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## Sleuthing History

Research on one founder brings  
due credit to another

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## On the Cover

Dr. Elton Bruins '50 has spent decades conducting research on the history of the Holland community and Hope, along the way developing a strong admiration for Albertus C. Van Raalte, celebrated as founder of Holland and—for more than a century—of Hope. In editing a newly published volume of Van Raalte's letters, though, he has developed a new appreciation of the crucial role that Philip Phelps played in the college's earliest years, leading the way in seeing Phelps understood as a "co-organizer" of Hope, essential in building the foundation set by Van Raalte into the college known today.



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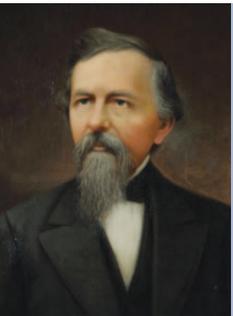
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## "Quote, unquote"

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



Later in this issue is a story focusing on the Rev. Albertus C. Van Raalte and his work with the Rev. Philip Phelps Jr. to establish Hope. The process, and a sense of the friendship the two shared, is illustrated through a new book by Dr. Elton Bruins '50, *Envisioning Hope College: Letters written by Albertus C. Van Raalte to Philip Phelps Jr. 1857 to 1875*.

Below is the first letter in the collection, with Van Raalte thanking Phelps, then a pastor in New York, for the hospitality he showed during Van Raalte's extended fund-raising trip on behalf of Van Vleck Hall. Van Raalte was clearly very impressed with Phelps. In the next letter after this one, dated Feb. 17, 1859, he asks him to come to Holland as principal of the Holland Academy, the institution from which Hope grew. (Note that Van Raalte is still learning English, as idiosyncrasies such as using the Dutch "ij" for "y" reflect.)

"Holland Ottawa Michigan:  
"Aug. 26 1857

"Revd Ph Phelps.  
"Hastings

"Dear Brother.—

"Your kindnijss is often in my remembrance and causes sweet reflections, and a desire to express mij thank: It was verij welcome for me that the collection of the \$100,- was made so easij: When I was at yours I was exhausted very much.—

"Leaving yours it was verij well that you did not go with me; because Brother Ten Eyck was not at home. the house was emptij.— I did collect with Ds Garretson about \$60,- - at Paterson: At Sagerties and Plattekill I did receive promises. And

in Utica onlij \$28.— My Strength did fail and on advise of the Doctor I did hurry homeward: I found all well at home; and the gathered dark clouds were scattered bij mij save arrival: Now we thank the Lord, that we are so far.— realy, I want rest, my sijstem is exhausted: but it is here not the place of rest. a flood of cares and duties goes over mij head: I am not tired of the Bussiness, but my feeble body makes it rather onerous. My strength however by good nursing and slow hasting begins to gain: I have however a suspicion that I soon will be used up, looking upon circumstances: I know however, that we have our existence in God's will.—

"I inclose \$5- - Please be so kind and Buij and send me that Spout horse hair mittens and strap, bij American Express Companij adress A C Van Raalte Holland care of Mr Hoedemaker Kalamazoo Mich: Central railroad.— I do not know the cost if too schort please let us know—

"Our Buildings operations are going on notwithstanding we meet with the usual disappointments and Difficulties.— I fear however: The cost can not be covered yet.— there is danger that the loose promised church collections will not amount to much.— I rejoice however in the Lords doings and trust Him.— Please saij thank to mij wel doers at yours, especiallij Mijs Few.—

"How is it with your wife? the mine is suffering very much on a sore finger and an uneasy teething Babij but mij presence sweetens the cup.— What a mingling of sweet bitter is life:— Mij lifes cup is very well sweetened bij a great delight in mij work: I am glad that I am allowed again to preach to mij people: I feel richer than a Prince or a King.—

"Our love to you and your wife also of mij companion.

"Be God with you and bless you and make you full of glorij in our infinite reach [rich] Head and Mediator.— Be strong in the Lord our Strength: Please praij for me.—

"Your humble Brother and Friend

"AC Van Raalte

"PS Excuse mij haste and poor English."



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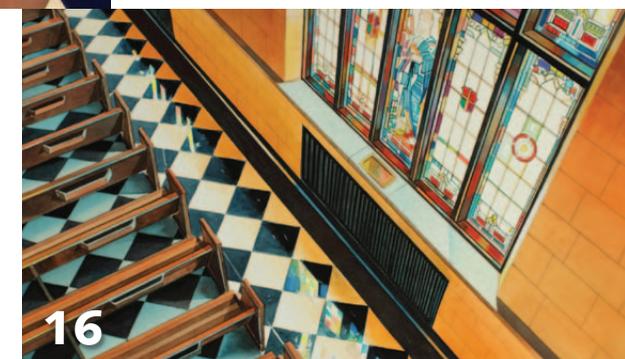
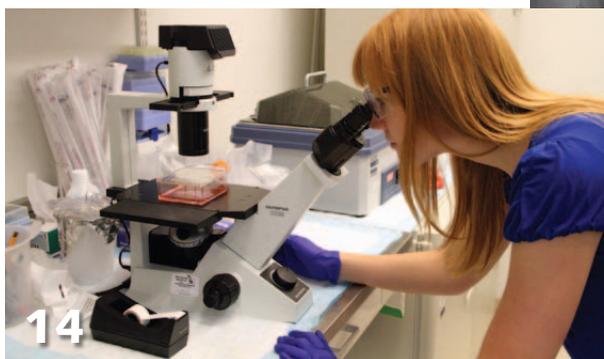
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# Events

## ADMISSIONS

**Campus Visits:** The Admissions Office is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays, and from September through early June is also open from 9 a.m. until noon on Saturdays. Tours and admissions interviews are available during the summer as well as the school year. Appointments are recommended. **Visit Days:** Visit Days offer specific programs for prospective students, including transfers and high school juniors and seniors. The programs show students and their parents a typical day in the life of a Hope student. The days for 2011-12 are:

Fri., Sept. 30	Fri., Jan. 27
Fri., Oct. 14	Fri., Feb. 3
Fri., Oct. 21	Fri., Feb. 17
Fri., Oct. 28	Mon., Feb. 20
Fri., Nov. 4	Fri., March 2
Fri., Nov. 11	Fri., March 30
Fri., Nov. 18	Fri., April 13
Mon., Jan. 16	Fri., April 20

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

## TRADITIONAL EVENTS

**Opening Convocation**—Sunday, Aug. 28, 2 p.m.

DeVos Fieldhouse

**Pull Tug-of-War**—Saturday, Oct. 1, 3 p.m.

Across the Black River

**Critical Issues Symposium**—Tuesday-Wednesday, Oct. 4-5

Topic: "Exploring Islam"

**Nykerk Cup Competition**—Saturday, Nov. 5, 7 p.m.

Holland Civic Center

**Christmas Vespers**—Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 3-4

Dimnent Memorial Chapel

## INSTANT INFORMATION

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

## TICKET SALES

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

## GREAT PERFORMANCE SERIES

**River North Dance Chicago**—Thursday-Friday, Sept. 29-30: Knickerbocker Theatre, 7:30 p.m.

**Enso String Quartet**—Thursday, Oct. 13: Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 7:30 p.m.

**Kenny Barron Trio**—Friday, Nov. 11: Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 7:30 p.m.

**ETHEL with Robert Mirabal**—Friday, Jan. 27: Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 7:30 p.m.

**Calefax Reed Quintet**—Tuesday, Feb. 28: Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 7:30 p.m.

**Cashore Marionettes**—Friday-Saturday, March 30-31: Knickerbocker Theatre, 7:30 p.m. (Friday) and 2 p.m. (Saturday)

*Tickets are \$18 for regular admission, \$13 for senior citizens, and \$6 for children under 18 and Hope students. Season tickets are also available for \$63 for regular admission, \$50 for senior citizens and \$140 for families.*



## DE PREE GALLERY

**"Island Reflections: The Contemporary Art of Curaçao"**—Friday, Aug. 19-Saturday, Oct. 1

Artist talk: Friday, Sept. 9, 4 p.m.

Opening reception: Friday, Sept. 9, 5-6 p.m.

Guest curated by Susan Wilczak. The exhibition will celebrate the art and culture from the island of Curaçao, with a unifying theme of reflection/identity by focusing on 10 actively working studio artists.

**The Hope Campus in Watercolor**—Friday, Oct. 14-Friday, Nov. 18

More than 30 paintings by faculty member Bruce McCombs featuring the campus.

*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

**Brown Bag Concert**—Friday, Sept. 9: Holland Area Arts Council, 150 E. Eighth St., noon. Admission is free.

**Blind Boys of Alabama**—Saturday, Sept. 10: 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.

**"Sundays at 2"**—Sunday, Sept. 11: Ryan Fogg, pianist, Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 2 p.m. Admission is free.

**Wind Ensemble Concert**—Friday, Sept. 23: Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.

**Three Organ Scholars Concert**—Tuesday, Sept. 27: Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.

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

**Jazz Arts Collective and Combos Concert**—Thursday, Oct. 6: Knickerbocker Theatre, 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.

**Brown Bag Concert**—Friday, Oct. 7: Holland Area Arts Council, 150 E. Eighth St., noon. Admission is free.

**Faculty Recital**—Friday, Oct. 14: Adam Clark, pianist, Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.

**Guest Artist**—Thursday, Oct. 20: Singularity: Joel Harrison Septet, jazz, Knickerbocker Theatre, 7:30 p.m. Ticket information tba.

**Organ Concert**—Tuesday, Oct. 25: Albertus C. Van Raalte 200th birthday celebration, featuring Huw Lewis and Linda Strouf '84, Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 6 p.m. Ticket information tba.

## DANCE

**dANCEpROJECT**—Wednesday-Saturday, Oct. 26-29

Knickerbocker Theatre, 8 p.m.

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

## THEATRE

**Marion Bridge**—Friday-Saturday, Oct. 14-15; Wednesday-Saturday, Oct. 19-22

By Daniel MacIvor

DeWitt Center, studio theatre

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

## SPORTS SCHEDULES

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



## ALUMNI, PARENTS & FRIENDS

**Community Day**—Saturday, Sept. 10

Includes a picnic from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Windmill Island, followed by home football action with Wisconsin Lutheran at 1:30 p.m.

**Homecoming Weekend**—Friday-Sunday, Oct. 14-16

Includes reunions for every fifth class, '86 through '06.

**Family Weekend**—Friday-Sunday, Nov. 4-6

*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](http://www.hope.edu/alumni).*

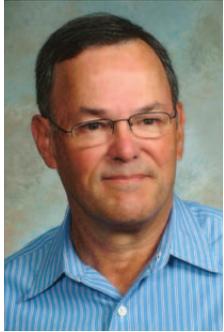
## JACK RIDL VISITING WRITERS SERIES

**Chris Dombrowski and Mira Bartok**, poetry, and non-fiction and children's literature, Tuesday, Sept. 27

**Jaimy Gordon**, novels, Thursday, Nov. 3

*The readings will be at the Knickerbocker Theatre beginning at 7 p.m. Admission is free.*





**A NEW YEAR:** Hope anticipates the largest incoming class in its history as the new school year approaches, topping the previous high of 819 set in 2007.

The college's 150th academic year will begin formally with the annual Opening Convocation on Sunday, Aug. 28, at 2 p.m. in the Richard and Helen DeVos

Fieldhouse. The featured speaker will be Dr. Marc Baer, professor of history and chair of the department.

The public is invited. Admission is free.

Residence halls for new students will open on Friday, Aug. 26, at 10 a.m., with New Student Orientation beginning later that day and continuing through Monday, Aug. 29. Residence halls for returning students will open on Sunday, Aug. 28, at noon. Fall semester classes will begin on Tuesday, Aug. 30, at 8 a.m.

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



**WIND STORM:** The storm didn't last long, but it was still too long.

A brief late-morning thunderstorm on Monday, July 11, included gusts reported at 80-90 (and even 120) miles per hour

that uprooted or snapped trees and power poles throughout the Holland area. The wind felled or damaged 30 large trees on campus, including in the Pine Grove, and fronting Voorhees and Kollen halls and the President's House. None at Hope hit anything other than the ground, but the beloved trees themselves are mourned, having been a familiar and friendly part of the landscape for generations. (The accompanying image shows the massive elm outside Voorhees Hall said to have predated the college.)

The college is storing the trunks and intends to turn them into boards suitable for use on campus, the vision to do so in a way that meaningfully celebrates the trees' long tenure as denizens of Hope.

Mindful that the campus needs tending in the present if its character is to continue, the college has long had a management plan for replacing trees, but planting a tree—like supporting higher education—is an investment made with future generations in mind. The Pine Grove thus will be offering a bit less shade in the short-term, but through careful stewardship will remain a signature part of the Hope campus for many decades to come.

A gallery showing some of the wind damage to campus is available online.

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

## UNTIMELY

**DEATHS:** The college community is mourning two members of the faculty who died less than two weeks

apart this summer following struggles with cancer.

**Mary Vlieger '75 DeYoung**, associate professor of mathematics, died on Monday, July 25, at age 58, and **Claudia Hayes-Hagar '74**, part-time instructor of art, died on Sunday, Aug. 7, at age 59. (They are pictured left-to-right.)

Both joined the faculty after teaching in area schools, and taught courses at Hope that helped students preparing to become teachers. Professor DeYoung had been at the college since 1982, and Professor Hayes-Hagar since 1997.

Professor DeYoung's teaching and scholarly emphasis was on mathematics education. The college presented her with its Janet L. Andersen Excellence in Teaching Award in 2010 in recognition of her work and perseverance in preparing pre-service elementary teachers for careers in education, including through her teaching and as the official academic advisor for many mathematics elementary-education majors and as an informal advisor for other students.

Survivors include her husband, Steve DeYoung '75, who she met when they were students; and two grown sons, Andrew and Michael '06.

Professor Hayes-Hagar taught courses in art and education with an emphasis on elementary art instruction in addition to teaching in the West Ottawa Public Schools while at Hope. She spent most of her career as an elementary art teacher, retiring from Waukazoo Elementary School in 2010.

Survivors include a grown daughter and son, Annie and Jonathan.

