypstra.

Survivors include three sons, Mike, James and William (Randi) VerBerkmoes; a daughter, Judith DePew; eight grandchildren; one sister, Judith Mulder '49 VanZanten; her first husband, Harold VerBerkmoes '48; nephews, S. Craig VanZanten, Jr. '77 and John VanZanten '78; and a niece, Dacia VanZanten '85 (D. Peter '83) VanEenaam.

Richard DeMaagd '54 of Fairhope, Ala., died on Sunday, Aug. 1, 2010. He was 78.

Advanced Degrees

Barbara Tacoma '81 DePree, Master of Medical Management, Carnegie Mellon School of Business, 2009.

Jennifer Heitman '85 Gamblin, Master of Arts in educational psychology, University of Colorado at Denver, 2010.


Diana Weisiger '89 Bast, Master of Reading/Language Arts with a reading specialist endorsement (K-12), Grand Valley State University.

Dan Vagle '04, Master of Business Administration, Morris Graduate School of Management, July 2010.


Kelley Hutchins '05, D.O., Des Moines University College of Osteopathic Medicine, May 2010.

Stephanie McCann '05, Master of Social Work, Michigan State University, May 2009.


Andrew Wells '05, Ph.D. in mathematics, Iowa State University, 2010.




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He served in the U.S. Army in Berlin in military intelligence.

He taught at Wyoming High School for 25 years.

He was preceded in death by his father, the Rev. John (Marian) DeMaagd '24.

Survivors included his wife, Emogene DeMaagd; his sister, Avis Elson; stepsons, Ken Greer and Rod Greer; and three step-grandchildren.

Vernon Elzinga '58 of Hudsonville, Mich., died on Thursday, Nov. 11, 2010. He was 74.

He worked at Hubbell Furniture Co. and Acme Pallet Co. for many years.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Gerrit and Gladys (Gerrits) '28) Elzinga.

Survivors include his brother and sister-in-law, Marshall Elzinga '60 and Jacqueline Peelle '62 Elzinga; a sister and brother-in-law, Linda Elzinga '65 and Ray Plummert; and several nieces, nephews and cousins, including Jeffrey Elzinga '88.

Daniel Courtlandt Geary '50 of Concord, N.C., died on Tuesday, Nov. 9, 2010. He was 84.

He was a World War II U.S. Navy veteran.

He was a cosmetic chemist, and served as treasurer and president of the American Cosmetic Society.

He was preceded in death by his parents and by his wife, Gizella Miko Geary.

Survivors include his sons, Daniel Geary II and Robert (Patricia) Geary; a sister, Janice Caldwell; and two grandchildren.

Jon Haberland '48 of Santa Ana, Calif., died on Saturday, Sept. 4, 2010. He was 92.

He retired from Orange County Hospital, where he was a clinical psychologist.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Marjory Haberland.

Klaas Meyer '61 of Saint Joseph, Mich., died on Tuesday, June 2, 2009. He was 75.

He worked as the director of quality assurance at Heath/Zenith for 30 years. He studied for his builder's license and was subsequently busy with construction projects.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and a daughter, Carolyn.

Survivors include his wife, Alice Meyer; a daughter, Janet (Michael) McKenzie; his son, Brian (Krista) Meyer; and seven grandchildren.

Eleanor Schoonmaker '43 Morehouse of Whiting, N.J., died on Sunday, Oct. 31, 2010. She was 89.

She taught English, French and band for a New York high school.

She was preceded in death by her husband, the Rev. Harry Paul Morehouse '48; a brother, Frederick

Schoonmaker; and a daughter-in-law, Linda Swinyard Morehouse '74.

Survivors include her three children, James Morehouse '72, John (Linda) Morehouse '76 and Beth (Fr. Thomas '74) Begley; eight grandchildren, including Aimee Morehouse '01 Lee and Adam Morehouse (current student); a brother, Hubert Schoonmaker; and a niece and nephew and their children.

Robert Rieckmann '50 of Holland, Mich., died on Sunday, Oct. 17, 2010. He was 84.

He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II as a waist-gunner on a B-17.

He worked for many years at Shaw Walker.

Survivors include his wife, Donna Rieckmann; sister, Dorothea Kroll; four children, Chris St. John and Bill Rhodes, R. Scott Rieckmann and Deb Lee and their daughter Kinzie; Blair Rieckmann and Elizabeth Bradt, Dana Rieckmann and fiancée Katie Frym; and stepdaughter, Lonnie and John Hansen and their children, Tiffany and Tyler.

Mildred Burghardt '45 Roberts of Morganton, N.C., died on Wednesday, Aug. 4, 2010. She was 87. She was a lifelong educator and spent her last years at Appalachian State University.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John Burns Roberts.

Survivors include her sons, John Burns (Susan Carlisle) Roberts II, Frederick (Leigh Cattell) Roberts '81, and Herbert (Lisa Carrozza) Roberts; and three grandchildren.

Isaac Rottenberg '53 of Denver, Colo., died on Monday, June 28, 2010. He was 84.