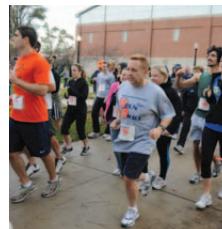
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## RUN-WALK FRIDAY:

Something new and exciting is on the horizon for Homecoming Weekend. Coaches Matt Neil '82 (men's basketball), and Mary Vande Hoef (softball) are introducing a new wrinkle to the 33rd annual Run/Walk event on campus.

In an effort to encourage more student participation, as well as allow alumni to come into Holland for a full weekend, the Run/Walk will take place on Friday, Oct. 12, at 6:30 p.m. As in past years, the event will include a 3,200-meter (two-mile) prediction walk and a 5,000-meter (3.1-mile) run.

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## NEW TRUSTEES:

Several new members have been elected to the Hope College Board of Trustees, which has also elected a new chair and vice chair.

Newly elected to serve four-year terms on the board are David B. Charnin '96 of Darien, Conn.; Nancy Dirkse '81 DeWitt of Cincinnati, Ohio; Lindsey Dood '87 of Grand Rapids, Mich.; Lisa Reenders '89 Granger of Lansing, Mich.; Monica M. Newendorp of Pella, Iowa; and the Rev. D. Scott Van Oostendorp '75 of Zeeland, Mich.

Mary Van Dis '80 Bauman of Grand Rapids has been elected chairperson, succeeding Joel V. Bouwens '74 of Holland, Mich., who has concluded the two four-year terms chairs may serve but will continue to be a member of the board. The Rev. Dr. William R. Boersma '75 of Holland has been elected vice chair, succeeding Brian W. Koop '71 of Holland, who has concluded the four years a vice chair may serve. Dr. David W. Lowry '89 of Holland continues to serve as secretary in addition to chairing the college's presidential search committee.

The board has also re-elected Bauman, Thomas H. Claus '75 of East Grand Rapids, Mich., and A. Paul Schaap '67 of Grosse Pointe Park, Mich., to four-year terms.

Trustees concluding service on the board are Sandra Sissing '64 Church of Holland; Brian W. Koop '71; the Rev. Stephen M. Norden '74 of Powell, Ohio; Richard L. Postma of Grand Rapids; and Carol Joelson '61 Sytsma of Newcastle, Wash.

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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 Move-In Day 2010, when an enthusiastic army of student volunteers makes quick work of the transition from car, truck or trailer to residence hall for each and every incoming freshman.

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



# Two Leaders, One Vision, Lasting Hope

What started as an effort to celebrate one visionary leader has led to greater appreciation for another as well.

Earlier this summer, historian Dr. Elton Bruins '50 put the finishing touches on a book some 14 years in the making: *Envisioning Hope College: Letters written by Albertus C. Van Raalte to Philip Phelps Jr. 1857 to 1875*, which he co-edited with the late Karen G. Schakel. He began back in 1997 as a way of contributing to the scholarly understanding of Van Raalte, widely hailed as the founder of both Holland, Mich., and Hope. By the time he was done, Dr. Bruins had rewritten history a bit, leading the way in giving Phelps, who was Hope's first president,

no less credit for getting the college started.

"As one reads the letters of Van Raalte to Phelps, one gets a sense of how closely the two men worked together to achieve the goal they held in common: developing an institution of higher learning," Dr. Bruins said. "Each was gifted in his own way, and each was devoted equally to the cause of Christian higher education."

Dr. Bruins's book is fortuitously timed. Although he didn't start working on it with an end date in mind, it's been published on the eve of a major celebration of the bicentennial of Van Raalte's birth on Oct. 17, 1811. Among other activities, multiple West Michigan communities will be featuring exhibitions and



When more than 10 years ago Dr. Elton Bruins '50 started editing a collection of letters from Albertus C. Van Raalte to the Rev. Philip Phelps (Hope's first president), he hadn't planned on rewriting history, but so he has. Through the process he developed a new

appreciation of the crucial role that Phelps played in the college's earliest years, leading the way in seeing Phelps understood as a "co-organizer" of Hope, essential in building the foundation set by Van Raalte into the college known today.

other events this fall to mark the milestone, and Hope will host the U.S. half of an international scholarly conference that will later continue in Van Raalte's birth province of Overijssel in the Netherlands.

"The 200th birthday of the founder of Holland, Michigan, is a fitting time to honor him for his vision and perseverance, to remember the sacrifices that he and his family made in pursuit of that vision, and to identify and recognize his profound influence upon our community. In short, it is the right time to celebrate his enduring legacy," said Dr. Jacob E. Nyenhuis, who is director of the A.C. Van Raalte Institute at Hope and is a member of the Dutch Heritage Coordinating Council, which has been arranging the celebration. "It also provides an occasion to celebrate the key role that Van Raalte played in the transformation of the Holland Academy into Hope College, with the Academy's second principal, Philip Phelps Jr., as the co-organizer and first president of Hope College."

Dr. Bruins is retired from the Hope religion faculty and preceded Dr. Nyenhuis as director of the A.C. Van Raalte Institute, which studies Dutch-American and Holland-area history, and he has been researching local and Hope history for more than 40 years. His other publications include, as co-author, the books *Albertus C. Van Raalte: Dutch Leader and American Patriot* (1996) and *Albertus and Christina: The Van Raalte Family, Home and Roots* (2004). Across his decades of research, he has assembled material about Van Raalte, the 19th century, his contemporaries, and the community that spans 60 feet of shelf space, with 2,160 files on Van Raalte alone.

All of the materials have informed the latest volume, which compiles 94 letters extensively annotated with explanations about the people and events referenced by Van Raalte and behind the scenes. The result, Dr. Bruins noted, is a broader history of the community in addition to a view of Van Raalte and the creation of the college.

"Readers will also learn about Holland, Michigan, and about what's going on in the denomination at the time," he said.

Van Raalte was born in the village of Wanneperveen, the son of a pastor in the Dutch Reformed Church. Following his own education in theology, at Leiden University, he became a leader in the newly formed Separatist Church, holding four pastorates between 1836 and 1846.

According to Dr. Bruins, he assumed the role reluctantly. "Albertus had planned to enter the ministry of the Dutch Reformed Church in which he was raised, but he was denied entrance when the answers he gave to questions posed during his examination for the ministry made the examiners suspicious that he would not be willing to abide by church regulations," he said.

In addition to the religious schism, the separatists endured limited economic and educational opportunity. Like so many others before and since, many among them resolved to immigrate to America for a better life, and so in the fall of 1846 Van Raalte and a small group of followers set sail. They traveled via New York and Albany, and wintered in Detroit before reaching West Michigan and establishing the "Holland Kolonie" in February 1847. The pioneers were soon joined by other Dutch immigrants, who not only settled in Holland

itself but founded additional communities in the region as well as throughout the Midwest.

Van Raalte knew that his people would need additional pastors to lead them in the future, and so in 1851 he established a Pioneer School—later the Holland Academy—to prepare young people for college and, he hoped, seminary and the ministry. He even donated the college's original 16 acres, still part of the campus.

As a frontier community, Holland lacked the resources to sustain the school, and Van Raalte traveled to the East regularly, for months at a time, leaving his beloved wife and children back in Holland, seeking donations from wealthy patrons in the denomination that became today's Reformed Church in America. It was during one of those trips that he met Phelps, who was pastoring two small churches in New York.

"They were a study in contrasts in many ways," Dr. Bruins said. "Van Raalte was born and raised in the Netherlands, Phelps in Albany, New York. Van Raalte, as his letters indicate, had an uneven temperament that depended on the state of his health; Phelps, however, seemed always to be on an even keel. Van Raalte was forceful in personality; Phelps was quite reserved."

The differences didn't stop Phelps from being one of Van Raalte's few close friends right up until Van Raalte's death in 1876. Not infrequently, Van Raalte's letters to Phelps are signed "Your humble Brother and Friend."

"He does not say that lightly," Dr. Bruins said. "He means that."

Phelps became principal of the Holland Academy in 1859 and the founding president

of Hope when the college grew out of the academy in 1862. Hope received its charter from Michigan in 1866, the same year that the first class graduated. Western Theological Seminary was established as an extension of the college in 1866, to enable graduates of Hope interested in ministry to continue their studies locally.

Phelps, Dr. Bruins noted, was involved in every aspect of the college at the beginning, building on the foundation placed by Van Raalte, who continued to secure support for the school. Phelps initially taught every class; he hired the first faculty; he even designed the college seal. Dr. Bruins also believes that he established the institutional character—a focus on scholarship in the context of the historic Christian faith—that continues across today's 87 majors that prepare graduates for every vocation under the sun.

Neither man, Dr. Bruins noted, campaigned for the title of "founder" or "organizer" or even "co-founder" or "co-organizer" of Hope. They were both focused on achieving the dream, not recognition.

He found that subsequent events, though, reduced the amount of credit given to Phelps. It didn't help, he said, that Phelps was essentially forced to resign from the presidency some years after Van Raalte's death when his grand plans to expand Hope proved too ambitious when the nationwide depression of the 1870s devastated the institution financially. "His vision exceeded his grasp," Dr. Bruins said.

Phelps ultimately left the community and returned to ministry back East, while multiple members of Van Raalte's family remained active at Hope, contributing to their forebear's legend as founder singular. For example, the college's president and vice president were sons-in-law, and the dean of women a daughter, when Hope dedicated its Van Raalte Hall in 1903. 🐦

**"As one reads the letters of Van Raalte to Phelps, one gets a sense of how closely the two men worked together to achieve the goal they held in common: developing an institution of higher learning. Each was gifted in his own way, and each was devoted equally to the cause of Christian higher education."**

— Dr. Elton Bruins '50

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In some ways, they were a study in contrasts; it almost even sounds like a pitch for a television pilot about mismatched roommates: Albertus C. Van Raalte, newly arrived from the Netherlands, uneven in temperament; Philip Phelps, from an established Eastern family and seemingly unflappable. The differences didn't prevent them from becoming friends, the bond fostered and strengthened by their shared dedication to creating Hope.





# Engineering the HopeWay

Combine one of the world's most in-demand majors with the Hope way of teaching, and the result builds a bright future for graduates.

In multiple studies citing careers with the greatest need for more professionals, engineering is often at or near the top of the list. As one perspective on the scarcity, a report by the National Association of Colleges and Employers found that seven of the 10 top-paid majors for the class of 2011 were in engineering.

Correspondingly, Hope's Bachelor of Science in engineering, offered since 1997 and accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Committee of ABET, serves graduates well. About half find positions in industry, employed with local, major regional, and international corporations and organizations, and half go on to graduate school, most at top-25 programs.

Those achievements are supported by strong academics within engineering and campus-wide, research experiences and other opportunities that take learning beyond the classroom, and, always, the central, motivating idea that every student matters.

"We try to make sure everyone succeeds—we don't have any lost sheep," said Dr. John Krupczak, professor of engineering and chair of the department—and 2009 winner of the H.O.P.E. Award. "We help each person define their goals and then try to help everyone get to the next level, whatever level they started on. You have to make a difference for everybody. I think all these things are consistent with the unique character of Hope."

It was Hope's holistic approach—an emphasis on the individual student through teaching as well as meaningful involvement in research—that drew Dr. Katharine Polasek to the faculty last fall.

"I want to be able to devote the time to teaching and not be penalized for it," she said. "Here you're expected to devote time to teaching. You're expected to do innovative things."

In addition to teaching, Dr. Polasek conducts research in biomedical engineering, developing a therapy device for amputees that have phantom limb pains. She's been working collaboratively with juniors Derek Blok of Schoolcraft, Mich., and Jo Forst of Gibbon, Minn., including full-time this summer.

"They're involved in the whole research process," she said. "The skills that they're getting to go to graduate school are just phenomenal."

Becky Lathrop '07, who is pursuing a doctorate in mechanical engineering at The Ohio State University, credits the individual attention that she received and her research experiences at Hope as crucial.

"The faculty, staff and other students at Hope were so encouraging, and I have no doubt that I am where I am today because of them," said Lathrop, who in 2009 received a National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship in support of her studies. "I knew that the academics were strong, but I wasn't expecting to receive such personal encouragement from the faculty."



The college's historic emphasis on teaching through original, collaborative research with members of the faculty serves students in the engineering program well. Above, Dr. Roger Veldman '89 explains an experiment to determine the properties of metals under high strain rates to his research students Ben Bjerke '11 and Lauren Miller '11.

"I remember towards the end of my freshman year trying to decide if engineering really was what I wanted to pursue," she recalled. "I wasn't very confident in my own abilities, but I had never expressed my doubts to anyone. Within a couple of weeks both Dr. Veldman and Dr. Krupczak approached me, just to let me know that they were glad I was in the program and that they knew I would be successful if I continued in engineering."

Lathrop subsequently conducted research with Dr. Roger Veldman for three years, using experimentation and computational modeling to study the response of aircraft panels to blast loading with the goal of improving the robustness of commercial aircraft against exposure to explosives. Although her graduate research is focused on cartilage injuries in the knee joint, she has found her Hope lab experience invaluable.

"Many of the other students coming into grad school had no experience with research, but I had already developed many of the skills necessary to work independently," she said. "I was familiar with formulating good research questions and methods for testing our hypotheses, I had learned which aspects of research I loved and which areas I wanted to avoid, and I knew that I wanted to be a part of a research project which would blend both experimental testing and computational modeling."

Jeff Mulder '07 has worked for Zeeland, Mich.-based Gentex Corp. as an electrical

hardware project engineer since the summer after graduation. He's found his Hope research experiences equally essential.

"Not only did you get to work more closely with the professors at Hope College, but you also got to take an understanding of something to a much larger level than a 16-week course, and to apply it," he said. "That experience provides you with a reference—a compass—to navigating any challenge that the engineering

world will present you. You can take that, and whatever technology's out there, you can break it down to its simplest form."

Mulder also appreciates that his education included many disciplines within engineering.

"The well-roundedness of the program makes you a fit for wherever industry wants to take you," he said. "You understand enough to collaborate and work with other departments in that respect."

The goal of producing well-rounded graduates who are adaptable is further supported, Dr. Krupczak noted, by the overall context of Hope itself, with students learning from and interacting with programs and people representing a range of interests and skill sets.

"This is a strength of engineering in the liberal arts. They're integrated with a lot of other people who aren't necessarily studying what they're studying," Dr. Krupczak said. "This is the world they're going to have to work in and live in. In their professional lives they're going to have to interact with a variety of people."

The range also provides a chance for students to customize their career preparation. Through the years, many have pursued double majors or minors in other departments, including business, computer science, dance, economics, English, environmental science, mathematics, music, physics and Spanish. Majors in the program also work toward careers in other fields; Blok, for example, is pre-med.

To offer an even richer experience, the department has organized or supported

multiple additional opportunities for students. Internships provide a chance to work in industry. Co-curricular experiences include chapters of Engineers Without Borders-USA (which annually since 2006 has made annual trips to Nkuv, Cameroon, to help the community meet the need for safe water) and the National Society of Black Engineers, and the international Formula SAE Michigan automotive competition.

Reflecting its receptivity to student initiative, the department this summer assisted juniors Scott Brandonisio and Ryan Core as they conducted some research of their own through participation in the new Hope Entrepreneurship Initiative (HEI) coordinated by the Center for Faithful Leadership. Both engineering majors, they are developing a product that emits "white noise" and blocks light to help those in distracting environments sleep. Based on their prior experience, neither is surprised that the department has been so helpful.

"All doors are open here," Brandonisio said. "Anyone's willing to help you out."

Student interest in engineering is at an all-time high. Some 140 are enrolled in the department at any given time, with about 30 majors graduating each year.

Those last two numbers would be even larger, but the department is limited by space. Originally part of the department of physics, engineering has grown as much as it can within the boundaries of VanderWerf Hall. Renovation this summer supported by a National Science Foundation grant helped ease the crunch just a bit, but in the end VanderWerf is still a building that houses research and teaching for four departments when it was designed as classroom space for two.

"At some point you need to put up a new structure that's more suited," Dr. Krupczak said. "We need to go beyond the converted classroom into spaces that are specifically designed for engineering education."

Plans are in the works for an expansion to the 10th Street side of the building that will enable the department to provide purpose-built laboratory space for students enrolled in engineering design courses as well as for co-curricular projects like Formula SAE, along with teaching-laboratory space. Key considerations range from ceiling height, to ventilation, to a suitably large loading door—the sorts of things not easily, if at all, added to an existing structure. A leadership gift in support of the project has been given by Holland-based Haworth Inc., and serves as a catalyst for additional donated funds that are being sought to fully fund the engineering addition.

Dr. Krupczak knows from experience that the new wing will be put to good use.

"Our best story is what our graduates are doing," he said. "Our outcomes are unsurpassed."



Space is at a premium in VanderWerf Hall as the engineering program continues to grow. Junior Philip Hallam of Flemington, N.J., works in a laboratory renovated this summer through a grant from the National Science Foundation (please see the story on page 20). He and faculty mentor Dr. Jeff Brown are exploring the use of infrared thermography as a non-invasive way to detect defects in concrete structures such as bridge decks.

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 — Dr. John Krupczak, professor of engineering and chairperson of the department





# Leaders Begin Here

It's a bright, warm Friday afternoon in the latter half of May, and the lakeside park in Grant, Mich., is busy with middle school and high school students.

They're not there, however, to play or soak in the sun. They're there to make a difference.



Hope sophomore Colleen Quick appreciates the lessons she learned about mentoring and leadership as she helped the Grant, Mich., students develop their service project through LdOut3. The younger students implement and manage the projects, so she took their lead on the day of the project itself and joined those who were helping clear the park's trails.

Along the shore, a couple of groups are painting picnic tables. Following a ridgeline, others are raking a thick carpet of leaves from the network of trails. In the woods on the other side of the park, several more are clearing underbrush—hard work this humid day—to extend that trail network. No adults assigned them the tasks, and no one is looking over their shoulders now. They saw the need, and have committed themselves to addressing it, themselves.

The work in the park matters, but behind the curtain the goal has been to make a difference to the students as well—and, weeks and months before, to a cadre of Hope students.

The project culminates the Grant students' participation in LdOut3, a leadership training program coordinated by the college's Center for Faithful Leadership. The first part of the name is short for "Lead-Out," with the "3" representing the program's focus on students at three levels: Hope students, 11th graders and seventh graders. The emphasis is on giving each of the groups leadership experience as they work together, in series, to create and implement a service project to meet a need within a church or community.

The effort begins with the Hope students meeting with the 11th graders for five weeks at the high school students' school or church, helping the high schoolers to learn principles of teamwork and leadership, and to identify the service project that they'd like to pursue. The Hope students then step out of the picture and the 11th graders take over, using what they've learned to work for five weeks themselves with the seventh graders, who finish the planning and make the project happen.

The idea is that all of the students will learn more about leadership—and see



High school and middle school students work together to improve a community park in Grant, Mich. They are participants in the college's "LdOut3" leadership training program, with the "3" representing a focus on students at three levels. Hope students meet with the high school students, teaching them leadership principles and developing a service idea tailored to the younger students' hometown, and then step back and letting the high schoolers take the reins in involving middle-school students from their area in making the project happen.

themselves as leaders—if they're actually placed in leadership roles.

"LdOut3 believes if we give people the opportunity and proper tools to lead, they will lead," says Dr. Steve VanderVeen, who is director of the Center for Faithful Leadership and a professor of management. "And if we empower people to lead as a team, anything can be achieved."

Dr. Virgil Gulker, who works with the center as servant leader-in-residence, is the staff director for LdOut3. He noted that the program addresses two crucial and complementary needs: developing the next generation of leaders and, most important,

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— Ana, a high-schooler

enabling young people to see themselves in those leadership roles.

In communicating with the 11th graders and seventh graders, he said, the message is, "We know that you are wired to be a leader, and we are going to position you in that role."

He has found that the young students rise to the occasion. "They don't disappoint us. It's kind of magical to see what happens when people achieve at the level that we anticipate for them."

LdOut3 began at one site on a pilot basis in the fall of 2009, and worked so well that the program was continued, and expanded this past spring to include four sites—in Grant, and at three West Michigan churches. The groups have pursued a variety of projects, from improving the park at Grant, to helping members with household projects at one church, to organizing a field fun day for children at another.

Reed Swift '11 began working with the program more than a year ago, and this past spring was a project director for the initiative, overseeing two of the four Hope teams. Swift noted that he was impressed repeatedly by how engaged the younger students became when given the chance, shifting from standing shyly to the side at the beginning to participating actively

by the end—and at the same time, doing so thinking not of themselves, but of others.

"The neatest impact is when we start to talk about the service project, and the kids start to talk about the needs in the community," he said. "Some of the dreams and ideas that the students come up with are really impressive. A lot of these kids just need someone to believe in them."

**"Hope students learn just as much as the younger kids. You learn to deal with all kinds of people... By teaching the leadership process, I feel like you'd be pretty hard-headed not to learn something."**

— Austin Stauffer '10, LdOut3 alumnus

Austin Stauffer '10 has experienced LdOut3 from two perspectives. He participated in 2009 as a Hope senior, and also connected with the program this past year as interim minister for senior high youth and young adults at Fellowship Reformed Church in Holland, Mich., one of this year's four sites. He values the difference that LdOut3 makes to the younger students, but he also appreciates what he learned through the experience as a Hope student.

"Hope students learn just as much as the younger kids. You learn to deal with all kinds of people," said Stauffer, a communication major who minored in leadership. "By teaching the leadership process, I feel like you'd be pretty hard-headed not to learn something."

Sophomore Colleen Quick of Springfield, Ill., was part of the team of Hope students that worked with the Grant group across the spring semester.

"I really like the idea of mentoring," she said. "I'm passionate about leadership."

She, too, sees that she has learned as well.

"I definitely learned more about commitment," Quick said. "We learned a lot about teamwork."

The Fremont Area Community Foundation supported the Grant schools' participation with a grant to LdOut3, pleased with the many levels of benefits to the young students—leadership training, an emphasis on students helping each other, and working together. Not least of all, the foundation saw LdOut3 as an opportunity for young students to connect with college students and perhaps see a place for higher education in their own lives. In fact, in February the Grant group even visited campus for a day, some staying overnight with Hope students to learn more about college life.

"It really is an all-encompassing program, so it fits a lot of different aspects that the foundation hopes to reach with the different programs that we fund," said Amy Moore, program officer with the foundation.

The Grant project may have started something. Brought together by the students, the city and schools may find new ways to collaborate. And while the students were enjoying seeing their work shaping the park for the better, they were thinking about making a better future as well.

"I wanted to be a good leader," said Frankie, a middle schooler. "Sometimes, when you listen to people, you might be surprised what they have to say."

"I love to be a leader and open kids' eyes to help them realize they can be something and be successful in life and be role models to people," said Ana, a high schooler.



# A Medical Pioneer

By Judy Tanis '67 Parr, John deVelder '65, and Linda Walvoord '64 deVelder

**D**r. John A. Otte (Hope College Class of 1883) was the first medical missionary sent to China by the Reformed Church in America. He was a remarkable combination of physician, missionary, architectural engineer, and more.

For his pioneering work in bringing the practices of Western medicine to Amoy (now Xiamen) on the southeast coast of China, people wanting to honor his memory created a large marble statue of Otte, and in 2008



The statue of Dr. John Otte placed in front of a new hospital in Jimei near Xiamen reflects the high regard in which he continues to be held in China for his dedicated service in bringing the practices of Western medicine to southeastern China. Dr. Otte died in 1910 after catching pneumonic plague while treating a patient.

they placed it in front of a new hospital built in Jimei, near Xiamen. Not long ago, during the “Cultural Revolution” in China, it would have been unthinkable to erect a statue to a Westerner and particularly a missionary. So it is amazing that this Hope College graduate is honored so prominently.

## Dr. Otte's Life

Born in Flushing, the Netherlands, in 1861, John Otte was the son of middle-class tradespeople who immigrated to Grand Rapids, Mich., when he was eight. Valuing education, his parents sent him to Hope College's preparatory academy and then to the college.

Otte graduated from Hope College in 1883, received his M.D. degree from the University of Michigan in 1886, and returned to Europe for a year's fellowship at the University of Utrecht. There he studied the latest surgical and treatment techniques under one of the world's leading eye doctors of the time.

While in the Netherlands, Otte helped to provide medical services in an orphanage. One day he told the children about his dream to build a hospital for poor children in China. One little girl gave the doctor the two pennies that her uncle had given her for her birthday. Otte was so touched by this gift that he had these pennies attached to a watch fob and used them to encourage the wealthy Dutch to give him guilders. Even Queen Wilhelmina gave him money, and so he was able to go to China to follow his dream.

In 1887 Dr. Otte returned to the United States and married Frances F. C. Phelps, daughter of Philip Phelps Jr., first president of Hope College. She was one of the first two women to graduate from Hope.

Then the newlyweds made the long sea voyage to Amoy. Near there, in 1888, Otte designed and built the Neerbosch Hospital in Changchow (Zhanzhou), birthplace of Lin Yutang, author of *From Pagan to Christian* and many other books about China. At that time in China, Western medicine was unknown



Today a museum, the hospital on the islet of Gulangyu in Amoy (today Xiamen) in China opened in 1898 with a familiar name: Hope Hospital. It was designed and built by Dr. John Otte, Class of 1883, who did pioneering work as a medical missionary through the Reformed Church in America. The inset photo in the lower-left corner shows Dr. Otte with his wife Frances Phelps (1882) Otte, daughter of Hope's first president. (Photo of the hospital and the statue photo at bottom left both courtesy of William Brown, [www.amoymagic.com/johnotte.htm](http://www.amoymagic.com/johnotte.htm))

and untrusted. Suspicious peasants, spreading rumors that an “unknown outsider” wanted to remove people's eyes to make mirrors or grim experiments, tried to prevent the opening of his first hospital.

Later, on Gulangyu Island, near Amoy, Otte designed and built two more hospitals, the Hope Hospital for men, and the Wilhelmina Hospital for women. Able to perform eye surgery, Dr. Otte literally made the blind to see. His patients told many dramatic stories that won credence for the hospitals he built, maintained, staffed, and funded from American, Dutch and Chinese contributions.

Moreover, his interest in architecture led him to design not only his hospitals but also many fine homes for wealthy clients on Gulangyu. Even the architectural drawings he sold were used to keep his hospitals running.

Otte's medical work and evangelism were of great benefit to the other Reformed Church missionaries and the growing Christian mission in Xiamen. The RCA mission had a vision to care for the whole person by building churches, schools, and now, with Otte, hospitals. He opened a school of nursing, and also rigorously trained over 20 Chinese physicians, a forward-

thinking endeavor that prominently established Western medicine in Xiamen. His labs and operating procedures compared favorably with the best of his day at home. Otte realized that, if his work was to survive, he needed to train indigenous people and lay the foundation for the next hundred years. His medical students and those that followed honor Otte to this day.

## Dr. Otte's Death

Otte's life of service was cut short when in April 1910 he contracted the pneumonic plague from a Muslim patient in the Amoy mosque. As Otte was treating him, the sick man vomited onto Otte's hands. Despite all efforts, Dr. Otte died eight days later.

When he died so suddenly, Otte did not have his family by his side. His wife had taken the children in 1901 to Grand Rapids for them to have an American education. During those long years of separation Otte wrote beautiful letters to his wife and five children: John Philip, Francis Robert, Elizabeth Phelps, Adrianna T. and Margaret W. Otte (class of 1929). A memorial service for Dr. Otte was held at the First Reformed Church of Grand Rapids on June 16, 1910.

Frances Phelps Otte, his widow, lived 96 years (to 1956). Many Hope alumni remember her as a tiny but formidable woman, attending Hope Church and events at Hope College.

More than a thousand people attended his funeral and burial in Amoy. The people he served and his beloved students soon erected a monument in his honor. It still stands near the former Hope Hospital, which now serves as a museum. Though damaged by WW II, the hospitals Otte built on Gulangyu were rebuilt and used for medical purposes until 2005.