He was a minister of the Reformed Church in America. He had served as a local pastor, as lecturer in theology and as the denomination's director of communications.

Survivors include his wife, Malwina Rottenberg; five children, including Irene Rottenberg '72; and many grandchildren, including Carmen Rottenberg '00, Rebecca Rottenberg '03 and Nicole Rottenberg '97 Beurkens.

John Ryskamp '50 of Newtown, Pa., died on Monday, Oct. 11, 2010. He was 83.

He was a former physics instructor at Hope College during 1952-53.

He and his wife established a scholarship fund at Hope to provide assistance to deserving students, with a preference given to students majoring in the natural sciences.

Survivors include his wife, Connie VanZylen '53 Ryskamp; his sisters, Florence Freshour and Gertrude Schupp; a sister-in-law, Maxine VanZylen '44 Battjes; his children, Dr. Richard P. (Annemarieke) Ryskamp, Cynthia L. (Michael) Mehallow, Carol L. Ryskamp

'82 (Glenn) Anderson and Nancy E. (Michael) Maratea; 10 grandchildren; and a nephew, Donald Battjes, Jr. '68.

Eunice Bernson '61 Schafer of San Diego, Calif., died on Tuesday, Aug. 5, 2008. She was 68.

She was a psychotherapist, living and working in San Diego for 31 years.

Survivors include her daughters, Kimberly Schafer and Kirstin Schafer; two grandchildren; two brothers, Dan and Fred Bernson; and a sister, Lois Colby.

Edwin Simmons '61 of Springville, Pa., died on Saturday, Oct. 9, 2010. He was 72.

He created a worship service called the Gospel in Jazz. The music in this worship service became the material for his CD.

Survivors include his wife of 45 years, Susan Thrasher Simmons; three sons, Michael (Jacqueline) Simmons, Philip (Danielle) Simmons and Benjamin (Danielle Marie) Simmons; a daughter, Stephanie (Lewis) Geyer; and seven grandchildren.

Lila Mae Clonan '42 Slingerland of Chariton, Iowa, died on Saturday, May 22, 2010. She was 94. She was an accomplished organist and played for a number of churches in the metropolitan New York and New Jersey area. She served on the Hope College Alumni Association Board in the late 1960's.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Stanley Slingerland '41; and her brother, Edward (Alice Bosch) '42) Clonan '50.

Survivors include her son, Stanley (Kathleen) Slingerland Jr. '69; and her daughter, Jeanne Brandt.

Jennifer Kastner '71 Steenbergen of Deep River, Conn., died on Wednesday, Jan. 14, 2009. She was 59.

Survivors include her husband Gregory Steenbergen.

Marilyn Spreng '75 Szejda of Grand Rapids, Mich., died on Sunday, Sept. 19, 2010. She was 57.

She spent her career teaching in the Wyoming Public Schools and retired from teaching in 2008.

Survivors include her husband, James Szejda; her parents, Jarvis and Mary Spreng; children, Drew Pregavskas, John (Sandra) Szejda, Jennifer Szejda and Tad Peterson; a grandson, Caiden Szejda; her brothers and sisters, Richard '76 (Pat) Spreng, Anne Spreng and Judy Spreng '83; and a sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Nancy and Jim Neper.

Sam Vander Schaaf '59 of Cobourg, Ontario, Canada, died on Wednesday, Sept. 29, 2010. He was 74.

He was a retired Reformed Church in America pastor.

Survivors include his wife, Shirley Vander Schaaf; children, David (Donna) and Sandra; and three grandchildren.

Mildred Herman '43 Worfel of Battle Creek, Mich., died on Sunday, Sept. 26, 2010. She was 89.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Melbourne Worfel; and a brother, Paul Hooker.

Survivors included her children, David (Nancy) Worfel and Paul (Kristie) Worfel; four grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; a sister, Jean Herman '33 Hill of Kalamazoo; and a nephew, William (Ginger) Hill '65.

Virginia Ewing '44 Zoet of Huntsville, Ala., died on Sunday, Oct. 10, 2010. She was 89.

She was preceded in death by her parents and two sisters.

Survivors include her husband of 67 years, Charles Zoet '49; three daughters, Anna Lotero, Kay Fiala and Frances Stine; and grandchildren.

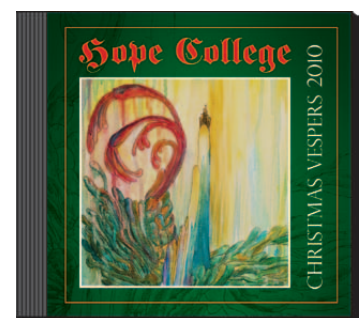
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To the family of **Lillian De Jonge** of Holland, Mich., who died on Wednesday, Oct. 27, 2010. She was 89.

She was a former housekeeper at Hope.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Henry De Jonge; and her daughter, Jane Shaw.

Survivors include her sons, Carl (Sharon) De Jonge and Al (Kathy) De Jonge; seven grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.



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