The monument—inscribed in Chinese, Latin, Dutch, and English—testifies eloquently to his life, a living sacrifice in loving service to the people of China.

## A Memorable Journey

John deVelder and his wife, Linda Walvoord deVelder, were present for the unveiling of the Otte statue in 2008. About this emotional journey, he wrote: “I was moved to walk the streets of Gulangyu; to see the ruins of the old Hospital now being re-built into a museum; to walk near the house where David Abeel [Dutch Reformed Church missionary and founder of the Amoy Mission in 1841] lived for his brief years in Amoy; to see buildings designed by Otte; and to walk where my ancestors walked and worked in the Amoy Mission.”

Judy Tanis Parr visited Gulangyu when teaching in Fuzhou in 2005 and is writing the history of Hope Church, Holland, Mich., for its 2012 sesquicentennial. John deVelder is director of pastoral care for Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Brunswick, N.J. Linda Walvoord deVelder, associate professor of English at the University of Cincinnati, is writing a book about the life and letters of John A. Otte.

## REVEREND JOHANEES ABRAHAM OTTE, M.D. 1861 – 1910

Born in Holland, educated in America, labored in China. The faithful use of his learning and skills in unwearied service made him a man of far-reaching influence.

He left his homeland to give himself to the people of Amoy. Among them he labored with whole-hearted devotion for twenty years, preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ, healing the sick, building three hospitals, and training more than twenty medical students.

We honor him as a man of great worth and unbending purpose. To accomplish his purposes, which were large, he gave all his strength in life, he spared not himself, and when he died his body was buried not in his homeland but, as he wished, among the scenes of his labors.

This monument is raised by his students in memory of his character and deeds. This stone may crumble, his bones become dust, but his character and deeds are imperishable.

– Monument to Dr. John Otte at former Hope Hospital in China





# Learning, Growing, and Serving Outside of the Classroom

By Chris Lewis '09

Each of us have been blessed with a variety of unique gifts, skills, and talents which we can utilize to improve others' lives, to better society as a whole, and to shape — and change — the world for future generations.

But, how can we fully apply such talents on a daily basis, both within and outside of the greater workforce? How can we be assured that the world's current and future leaders are prepared for long-term, successful careers that will positively impact their respective fields, industries, and communities for years to come?



Through her externship with Harley-Davidson, Danielle Portfleet '13 visited operations in locales including Miami, Fla.; Nassau, Bahamas; and Milwaukee, Wis.

To educate students for longstanding, active lives of leadership and service, all of Hope's academic departments offer internships—each tailored to the respective program—that enable students to apply the knowledge, life lessons, and expertise they have acquired in the classroom, while also obtaining valuable work experience in the fields they are most passionate about. The experience is especially beneficial for those seeking full-time positions in a competitive job market, but is equally important in a broader sense, helping students determine the paths they'll follow after graduation.

"In this fluctuating economy, internships are almost a necessity," said Sara DeVries, associate director of career services. "Many employers now view their internship programs as primary recruiting tools for entry-level talent while offering full-time, permanent positions to current and former interns before seeking additional candidates.

"Internships provide students with opportunities to observe professionals at work, to ask questions about their fields through informational interviews, and to receive professional networking contacts," DeVries said. "Students are able to acquire hands-on, professional level work experience which will help them 'stand out' as they apply for jobs or graduate schools. Through internships, students can *clarify their callings* and *affirm their directions for the future.*"

Internships are typically semester- or summer-long, supervised work experiences in professional environments that are highly related to students' majors or career interest areas. Students receive academic credit upon the successful completion of the internship experience, and they may also be paid



Internships and externships provide an invaluable complement to classroom experience. Emily Van Wieren '12 conducted research this summer at the Van Andel Institute in Grand Rapids, Mich.,

during it. Hope currently offers domestic or international semester-long internship programs in locales ranging from as nearby as Hope's Holland hometown, to Philadelphia, Chicago, Tokyo and Melbourne.

While obtaining real-world experience, students also enroll in courses that complement their temporary positions. The structure varies, from weekly seminars to independent studies, but the emphasis is on providing the opportunity to discuss their internship experiences, understand the ways in which their coursework applies to the tasks and demands of their internships, and implement plans for their future career endeavors.

Emily Van Wieren '12 was among the numerous sophomore-, junior- and senior-level students who participated in internships this summer. A chemistry and biology major from Grand Ledge, Mich., she conducted biological research with the Van Andel Institute (VAI), a leading research organization that focuses on the treatment of various diseases, including cancer, osteoporosis, and diabetes.

Van Wieren's internship developed in a rather unique manner. Last October, the college's men's soccer team hosted a Community for a Cure Purple Game to support VAI's cancer research. Some of the proceeds supported the highly competitive, 10-week internship at VAI's headquarters.

Throughout the summer, she met several experts within the science industry, while also discovering which types of careers may best

through an internship with a unique origin: it was supported through a fund-raiser conducted during a Hope men's soccer game on behalf of cancer research.

suit her throughout the coming years.

"I was able to gain real world experience and make connections with science professionals who may help me discover new opportunities in the future," Van Wieren said. "Internships are a solid addition to a college education because they not only create opportunities to network with professionals in one's field, but they also allow you to figure out where your passions lie and what potential options are out there in a given career path. It's definitely a great learning experience."

As an accounting major from Chongqing, China, Ziyi Liu '12 had the opportunity of a lifetime this summer — to complete a rotational internship program at the headquarters of

Stryker, a leading medical device and equipment manufacturer. The internship allowed her to work at Stryker's corporate accounting office for six weeks and for the organization's medical division for another six weeks.

"This summer I obtained a comprehensive perspective on corporate accounting, which will help me better understand and practice the concepts I learn at Hope — outside of the classroom," Liu said. "My passion for accounting also increased as I networked with numerous accounting professionals and received hands-on experience."

Prior to interning at Spectrum Health, a non-profit health system based in West Michigan, Nathan Love '12, an exercise science major from Midland, Mich., was interested in combining his passion for health with his desire to improve others' lives. Upon completing his internship, Love's aspiration to improve the human condition further amplified.

"My experiences at Spectrum and at Hope have led me to consider joining the Peace Corps after graduating next spring," Love said. "I would love the opportunity to work in the health field, learn and live with people that have different backgrounds than mine, and assist them with the health issues they are presently facing."

He has not only appreciated his internship, but the overall education he has received at Hope as well.

"Hope provides its students with the tools to be successful in and out of college," Love said. "Regardless of what those tools are, students leave with the abilities and desires to create their own paths — and to take their lives to places they never would have originally thought."

As a complement to the decades-long internship program, the Office of Career Services and the college's Alumni Association Board of Directors have developed a new campus-wide externship program that provides

a more tightly focused opportunity for students to explore career paths. Implemented this past May, the two- to five-day-long job shadow experiences pair current students with Hope alumni and other professionals who work in fields that particularly interest them.

Esther Barrett '12, a history and political science double major from Ann Arbor, Mich., externed with Varnum Riddering Schmidt and Howlett LLP, a law firm based in Grand Rapids. The three-day externship was supervised by attorney Tom Kyros '89.

"Esther researched the law related to the interpretation of an ambiguous trust provision. The research was conducted through both traditional library work and online services. The results were very helpful to our client," Kyros said. "She was also able to attend a few meetings with me and network with other legal professionals at Varnum and in the community. Such networking will be invaluable as she looks ahead to life after Hope."

Danielle Portfleet '13, a Spanish and management double major from Coopersville, Mich., externed with American motorcycle manufacturer Harley-Davidson and traveled throughout the country during a week she will remember for the rest of her life.

"First, I traveled to Miami, Fla., to see Harley's Latin American headquarters; Nassau, Bahamas to visit dealerships; and then Milwaukee, Wis., to view the company's North American headquarters," Portfleet said. "I visited multiple dealerships, met with dealers, and toured Harley's manufacturing plant and museum — all within the span of five days!"

The externship was arranged by Mark Van Genderen '90, vice president and managing director, Latin America, Harley-Davidson. As a student at Hope, Van Genderen obtained real-world work experiences while interning during the Chicago Semester. Since his internship had a profound influence on his current career, he was interested in helping present Hope students gain valuable on-the-job experience as well.

"I thought about the increasing importance that international relationships will have on American business ventures in the future and figured if, in some small way, I could expose this to a current student, it would be very beneficial for them," he said.

The knowledge Portfleet acquired while externing will likely influence the remainder of her Hope career — and her future in the "real world."

"The externship provided many life lessons that I will carry with me as I finish my college education and enter the workforce," Portfleet said. "It was an unbelievable, priceless experience." 🦋

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# Finding a New Perspective

By Greg Chandler

From October 14 through November 18, the De Pree gallery will host an exhibit of Professor Bruce McCombs' work, featuring watercolor paintings of Hope's architecture, a body of work that spans 30 of McCombs' 42 years as professor of art.



From his initial focus on monochromatic etchings, Bruce McCombs switched to painting in watercolor in the 1980s. His paintings have been featured in exhibitions and included in collections around the world.

To find Professor McCombs on campus, look for a guy in his early 50s, wearing a Cleveland Indians ball cap, with one or two single lens reflex cameras slung from his neck.

He is not in his 50s, actually, but the bike he has ridden to campus nearly every fine day for 42 years keeps him ageless. The cameras, one with a telephoto, the other with a wide-angle lens, contain film. Film — motion as well as still photography — is part of Professor McCombs' process. The language of the cinema is the vernacular of his painting. He uses cameras the way writers use pen and notebook, to gather and preserve reference scenes, to make visual annotations for use in his studio.

Professor McCombs annually takes hundreds of photos of scenes around the campus, often focused on its architecture, often from perspectives that most of us never notice. The photographs combine and recombine in paintings that create a vantage point entirely his own. His study of the campus over the course of 42 years records the shifting and folding of time — a roofline of hand-hewn stone reflected in a modern glass-and-steel construction, or modern students enjoying new technology among examples of classic Dutch architecture.

"The first job of an artist is seeing, then learning to record what they see. With training and practice, an artist sees the world in fresh ways. With hard work and skill, artists share their perspective with others," said Professor McCombs, who has taught thousands of students since 1969.

Professor McCombs describes his work as "dogged," and "obsessive." He never stops looking for new perspectives, new ways of seeing, new subjects to paint. He goes out



Even after more than 40 years at Hope, Bruce McCombs continues to find new dimensions to explore in the campus architecture—not only in new buildings, but in iconic landmarks like

with his cameras the way some people go fishing. Never sure if he will get a bite, and willing to put many hours into trying. He says Hope's growth over the past 20 years has helped provide him with plenty of new material for his artwork, new rooftops and interiors giving fresh perspectives of favorite old architecture.

While he is one of Hope's longest-serving employees, Professor McCombs admits he wasn't familiar with the college when he got a phone call from former president Dr. Calvin VanderWerf in 1969 to ask if he would be interested in teaching at Hope.

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Dimnent Memorial Chapel as well. His third exhibition of paintings featuring scenes at Hope will open in October during Homecoming Weekend.

At the time, Professor McCombs was 24 years old, fresh out of graduate school and teaching at Muskingum College in New Concord, Ohio, filling in for a professor who was on sabbatical that year. He was part of a group of nearly 20 new faculty members hired that fall, in the days before the department of art had a permanent home.

His time now is split between teaching students and working from his studio. His course load ranges from individual study with advanced students to an introductory art course designed for non-majors, a class he particularly enjoys.

"A studio course for non-majors can be almost therapeutic," Professor McCombs says. "It puts a part of their brains to work that may not get much exercise. Most people approach this kind of class a little apprehensively, but they come out of it with a much better ability to see, to observe their world, and a better appreciation of the value of art in their lives."

Professor McCombs hasn't always used watercolors as his primary medium. When he first came to Hope, his expertise was etchings, particularly representations of Americana — classic cars, airplanes, movie houses, diners. His work from that time shows the same humor, the same search for a new point of view, the same narrative line as his watercolor work. The watercolors add the tension between time passing and time standing still to his vernacular.

A sabbatical in 1982 gave him the opportunity to work in watercolor. McCombs continued to make his etchings after returning to teach at Hope, but his focus moved toward a new, challenging medium that, for his paintings, requires a similar kind of careful pre-work, planning, and finely controlled drawing. He focused strictly on watercolors during a second sabbatical in 1989, and by 1991, changed his concentration entirely.

His work has been widely collected, honored with awards and featured in exhibitions around the world. Just last year his paintings were shown at the 2010 Biennial, Contemporary American Realism at the Fort Wayne Museum of Art; the Annual Exhibition of Contemporary Art at the Chautauqua Institute, The 25th Tallahassee, at the Texas National Watercolor Exhibition, the Annual International Exhibition of the Pennsylvania Watercolor Society, the Stockton National Exhibition, and many more. His art has also been featured at the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C., and at the National Museum of Fine Arts in Hanoi, Vietnam.

A lifelong Cleveland Indians fan, Professor McCombs produced a commissioned painting of Jacobs Field, now known as Progressive Field, at the request of then team owner, Richard Jacobs, in 1994.

Professor McCombs, who frequently attends Hope athletic events, has focused a number of his paintings on the college's new sports venues, including DeVos Fieldhouse, Van Andel Soccer Stadium, Boeve Stadium and Wolters Stadium, all of which have been developed over the past decade.

Several of the paintings show a view of DeVos from almost straight above mid-court, his reference photos taken from the catwalk inside the fieldhouse.

"I was up there for an hour and nervous the whole time, because I don't like heights," he said.

The experience for visitors to the De Pree gallery this fall should be a bit less harrowing. Whether from the heights of DeVos or the lawn of Graves, the result of Professor McCombs's hard work and singular point of view is an opportunity to see a very familiar place in a completely new way.



No fan of heights, Professor McCombs braved the spidery catwalk that spans the main court of the DeVos Fieldhouse for a perspective that few get to have.



# Building on Tradition



As newly elected chairperson of the college's Board of Trustees, Mary Van Dis '80 Bauman combines an appreciation of Hope stemming from family experience and a commitment to helping the college to be just as meaningful a foundation in the future. She is pictured at her office in Grand Rapids, where she serves as employee benefits attorney and diversity partner with the law firm of Miller Johnson.

As part of a multi-generation Hope family, Mary Van Dis '80 Bauman deeply appreciates from first-hand experience the rich traditions and history of excellence at the college.

As she begins her tenure as the newly elected chair of the Board of Trustees, she's especially interested in helping the college to be just as meaningful a foundation in the future.

"The board wants to partner with the various constituencies of the college to make it the best that it can be, to build on that legacy and tradition and take it to the next generation," said Bauman, an employee benefits attorney who is also the diversity partner with Miller Johnson in Grand Rapids, Mich.

A member of the board since 2007, Bauman began serving as chair—the first woman to do so—on July 1, succeeding Joel Bouwens '74, chair since 2003. President Dr. James E. Bultman '63 praised both leaders for the high quality of their service to the college.

"Joel Bouwens has been an exceptional chair of the Hope College Board of Trustees for these past eight years," President Bultman said. "His leadership, wise counsel, and generous time commitment have together been an inspiration to me personally and to so many others. Joel's commitment to the mission of the college and his passion for Hope to be the best it can be in every facet of its operation are exemplary."

"We are fortunate to have a person of Mary Bauman's caliber who is both willing and able to lead the Trustees during this next chapter of the college's life," he said. "Mary has demonstrated her commitment to Hope as a Trustee and will serve the college well in this new leadership role."

Both Bouwens and Bauman, President Bultman said, reflect the dedication and vision of the board as a whole.

"Hope is blessed with an outstanding Board of Trustees—people who are committed to preserving the best of Hope even as they envision new ways of making better what is already very good about the Hope experience," he said. "Their passion and mine is that Hope will be at the same time exceptional educationally and vibrantly Christian."

Bauman was raised in Grand Rapids, the daughter of Mary Aldrich '45 Van Dis and Robert Van Dis '47. While Hope was a part of family history, her college choice was her own.

"It was my own decision, and I'm glad I did," she said. "I wanted the benefits of a small liberal arts education, and I was also impressed with the Christian dimension of the college."

Bauman majored in political science and minored in business administration and communication. She had been interested in a career in law since middle school, but positive internship experiences during the college's Washington Honors Semester directed her initially to broadcast journalism. When she returned to campus after her time in Washington, communication faculty member Dr. Theodore Nielsen helped her land an internship at WOOD TV-8 in Grand Rapids, a placement that led to a position after graduation as a producer and reporter at the station.

Dr. Nielsen's effort on her behalf demonstrated a dimension of the college that she continues to value and admire: the dedication of faculty who are sincerely interested in helping their students achieve. She found it to be equally true among the faculty of her major program.

"Their accessibility, their interest in us personally, those relationships were very valuable," she said. "I think that continues at Hope now."

She spent two years at WOOD TV-8, but the dream of a legal career remained strong, so following an interim year as director of corporate giving with WGVU-TV she enrolled in Thomas M. Cooley Law School, graduating with her *juris doctor* degree *summa cum laude* in 1986. It's a choice she's never regretted.

"The practice of law encompasses the key aspects of a career that I most enjoy—identifying issues, solving problems, writing and working with people," she said.

She has been with Miller Johnson for the duration of her legal career.

"That's no coincidence, either," Bauman said. "This is a place that I dearly love."

Bauman's law practice is focused on employee benefits and executive compensation, with her primary concentration being on health and welfare benefits. Her involvement with Miller Johnson includes chairing the firm's Health Care Reform Team and

Diversity Council. Among other honors, she is listed in "Best Lawyers in America" for employee benefits law and has been named a Michigan "Super Lawyer," and received a 2011 Legacy Award for professional and personal contribution in promoting diversity in the community. Her role as Miller Johnson's

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diversity partner reflects a priority that also informs her perspective on the future of Hope.

"Diversity is a very important issue to me," she said. "It's critical for the future of Hope that we focus not only on tradition but also on what our mission is and broadening the scope of students that we have enrolled in the college so that they can participate and share and create new legacies."

She noted that the benefits, true for all organizations, are not only to those who become newly involved, but to the organizations themselves and those they have already been serving.

"People coming from different backgrounds help solve problems more effectively because they bring different perspectives," she said. "It's not just because we should do it. We need to do it."

In addition to her work as a legal professional, Bauman has been active in community organizations and the Reformed Church in America (RCA). Among others, she has also served on the boards of the Forest Hills Educational Foundation, Arbor Circle Corporation, HHS Health Options and Western Theological Seminary; has served on the RCA's Board of Benefit Services; and is active in various roles at her church, Central Reformed in Grand Rapids. Her previous involvement in the life of the college includes having served on the presidential search committee in 1998.

She is also busy with family. She and her husband, Ken Bauman '79, met at Hope (Ken was also a generational student, the son of Dorothy Ten Brink '52 Bauman and Ken Bauman '53). They have two sons, Ken, a 2010 Hope graduate who is pursuing a law degree at Michigan State University; and Kevin, a Hope sophomore.

Through the years, Bauman has valued the college's impact on her life and the lives of the members of her family. From her years on the board, she has appreciated gaining an even deeper understanding of Hope, as she has watched other young people with dreams find the chance to realize them with the help of mentors committed absolutely to helping them do so.

It is, she said, one of the college's most compelling traditions, one which she and her colleagues on the board are eager to involve others in carrying forward.

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A generational student herself, Mary Van Dis '80 Bauman is now experiencing Hope as a parent. She is pictured above with son Ken following his Baccalaureate in 2010. Son Kevin is a sophomore.



# Get Ready... Get Set...



Extensive renovations in VanderWerf Hall have added laboratory space for both physics and engineering. The spaces have been phased into use as the summer has passed along, urgently needed for the departments' bustling research programs. Above, the multi-disciplinary materials characterization lab receives some finishing touches. New architectural features, the glass wall and door replace brick and solid steel and help open up the space to the main-floor hallway beyond.

A major renovation in VanderWerf and Van Zoeren halls tops the varied and extensive list of projects on campus during the summer in anticipation of the coming school year.

While the specifics change year to year, the process can be anticipated as much as the season itself, with the relative quiet of the summer months providing the best—and sometimes only—opportunity to shape the

academic buildings and residence halls a bit, the better to support the learning that is the college's *raison d'être*. After all, for most of the other nine months they're in use more or less around the clock by the approximately 4,000 students, faculty and staff who form the campus community during the school year.

The work in VanderWerf and Van Zoeren, supported through a major, \$347,069 grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF), enabled Hope to renovate and create multiple research laboratories in physics and engineering. Several existing rooms have been reconfigured, to the extent of emptying them out and moving interior walls, to provide research space that reflects the continued growth of the programs.

"Through this project we had the ability to sit back and say, 'If we start from scratch, where does it make sense for things to be?'" said Dr. Catherine Mader, professor of physics, who co-authored the grant proposal with Dr. Michael Jipping of the computer science faculty. "We've not only been able to provide additional space for many of the research groups, but have been able to tailor-make the space for them, so that they can do their research more easily and effectively."

The work has added two laboratories for research and renovated five others, with the additional space carved from former teaching laboratory and storage rooms. The project had actually started during the spring semester and was largely wrapped up mid-summer, to enable the space to be put to use in research this year. A total of five

faculty-led research teams working with about 20 students this summer have been most extensively affected, although other research groups at the college also use some of the instrumentation in the laboratories.

The seven laboratories are a microwave research facility; a surface science facility; a heavy ion nuclear research facility; a radiodating facility; the Hope Ion Beam Accelerator Laboratory; a materials characterization facility; and a civil engineering facility. In addition to designing the spaces with work flow in mind and providing new cabinetry and storage accordingly, improvements have ranged from installing a battery back-up and link to a generator to protect the accelerator in the event of a power failure, to adding drainage and ventilation systems for concrete mixing and testing, to adding glass to some of the interior walls and doorways so that visitors can see the work in progress. The NSF grant has been funded through the "American Recovery and Reinvestment Act" (ARRA) of 2009.

In a unique community partnership, Hope is one of 17 sites in Holland to have had a charging stations for electric vehicles installed. The stations have been donated by ChargePoint America, a program of Coulomb Technologies, with installation paid by Holland's Board of Public Works, which for the time being is making the energy available for free. The college's stations are at the Haworth Inn and the Martha Miller Center for Global Communication.

Among other projects campus-wide, the former Writing Center has been reorganized as the Center for Writing and Research and relocated to the main floor of the Van Wylen Library. The center is directed by faculty

member Dr. David Cunningham, and in keeping with its new venue and focus will intersect with the reference capabilities of the library and its staff in serving as a resource for students.

The on-going upgrade of the college's residence halls continued this year with Lichty Hall, which received new windows as well as new furniture and carpet for the student rooms. In addition, Hope's oldest building, Van Vleck Hall, completed in 1858, has received its first fire sprinkling system, and the system has been expanded in Voorhees, a feature that is of course the norm in contemporary structures but was an elective enhancement given the buildings' historic status.

Other work has ranged from the conversion of a former studio-office in the De Pree Art Center into a classroom; to replacing the Phelps dining hall roof; to numerous maintenance projects at more than 60 of the college's cottages; to the complete remodeling of the main auditorium in the Maas Center; to development of a beach volleyball court in response to a Student Congress initiative. Also this summer, the college acquired and removed the home that was on the southwest corner of the block that includes the DeVos Fieldhouse, the last lot not yet part of the site. 🏡



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**Scott Travis '06**  
Director of Alumni and Parent Relations

**H**istory has an amazing ability to both humble and inspire. This year marks the 200th Anniversary of the birth of Albertus C. Van Raalte, founder of Holland, the Pioneer School and the Holland Academy from which grew our *alma mater* (more on page six).

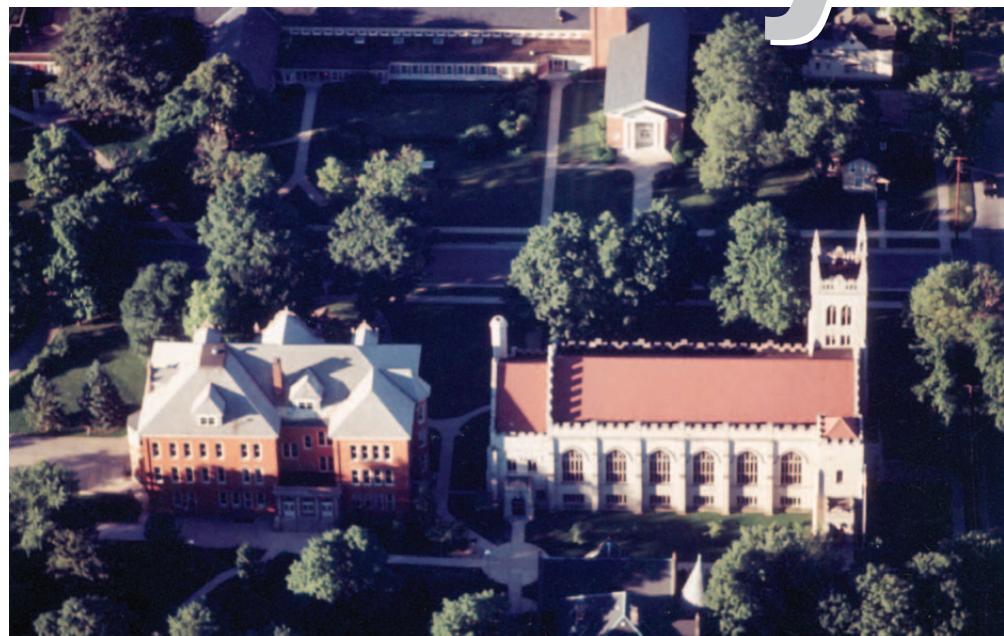
In reading up on my 19th century history I discovered that Van Raalte was only 25 years old when, in 1836, he became a leader in the newly formed Separatist Church and he was just over 35 when, in February of 1847, he founded what is now Hope's hometown. As I am now past the age of his first church leadership and approaching the age when he founded Holland, this is humbling history indeed!

While reading more about this era, I also discovered that one of the disagreements the Separatists had with the status quo of the time was the idea of the gathered church. The concept they valued, of individuals gathering on their own freewill and in groups of their choosing, was at odds with the territorial basis of parish assignments commonplace in Europe at the time.

Today, it is inspiring that we can gather in freedom to worship how we choose. It is also inspiring that the visionary leadership of a few 19th century Separatists has led to a legacy that includes Hope College, where alumni from 50 states here in the US and 78 countries around the world are free to gather together each fall at events like Homecoming (more on the back of this issue).

This fall, as we look back at hundreds of years of history during a variety of events taking place throughout the semester, we hope you choose to freely join others on campus as we also look forward to the next 200 years, envisioning a greater Hope for generations yet to come.

# Window to Hope's History



Today, Albertus C. Van Raalte is honored through "Van Raalte Commons," the popular open space behind Dimnent Memorial Chapel. It's an appropriate designation—Van Raalte's numerous essential contributions to the college included donating that land, and all of the grounds which initially became Hope. For nearly eight decades, though, the site housed a building named for him: Van Raalte Hall, completed in 1903. From hosting classrooms and laboratories, to a museum, to the Kletz and bookstore, to administrative offices, the building served in numerous ways during its lifetime. It burned to the ground on April 28, 1980, in a massive conflagration that, thanks in no small part to outstanding fire-fighting, spared very-neighborly Dimnent. The building's name plate was subsequently installed in the main-floor hallway of the DeWitt Center, where it remains still.

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All submissions received by the Public Relations Office by Tuesday, July 12, have been included in this issue. Because of the lead time required by this publication's production schedule, submissions received after that date (with the exception of obituary notices) have been held for the next issue, the deadline for which is Tuesday, Sept. 6.

## 40s

**Lois Hospers '48 Jalving** of Holland, Mich., and her husband celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in June.

**Rodger Dalman '49** of Holland, Mich., and his wife celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary in May.

## 50s

**Dr. Norman C. Gysbers '54**, who is a curators' professor in the department of educational, school, & counseling psychology at the

**Watson "Waddy" Spoelstra '32** was remembered prominently in "His Team, His Time," a feature published in *The New York Times* on Sunday, May 29, in anticipation of the NBA Finals. Waddy, who died on July 20, 1999, was the grandfather of Erik Spoelstra, coach of the Miami Heat, who played the Dallas Mavericks in the finals this year (the Mavericks won the series, 4-2). The story was about Erik, emphasizing his family heritage in sport. Waddy had been a sports journalist, spending much of his career with the *Detroit News* (the focus of the section about him), and



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Garry Kempker '74

During its May meeting, the Hope College Alumni Association Board of Directors elected its officers and appointed five new members.

Lisa Bos '97 of Washington, D.C., who previously served as vice president, has been elected president. Michael McCarthy '85 of Weston, Mass., has been elected vice president. Anita Van Engen '98 Bateman of San Antonio, Texas, has been elected secretary.

The board's new members are: **Victoria Brunn '84** of Santa Monica, Calif.; **Holly**

**Anderson '90 DeYoung** of Beaver Dam, Wis.; **Todd Houtman '90** of Indianapolis, Ind.; **Sa'eed Husaini '13**, a junior from Jos, Nigeria; and **Garry Kempker '74** of Kalamazoo, Mich.

Colton Wright '11 of Tecumseh, Mich., who was formerly Senior Class Representative, was appointed representative of the most recent graduating class. Andrea Converse of Lowell, formerly Junior Class Representative, was appointed Senior Class Representative.

Bob Bieri '83 of Holland, Mich., who has concluded service as president, will continue to serve on the board as immediate past-president.

The board members who have concluded their service to the board are: Kat Nichols '99 Campbell of Greensboro, N.C.; David Daubenspeck '74 of Oceanside, Calif.; Gene Haulenbeek '72 of Kalamazoo; Colleen Leikert '10 Laskowski of Redmond, Wash.; and Mark VanGenderen '90 of Weston, Fla.

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University of Missouri, presented a series of lectures on school counseling to Hong Kong primary and secondary school educators on July 8 and 9. The fifth edition of his book, *Developing and Managing Your School Guidance and Counseling Program*, will be published by the American Counseling Association in early 2012.

**Robert Kiskan '59** of Glenrock, Wyo., has had his photographs appear

Waddy's son Jon, Erik's father, was an executive with several NBA teams. Waddy had been a standout athlete at Hope, and was the college's first all-MIAA conference basketball player. He stayed involved in the life of the college as an alumnus, regularly returning to campus to speak or bringing others to speak to student-athletes. After retiring from sports writing in the early 1970s, he founded and for many years led Baseball Chapel, which provides Sunday worship services for major league clubs on the road. The college presented him with a Distinguished Alumni Award in 1990.

regularly in *Rope Burns*, a cowboy entertainment magazine. His work also appears in [www.cowboypoetry.com](http://www.cowboypoetry.com).

**Don Scott '59** and **Connie Kregar '61 Scott** of Burlington, Vt., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in June.

**David VandeVusse '59** of Manistee, Mich., and his wife celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in June.

## 60s

**George Bitner '60** of Spring Lake, Mich., concluded his 42nd season with the Spring Lake Laker's boys' golf team on Saturday, June 18. He has also coached the girls' golf team for 31 years. He has had a combined 770 wins, with more to come, for retirement is not in his future.

**Roger Kleinheksel '60** and **Virginia Top '60 Kleinheksel** of Holland, Mich., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in June.

**Dennis J. DeWitt '63** of Holland, Mich., has written a book, *It's Time To Clean the Basement Again*, an anthology of stories and writing based on raising a blended family and changing careers from teaching to social work to ministry. This book is available at Lulu.com. Dennis serves Community Church of Douglas, where he has been

the past 15 years. **Mary Kuiper '63 DeWitt** is retiring from years as a teacher and substitute teacher in the Holland Public Schools. They keep busy with 16 grandchildren. **Sandra Piersma '63 Jousma** of Holland, Mich., and her husband celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in June.

**Milton Nieuwsma '63** of Holland, Mich., is finishing a book, *Miracle on Chestnut Street: Thomas Jefferson and the Road to Independence*, a historical fiction, targeted for young adults. It is a project that he started in 1974 and hopes to have released on July 4, 2012. **James G. Wiegerink '63** of Honey Brook, Pa., and his wife celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Tuesday, Aug. 16, in Lake Tahoe, Calif., where they enjoyed their honeymoon in 1961.

**Earl Johnson '64** of Johnstown, N.Y., retired on Sunday, June 5. He had served 13 years as the pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Johnstown. He has authored several books and will continue to write for the *Presbyterian Outlook* newsletter. He will also continue to teach religious studies at Siena College in Loudonville. **Wesley Granberg-Michaelson '67** of Kentwood, Mich., authored *Unexpected Destinations: an Evangelical Pilgrimage to World Christianity*. He recently retired after serving as General



In 1987, at the 25th class reunion of the 1962 graduation class, a group of Omicron Kappa Epsilon alumni, decided to meet in Las Vegas, Nev., and since then the original group has brought the Fraters from 1955 to 1967 together for organized fun. In 2001, they had more than 200 attendees and they weren't all Fraters — members from other fraternities and sororities came as well. They are already planning for next year's event. Pictured

in the most recent Traverse City, Mich., gathering are **Bob Reid '62, Jim Skivington '66 (Knickerbocker), Dave Nash '64, Tom Tornga '62, Tom Riekse '62, John Mooshie '63, Gary Holvick '66, Bill Kutzing '61 (Knickerbocker), Sherwood (Shark) VanderWoude '62 and Dave Bonnette '62.** Additional reflections are available online.

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Secretary of the Reformed Church in America.  
**Nancy Aumann '68** of Cortland, N.Y., retired on Wednesday, June 29. She was the associate provost for SUNY Cortland since 2005 and the interim associate dean of education in the college's School of Education since 2009. She was also an educator for the college from 1990 to 1996.  
**Linda Patterson '68 Miller** of Glen Mills, Pa., was named the 2011-12 Penn State Laureate. She is the professor of English at Penn State Abington.  
**James O'Neill '68** of Chatham, N.J.,

retired on Friday, July 1, after 35 years in education and 15 years in Chatham, N.J., the last eight as superintendent of schools.

## 70s

**Thomas Henderson '70** and his wife Charlotte of Dayton, Ohio, received the annual Second Century President's Award from Hope on Tuesday, June 28. The citation celebrated their vision, generosity, passion, volunteer service and leadership by example on behalf

of Hope. Tom's involvement in the life of the college includes serving on the Alumni Association Board of Directors.  
**Wendell Wierenga '70** of Rancho Santa Fe, Calif., has joined Santarus Inc, a specialty biopharmaceutical company as the executive vice president of research and development.  
**Phil Tappert '72** and **Sally Penny '73 Tappert** continue the ministry to university students in France which they began 22 years ago. They have now welcomed students from 102 countries to their home for Bible studies, prayer, church services, retreats, and counseling. Sally just finished her 27th and final year of home-schooling their five children, who range in age from 18 to 36.  
**Steven Mancinelli '75** of New York, N.Y., is still practicing intellectual property and commercial law in his firm Mancinelli & Associates, P.C. He is also a nature and landscape photographer and has recently launched a website of his photography.

**Glenn Pfeiffer '75** has been named the Warren and Doris Uehlinger Professor of Business at Chapman University in Orange, Calif. He continues as a research affiliate with the Economic Science Institute headed by 2002 Nobel laureate Vernon Smith. His book *Financial Reporting* is in its third edition and is the leading text on the subject in graduate business programs worldwide. He lives in Dove Canyon, Calif., with his wife and daughter.

**Lorma Williams '76 Freestone** of Holland, Mich., had an art exhibit at the Washington Square Art Gallery on Friday, June 17.

**Ellen Barker '76 Smith** of Holland, Mich., has joined Perrigo Co., as its senior talent acquisition consultant

with the human resources department.  
**Marc Whitlock '76** of Bellingham, Wash., was recognized by The Bellingham Public School Foundation with the "Staff Member of the Year" award in March. Marc has worked for the Bellingham school district for 33 years teaching elementary school health and fitness. His colleagues say, "Marc is a highly regarded and well-respected professional whose personal attributes and professional qualities are reflected in his daily interactions with staff, students and the families he serves. His belief in every student's ability to reach his or her potential is visible when you walk into his classroom."

**Sarah Huttar Anderson '78** of Holland, Mich., won the best spring yard award in Holland's Historic District. She had the winning shade garden.

**Carol Donohue '78 Gephart** of Stafford, N.H., took first place in the women's division of the Gull Lake triathlon on Saturday, July 2.

## 80s

**Sheryl Busman '80 VanderWagen** of Coopersville, Mich., was recently elected to serve a second term as president of the Antiochian Women, Diocese of Toledo and the Midwest in the Antiochian Orthodox Church. She was installed on Saturday, June 18, by His Eminence, Metropolitan PHILIP.

**Kirk Hoopingarner '81** of Evanston, Ill., has joined Quarles & Brady LLP law firm in Chicago, Ill. He has joined as a partner in both the trusts and estates group and the tax exempt organizations group.

**Dave MacKenzie '83** of Spring



## Generosity and Service

Both Rev. Richard K. '73 and Linda Heusinkveld intentionally try to express their faith through generosity and service. Rich has been the pastor of Immanuel Community Reformed Church in Lansing for 20 years and is grateful to serve a congregation that is very active in helping alleviate immediate community needs such as housing and food. When they had their first child in 1978, Rich and Linda decided to include Hope as a beneficiary of their estate, not only in the spirit of tithing, but also in the spirit of "payback." As Rich has said, "The payoff of being at Hope far exceeds the excellent education." Hope College is grateful to the Heusinkvelds and the 700-plus members of the Dimnent Heritage Society for their generosity in supporting the college through planned gifts. For more than 30 years, planned gifts from donors have helped shape the character of Hope and its community. Please let us help you create your Hope legacy.

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**George Bishop '71** who is the professor and head of the department of psychology at the National University of Singapore received an award for his Outstanding Contribution to Psychology in Singapore from the Singapore Psychological Society (SPS) in recognition of his contributions to the development of psychology in Singapore as well as the SPS. Recipients of the Award have: demonstrated exceptional service or made distinguished contributions to the SPS; made distinguished contributions in serving the public or a community through



their psychological knowledge and skills; made distinguished contributions that have advanced psychology as a science and/or profession. He also was quoted in the *Straits Times* regarding the merits of a "pure" liberal arts education.

Lake, Mich., has owned Hortech, a landscaping business since graduation. He started LiveRoof, a subsidiary of Hortech, several years ago, in which he helps businesses with green roofs. He has several patents in place and has 21 plant companies across the country licensed to install LiveRoof systems. **David H. Myaard '83** of Frankfurt, Germany, departed in June for a year's service at the U.S. Embassy in Kabul, Afghanistan. His wife and son will remain in Frankfurt during his tour. **Brian Gibbs '84** of Bad Homburg, Germany, spoke to the senior seminar class of the Vienna Summer school in a unique location on Sunday, June 19: the Rax Alps in Austria. He has been a regular presenter to Professor Stephen Hemenway's VSS Senior Seminar class. He is also a member of the board of directors of the college's alumni association.

**Jeff Porte '84** of Mattawan, Mich., celebrated his 25-year ministry with Centerpoint Church in June.

**Paul Dalley '85** of West Olive, Mich., is now a practicing attorney and had an article published on patent and trade secret law in the July issue of *Adhesives and Sealants Industry*.

**Stephen LaRue '85** of Boothwyn, Pa., has been elected and installed as

the president of the Rotary Club of Brandywine Naamans.

**Michael Schipper '85** of Middleville, Mich., was appointed by Governor Rick Snyder to serve as the 56-B District Court Judge in Barry County.

**Ellen Brandle '86** of Berlin, Germany, is employed at an international school in Berlin, where she has worked and studied for almost 18 years. She gives thanks to the Vienna Summer School for getting her interested in the country and travel.

**Mary Wikstrom '86 Fanthorpe** of Jenison, Mich., is the nursing supervisor at the National Office of Bethany Christian Services in Grand Rapids, Mich. She works with children and families in domestic and refugee foster care and transitional and independent living. She and her husband **John Fanthorpe '84** report that the 25th Hope reunion will coincide with their 25th wedding anniversary, as they were married right after graduation in the Pine Grove. They have three sons.

**David Rowell '86** of Stowe, Vt., has been the executive director of the Spruce Peak Performing Art Center in Stowe since June 2010. The center, which opened in December 2010, is a multi-use performing arts center

that presents performing artists from around the world. Prior to joining the center, he was an assistant professor and head of the MFA Theatre Management program at Florida State University's School of Theatre for five-and-a-half years. He recently returned to the stage after a 25-year hiatus from performing when he danced the role of Maurice, Belle's father, in the Stowe Dance Academy's adaptation of *Beauty and the Beast*.

**Alan Supp '86** of Rockford, Mich., recently climbed Mt. Whitney (14,501 feet above sea level and the highest summit in the continental U.S.) with his daughter, Whitney.

**Scott Wolterink '88** of Holland, Mich., is chief development officer with the American Red Cross in West Michigan. Scott served on the college advancement staff at Hope from 1996 to 2011.

## 90s

**Laurie Nelson '90 Eallonardo** of Torrance, Calif., retired as an occupational therapy director with the birth of twins in January 2008.

**Brent Beerens '91** and **Teresa Bush '92 Beerens** have lived in Cincinnati for nine years. Brent is with Empire Marketing Strategies and Terri is a stay-at-home mom.

**Christa Aronson '91 Galer** of Big Rapids, Mich., is the outpatient program manager for 1016 Recovery Network for Big Rapids, Mount Pleasant and Clare, Mich.

**Nathan Robrahn '91** of Holland, Mich., has been appointed superintendent of the Montague Area Public Schools.

**Michelle Smith '91 Sykora** of St. Joseph, Mich., was promoted to supervisor of special education and data resources with River Valley School District.

**Scott VanDeHoef '91** was pinned on colonel in the United States Air Force on May 26, 2011. He is currently in his 16th year of service with the Air Force and is stationed at Travis AFB, Calif. After safely returning from a six-month deployment to Southern Afghanistan as a physician on a Critical Care Air Transport Team (CCATT) last year he became the flight commander of emergency services at Travis AFB.

**Jeffrey Veldhof '91** of Indianapolis, Ind., is the owner and funeral director of Lauck & Veldhof Funeral and Cremation Services.

**Wade Gugino '92** of Holland, Mich., has been working on a large-scale glass sculpture for ArtPrize 2011 this summer.

**Alexander Fink '93** of Saugatuck, Mich., opened Simpatico Nice Coffee in Holland, Mich. He gets his beans from Oaxaca, Mexico, through his own importing business, allowing him to

give the Mexican farmers a better price on their coffee.

**Deborah Kramer '95** of Kahului, Hawaii, was an ELL (ESL) teacher last year and will be teaching mathematics for the 2011-12 school year.

**Kristen Thomason '96 Abbas** and **Geoff Abbas '99** are moving up the Hudson River to Wynantskill, N.Y. Kristen will continue in her position as network administrator for the Deal Global Business Network with Young Presidents' Organization. Geoff has accepted the position of director of stage technologies at the Experimental Media and Performing Arts Center (EMPAC) at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, located in Troy, N.Y. They report that their two sons, are looking forward to the new adventure and to living next to woods!

**Ann Looman '96 Hunter** of Saint Louis, Mo., is the director of car sales business administration with Enterprise Rent-A-Car.

**Amity Weeldreyer '96 Pothoff** and her husband will be relocating to Dusseldorf, Germany, for two years for her husband's job. She will be home full-time with their four children.

**Joel Paul Reisig '96** of Birmingham, Mich., is producing and acting in *Mary's Buttons*, based on a 1910 fatal shooting and trial in Macomb County.

**Jeremy Tuinstra '96** of Laurel, Md., was featured in Colesville Patch, a community website and the



**Charles Dunning '75** presented an overview of his work for the Water Resources Programme of the International Atomic Energy Agency of the United Nations in Vienna, Austria, on Monday, June 20, to students attending Hope's Vienna Summer School and alumni participating in a Vienna reunion celebrating the 55 years of the program. Dr. Dunning, who is assistant director for ground water and national investigations for the United State Geological Survey in Middleton, Wis., is on a two-year appointment to the international program.

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**Johnny Marmelstein '85** and **Dylan Wade '02**, who teach and coach at St. Margaret's Episcopal School in San Juan Capistrano, Calif., were named to the OC Registers' Top Coaching Jobs of the Year. The coaches included in this list are those who have done the most with their team, who met the high expectations for a program and exceeded them, and who dealt with adversity and led a team in the right direction. Johnny led the Tartan girls' soccer team to the county's longest unbeaten match streak of the season (25) and to a second CIF championship under his leadership. Wade led the Tartan cross-county program to a CIF-Southern Section Division 5 and CIF Division 5 state title for the first time in school history.

web magazine of the Presbyterian Church in America for his work with the homeless. He is the minister at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Burtonsville.

**Rebecca Spencer-Chambers '97** of Amherst, Mass., was featured in *USA Today* about her research project that was published in *Journal of Sleep Research*. Her study found that sleeping helps improve decision making.

**Amy E. Hall '98** of Franklin, Tenn., has co-authored and published her latest poetry chapbook, *Sugar and Spice and Nothing That's Nice*, on Tuesday, April 26. The chapbook features bitter and sweet poems about tea and coffee. She currently is in the midst of a coffee shop tour in the greater Nashville area.

## 00s

**Darin Crask '00** of Marseilles, Ill., took a position as chief of police for the Lostant Police Department in January.

**Dr. Brad Irving '00** of Hudsonville, Mich., was recognized as the Metro Health Hospital Physician of the Year for 2011. This is an award given out annually by the nurse administration of the hospital. He also accepted a position as an OBGyn with Michigan Obstetrics & Gynecology in Wyoming.

**Juan Carlos Munoz '00** is a State Farm agent and lives in Holland with his wife and their three children.

**Michael Zuidema '00** of Ada, Mich., was a member of the "Champions of Character" All-Star Basketball Classic on Wednesday, June 22. He is a sports writer for the *Grand Rapids Press*.

**Teresa Carey '01** is currently circumnavigating the island of Newfoundland and filming her documentary *One Simple Question*. The documentary is examining the relationship between people, their environment and their possessions through voluntary simple living aboard a small sailboat. In addition to the documentary, Teresa was a featured speaker during TEDxTraversCity as a result of her successful blog, <http://www.sailingsimplicity.com>

**Benjamin Tennant '01** and **Simone Schartow '01 Tennant** are returning to Holland, Mich., after seven years in Austin, Texas. Benjamin will be the new worship pastor at Without Walls Vineyard Church and is taking a position with his friend **Jared Henderson '01** at NetRivet Inc. in Zeeland, Mich. Simone reports that she will be homeschooling their four boys and teaching them to swashbuckle.

**Laura Zeller '01** of Eastpointe, Mich., is a route sales representative with Schwan's Home Service and was honored at a celebration in San Diego, Calif., for sales growth in 2010 of \$50,000 over the previous year.

**Susan De Kam '02** of Dallas, Texas is an artist-in-residence at St. Luke's Episcopal Church and recently completed her doctorate in organ performance (please see "Advanced Degrees"). She has also maintained an active performance schedule, appearing in many prominent venues such as the Morton H.

Meyerson Symphony Center in Dallas, St. Roch Church in Paris, and St. Lawrence Jewry in London. She has been a prizewinner in several important national and international competitions, the latest of which was the prestigious National Young Artists Competition in Organ Performance (NYACOP) sponsored by the American Guild of Organists in Washington, D.C. Earlier this year, she recorded her first solo CD, *Dominant Accord*, which will be released in the fall.

Information on her up-coming performance schedule and details of her new CD is available on her website.

**Ryan Cox '03** is a pediatric gastroenterology fellow at Nationwide Children's Hospital. He and his wife, **Amber Beeson '03 Cox**, are living in Columbus, Ohio.

**Brad Johnson '03** is the assistant professor of environmental studies at Davidson College (please see "Advanced Degrees").

**Courtney Elaine Brewster '04** of Memphis, Tenn., accepted the position of assistant director of multicultural student services at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minn.

**Trevor VanDyke '04** of Holt, Mich., was named chief of staff for State Senator **John Moolenaar '83**.

**Elly Douglass Jordan '04** received her J.D. degree from Michigan State University, where she also served as editor-in-chief of the MSU Law Review.

She will clerk on the 6th Circuit of the U.S. Court of Appeals for one year and then begin a career with Warner, Norcross & Judd Law Firm in Grand Rapids, Mich.

**Robert Bode '05** of Ithaca, N.Y., is employed with Canisius College in Buffalo, N.Y., in a post-doctoral teaching position.

**Tonzia Buor '05** of Noblesville, Ind., is a human resources support specialist with Community Health Network in Indianapolis, Ind.

**Colleen Cooney '05** is the media relations manager with Roper St. Francis Healthcare hospital system in Charleston, S.C.

**John Falatko '05** of Birmingham, Mich., began his residency (please see "Advanced Degrees") in internal medicine at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak, Mich.

**Eric Post '05** of Holland, Mich., has joined Scholten Fant, a law firm with offices in Holland and Grand Haven.

His practice concentrates on all aspects of real estate, business law and estate planning, in which he provides counsel to individuals, business and governmental units.

**Adam C. Blystra '06** will be specializing in emergency medicine and pursuing post-graduate residency training at the University of Texas (please see "Advanced Degrees").

Adam and his wife, **Claire Koen '06 Blystra**, reside in Houston, Texas.

**Ashley Boer '06** of New York, N.Y., is working for Gilt Group. She will be helping in the new launch of



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their website and will be producing the editorial shoots for the online magazine *Park & Bond*. She recently had been with *GQ* as the assistant to the creative director and *Cosmopolitan* as the associate fashion editor.

**Bria Ebels '06 DeBoer** of Holland, Mich., is the new varsity girls' basketball coach at Zeeland East High School.

**Christopher Meeusen '06** has started his three-year residency in internal medicine (please see "Advanced Degrees") at Spectrum Health in Grand Rapids, Mich.

**Abigail Rockwood '06** went on to earn her M.Mus. in organ performance, studying organ with Todd Wilson at the Cleveland Institute of Music. She completed her master's degree in 2008, and immediately took the position of assistant organist-choirmaster at St. Paul's Cathedral in Buffalo, N.Y. During her time at St. Paul's Cathedral, she worked with choirmaster Jeremy Bruns and acted as interim organist-choirmaster, and currently works with choirmaster Jonathan Scarozza. During her time as interim organist-choirmaster, she oversaw all music for the Cathedral. She also directed the choirs of boys, girls, and men on a choir tour to three prestigious Anglican churches: St. Mary the Virgin in New York City,

Church of the Advent in Boston, and the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C. Currently, she is responsible for much of the service playing at St. Paul's, and also works hard to maintain the choir training system for the boys' and girls' choirs.

In addition to her work at St. Paul's, Abigail is beginning work on her doctorate, studying organ with David Higgs at the Eastman School of Music.

**Jeff Vandlen '06** recently assumed a university recruiting manager role within General Mills, and is located at the corporate headquarters in Minneapolis, Minn.

**Jonathan White '06** of Holland, Mich., has his art displayed at Redemption, an art studio in the former fast food outlet Hot 'n Now located in Holland. He is currently attending Thomas Cooley Law School in Grand Rapids.

**Cara Corbett '07** of Chicago, Ill., has accepted a position with the Chicago Office of Tourism and Culture as a Private Event Coordinator at Millennium Park.

**Eric Johnson '07** is moving to Oklahoma City, Okla., to become a tenure-track geology faculty member at Rose State College.

**Kyle Waterstone '07** is the assistant director of athletic compliance at the University of Southern California.

**Jessica Gartner '08** of St. James,

Minn., is an employee experience coordinator for the southwest Minnesota region of the Mayo Clinic Health System, working in human resources and employee engagement.

**Joseph Seymour '08** was a panelist on the webcast, "Brits, Brussels, and Biomass: The European Path Towards Renewable Heating," on Wednesday, June 15. He is the program director for policy and government affairs with the Biomass Thermal Energy Council.

**Kerri Barberio '09** of Redford, Mich., has been accepted into the University of Michigan Dental School.

**Benjamin Herrman '09** will be the new Holland Christian girls' swimming and diving coach this fall.

**Joy Oosterbaan '09 Morin** and **Paul Morin '09** will be moving to Bowling Green, Ohio. Joy will be self-employed as an independent music teacher, teaching piano lessons to students of all ages. Both have recently completed master's degrees (please see "Advanced Degrees"). Paul is beginning a Master of Fine Arts program in creative writing.

**Holly Greving '09** of Grandville, Mich. is employed at the Born Clinic in Grand Rapids as a certified physician assistant (please see "Advanced Degrees").

## 10s

**Anna Mulder '10 Nieboer** of Grand Rapids, Mich., is a registered nurse on the obstetrics unit at Bronson Methodist Hospital.

**Marni Nixon '10** of Mount Prospect, Ill., is the coordinator-Southern Pan America for Rotary International.

**Dave Sherry '10** of Oneida, N.Y., is a photographer and editor for WKTV, the NBC News affiliate of Utica, N.Y., since April. He intends to continue to build his experience and resume until eventually trying to break into the film and television industry in Los Angeles, Calif.

**Lucas Wolthuis '10** of Vicksburg, Mich., placed third in the Vicksburg marathon on Saturday, May 21.

**Lucas Hoogveen '11** is a product engineer for Haworth Inc.

**Brittany Melpolder '11** will be the kindergarten teacher at Florida Intercultural Academy in Davie, Fla.

**Alexis Nickols '11** will be attending medical school at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C.

**Carrie Snickers '11** of Jenison, Mich., has signed a one-season contract to play basketball with Universitario de Ferrol in Ferrol, Spain.

**Suzie Stevenson '11** of Granger, Ind., was a first-team pick on the *ESPN The Magazine* academic all-district college division softball team.

**Kerri Terpstra '11** of Wayland, Mich., will be teaching second grade at John F. Kennedy American School of Queretaro, Mexico.



**John Donkersloot '11** of Zeeland, Mich., has been awarded the highest honors that can be presented to a scholar-athlete. The three-time All-American high jumper has been awarded an NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship and for the second consecutive year has been named a Capital One first team Academic All-American. He is the 18th Hope scholar-athlete to receive the \$7,500 scholarship and the 11th among 40 honorees to be named an Academic All-American twice. He will attend the University of Michigan Medical School this fall.

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## Marriages

Marian Aydelotte '86 Walker and Gary Conlon, May 15, 2011, Dubuque, Iowa.

Juan Carlos Munoz '00 and Sofia Contreras, June 15, 2011.

Jamie Lademan '01 and Brian Moore, June 11, 2011, Grand Rapids, Mich.

Elizabeth Tworek '01 and David Marshall, June 25, 2011, Alma, Colo.

Amy Vertalka '01 and Joseph Bickley, Nov. 6, 2010, Marblehead, Ohio.

Ashley Connelly '03 and Johnny Smith, July 2010, Naples, Fla.

Todd Neckers '04 and Kate Lautenbach, May 7, 2011, Grand Rapids, Mich.

Melissa DeYoung '06 and Nicholas Piontek, Jan. 29, 2011.

Tarah Fron '07 and Eric Hatch, Aug. 5, 2011, Spring Lake, Mich.

Joshua Frushour '07 and Annette Opach '08, June 19, 2010, Palos Heights, Ill.

Jeffrey Mastin '09 and Magdalene Reishus '11, May 15, 2010, Kokomo, Ind.

## ENTRIES SOUGHT

# Alumni Show Fall 2012

All alumni with a B.A. in studio art from Hope are invited to submit entries for the fall 2012 Homecoming exhibition, which will run **Friday, Oct. 12, to Sunday, Nov. 18, 2012**. The entry deadline is Tuesday, May 1. Please visit the department of art and art history online at [www.hope.edu/academic/art](http://www.hope.edu/academic/art) or call **(616) 395-7500** for more information and submission instructions. More ONLINE [www.hope.edu/pr/nfnc](http://www.hope.edu/pr/nfnc)

## New Arrivals

Peter Schultz '90 and Nina Schultz, Christopher Robert, March 30, 2011.

Timothy Koppenol '90 and Lisa Lee '96 Koppenol, Brody Daniel, May 17, 2011.

Christopher Cochran '91 and Melinda Miller '97, Collin Sean Miller, May 14, 2011.

Susan Washburn '91 Hardman and Steven Hardman, Kira Xuran, Dec. 20, 2006, adopted Dec. 17, 2010.

Raymond Touw '93 and Shannon MacLare '93 Touw, Joshua Kenneth, May 27, 2011.

Liz Haag '93 Schroeder and Jarod Schroeder, Turner Aven, June 9, 2011.

Scott Patton '93 and Gudrun Day '94 Patton, Allison Grace and Reece Matthew, April 30, 2011.

Tina Panayides '94 and Steve Johnson '94, Nicholas Arlo, May 11, 2011.

Matt Waite '94 and Jennifer Waite, Margaret Louise, June 30, 2011.

Stacy Kronemeyer '95 McNeely and Matt McNeely, Skylar Hope, May 26, 2011.

Julie Parker '96 Burger and Adam Burger, William Parker, May 16, 2008, and Wyatt Lee, Dec. 3, 2010.

Heather Prough '96 Edwards and Steven Edwards, Gabriel S., June 19, 2008, adopted March 13, 2009.

Katy Carpenter '96 Gibson and Tyler Gibson, Reid Ashton, June 5, 2011.

Beth Hoezee '96 and Brett VandenHeuvel '96, Gus H., June 15, 2011.

Ann Looman '96 Hunter and David Hunter, Andrew Gary, April 30, 2009.

Sari Nienhuis '96 Jones and Kevin Jones, Vivienne Grace, June 15, 2011.

James Smith, Jr. '96 and Amy Smith, James D. III, June 29, 2010.

Cecilia LaBarge '97 Roberts and David Roberts, Zane Harlan, May 24, 2011.

Brandon Nyboer '98 and Dena Nyboer, Drew Nicholas, July 4, 2011.

Kathryn Wing '98 Sundararajan and John Sundararajan, Reuben Alagar, May 12, 2011.

Darcy Smith '99 Carmichael and Chad Carmichael, Tissa Margaret Diane, May 5, 2011. She is their ninth daughter.

Erin Kurek-Blucher '99 and Jorden Blucher, Luke Daniel, June 2, 2011.

Karri Kronemeyer '99 Scruggs and Ed Scruggs, Pierson Lee, May 6, 2011.

Annie Jakosz '00 Henry and Jeremy Henry, Beckett Matthew, May 12, 2011.

Kristi Vincent '00 Kolk and Mark Kolk, Audrey Lynn, March 28, 2011.

Michael Ladd '00 and Elizabeth Ladd, Gavin Michael, June 16, 2011.

Jennifer Smith '00 Lane and Brian Lane, Abigail Mary, May 13, 2011.

Phillip Leete '00 and Angela Lee '01 Leete, Piper, July 9, 2010.

Emily Wahlstrom '00 Rutgers and Benjamin Rutgers, Carter Orion, June 17, 2011.

Douglas Ammeraal '01 and Roxanne Kowalski '04 Ammeraal, Kennedy Clara, June 23, 2011.

Kristyn Sundstedt '01 Bochniak and Joshua Bochniak '03, Zoe Agnes, April 25, 2011.

Laurel Morse '01 Botting and David Botting, April Athena, March 29, 2011.

Nicole Kuhn '01 Hatfield and Peter Hatfield, Gavin Russell, Oct. 30, 2010.

Jennifer Riley '01 Landrum and Brian Landrum, Abigail Rose, June 8, 2011.

Andrea Witham '01 Maas and Kyle Maas '01, Alayna Beth, April 2, 2011.

Laurie Formsma '02 Adams and Jason Adams, Emma Jo, June 15, 2011.

Beth Evans '02 Corsello and Kevin Corsello, Adrianna Evan, March 31, 2011.

Tara Dunham '02 Hanley and Mike Hanley '02, Sean Henderson, Jan. 18, 2011.

Paul Jackson '02 and Mary Jackson, Kaley Marie, June 9, 2011.

Bettye Ann Daniels '02 Kittle and Kevin Kittle '02, Evelyn Jane, Nov. 26, 2011.

Anne Busse '02 Manees and Kevin Manees, Lanie Gabrielle, Nov. 1, 2010.

Blaine Cook '02 Turk and Douglas Turk, Oliver Maxwell, May 22, 2011.

Valerie Hoogsteen '03 Bender and Michael Bender, Silas Dane, June 17, 2011.

Amber Beeson '03 Cox and Ryan Cox '03, Clara Dawn, May 5, 2011.

Jeffrey Konfara '03 and Lindsey Voelker '03 Konfara, Elijah Peyton, May 25, 2011.

Lindsay Townsend '04 Cirrincione and Nick Cirrincione, Olivia Rae, April 11, 2011.

Natasha Tudor '04 DeHaan and Mike DeHaan '05, Samuel George, June 7, 2011.

Laura Nordheim '04 Schleede and Matthew Schleede, Lillian Caroline, May 18, 2011.

Rich Van Voorst '04 and Bonnie Van Voorst, William Jonathan and Robert James, May 13, 2011.

Carrie Reif '05 Bode and Robert Bode '05, Samuel Frederick, July 4, 2011.

Bethany Martynowicz Pollard '05 and Timothy Pollard, Alexander, Feb. 8, 2011.

Ashley Williams '05 Potts and Matthew Potts, Emmersyn Victoria, May 21, 2011.

Stacey Lizzo '05 Weatherly and David Weatherly '06, Andrew Louis, Feb. 23, 2011.

Allison Adams '07 Frazey and Brent Frazey, Raelynn Grace, Jan. 31, 2011.

Dustin Ruch '07 and Jessica Ruch, Dillon Conrad, July 8, 2011.

Marina Kovalyuk '08 Tronrud and Christopher Tronrud '09, Christina Rose, May 28, 2011.

Jessica Ruggio '09 Anderson and Branden Anderson, Dominic Liam, May 12, 2011.

Anna Mulder '10 Nieboer and Andrew Nieboer, Levi Kenneth, April 6, 2011.

## Advanced Degrees

Andrew Birner '80, Master of Business Administration with specialization in global business, Lake Forest Graduate School of Management, June 26, 2011.

Melissa Villarreal '90, Ph.D., Western Michigan University, June 2011.

Mark Bernecker '91, Master of Business Administration, *summa cum laude*, Cornerstone University, May 2011.

Michelle Cornish '93, educational specialist degree in leadership, Grand Valley State University.

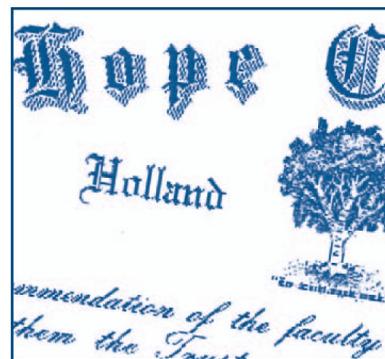
Jason DeVries '94, Master of Divinity, Bethel Seminary, June 2011.

Andrew Thompson '99, Master of Science in mechanical engineering, Grand Valley State University, April 2011.

Kristi Vincent '00 Kolk, health coaching certification, Institute for Integrative Nutrition, September 2010.

Jennifer Kaufmann '01, Master of Arts in teaching, Marian University, Indianapolis, Ind.

Susan De Kam '02, Doctor of Musical Arts Degree in organ



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performance, University of Michigan, May, 2011.

Ashley Connelly '03, Master of Science in nurse anesthesia (CRNA), Wolford College, Naples, Fla., January 2010.

Andrew Imdieke '03, Master of Business Administration, *beta gamma sigma*, Michigan State University, May 2011.

Brad Johnson '03, Ph.D. in infrastructure and environmental systems, University of North Carolina - Charlotte.

Elly Douglass Jordan '04, J.D., *summa cum laude*, Michigan State University College of Law.

Audrey Nauta '04 Margol, doctorate in clinical psychology, Roosevelt University, Chicago, Ill., December 2010.

Robert Bode '05, Ph.D. in plant biology and ecology, Cornell University, June 2011.

Tonzia Buor '05, Master of Business Administration, Anderson University, May 2009.

Tara Darter '05, Master of Social Work, Wayne State University.

Charles DeLeeuw '05, Doctor of Philosophy in clinical psychology, Fuller Graduate School of Psychology, Fuller Theological Seminary, June 2011.

John Falatko '05, Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine, Oklahoma State University Center for Health Sciences.

Adam C. Blystra '06, Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine, Arizona College, June 3, 2011.

Christopher Meeusen '06, Doctor of Medicine, Michigan State University College of Human Medicine, May 14, 2011.

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Heather G. Tobert '06 Norden, Master of Science in nursing, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill School of Nursing, May 7, 2011.

Laura Rippberger '06, Doctor of Dental Surgery, Ohio State University College of Dentistry, June 2011.

Eric Ball '07, Doctor of Medicine, Wayne State University School of Medicine, May 2011.

Tarah Fron '07, Master of Public Health, University of Alabama at Birmingham, May 2011.

Whitney Kalajaine '07, Doctor of Physical Therapy, Central Michigan University, May 2011.

Kyle Waterstone '07, Master of Science with an emphasis in sport and higher education leadership, University of Kentucky (Lexington), May 2011.

Katherine Lee Baker '08, Master of Divinity, Princeton Theological Seminary, May 21, 2011.

Thaddeus Goodchild '08, J.D., Chicago-Kent College of Law, May 2011.

Holly Greving '09, Master of Medical Science - physician assistant degree, Arcadia University, May 2011.

Joy Oosterbaan '09 Morin, Master of Music in piano performance and pedagogy, Central Michigan University, May 2011.

Paul Morin '09, Master of Arts in English language and literature, Central Michigan University, May, 2011.

## 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 who loss is noted in this issue.

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**Justin Bailey '10** of Grand Rapids, Mich., formerly of Portage, Mich., died on Thursday, June 23, 2011 following a car accident. He was 23.

A management major at Hope, Justin was a four-year letter-winning midfielder on the men's soccer team.

Friends and teammates have created a scholarship in his honor at Hope.

Survivors include his parents, Chip and Sandra Bailey; brother, Brian Bailey '12; special cousin, Dustin Morren; paternal grandfather, Norman (Donna) Bailey; paternal grandmother, Ola Bailey; maternal grandfather, Duncan Wisser; aunts and uncles, Karen (Doug) Pollich, Lynne (Mark) Horning, Jim (Marva) Wisser, Don (Kathleen) Wisser, Rose (Charles) Hampton, Cathy (Marvin) DeVisser, Patty (Jim) Joslin, Tom (Fran) Wisser, Cyndi (Rick) Hermida, Duncan Wisser Jr., Steve (Julie) Wisser, Daniel Wisser and Walter (Kelly) Wisser; and many cousins.

**Lenore VanderMade '40 Bethka** of Clinton Park, N.Y., died on Friday, June 10, 2011. She was 93.

She retired from the Scotia-Glenville School District.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Paul Bethka '41; brothers, Joseph and Alan VanderMade; and a great-grandson, Ryan Wersten.

Survivors include her two daughters, Lynn (Robert) Samuel and Lenore (Thomas) Wersten; two grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

**Arnold Boeve '59** of Holland, Mich., died on Thursday, June 23, 2011. He was 79.

During the Korean Conflict, he served in the U.S. Navy aboard the *USS Irwin*.

He practiced dentistry for 34 years until his retirement in 1996.

Survivors include his wife of 53 years, Barbara Boeve; children, Bonnie (Ken) Cavin, Philip (Marie) Boeve, and Connie (John) Korver; eight grandchildren; sisters, Annabel (Jack) Kluitenberg, and Bonnie Sandford; brothers, Don (Millie) Boeve, Irwin (Sharon) Boeve '62, Jim (Von) Boeve and Terry (Rose) Boeve; sisters-in-law, Mrs. Adrian (Lois) Tinklenberg, and Connie (Paul) Sterenberg; and brother-in-law, Junior (Elinor) Gesink.

**Marilyn Brown '61** of Holland, Mich., died on Tuesday, May 17, 2011. She was 61.

She was employed by Herrick District Library for more than 33 years. She became acting children's librarian in 1980 and children's librarian in 1982.

Survivors include her sister, Barbara Lusk; and a niece and nephew.

**Gale Damhof '61** of McBain, Mich., died on Monday, May 2, 2011. He was 71.

He taught at McBain High School for 35 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Herman (Henrietta) Damhof; his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Ben (Alice) Geers.

Survivors include his wife, Jeanne Damhof; his son, Jon Damhof; his daughter, Mary Alice (Byran) Marschner; two grandchildren; and two sisters, Fern (Richard) Marcus, Joanne (Tom) Bowman.

**Deborah Denton '71 Dykstra** of Grand Rapids, Mich., died on Wednesday, June 8, 2011. She was 61.

She retired from Howard City schools in 1997 after 27 years as a remedial reading teacher.

She was preceded in death by her father, Ted Denton.

Survivors include her husband of 38 years, Tom Dykstra '71; son, Brian Dykstra; her mother, Jean Denton; her brothers and sisters, Todd (Julie) Denton, Carla Fay, and David (Jennifer) Denton; and brother and sister-in-law, Bob (Carol) Dykstra.

As *News from Hope College* went to press, we learned of the death of **Jay Folkert '39**, professor emeritus of mathematics, at age 94 on Tuesday, Aug. 9. More information can be found on the college website and will be published in the next issue.

**Tilda "JoAnn" Kaper '57 Hickman** of DeMotte, Ind., died on Tuesday, June 14, 2011. She was 76.

She was a special education aide in the DV School Corporation for 27 years.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and brothers, Robert S. and William Kaper.

Survivors include her husband, Howard Hickman; children, Dana Hickman and Tim (Laura) Hickman; two granddaughters; two step-grandchildren; and a step-great-grandchild; a brother, Harry (Grace) Kaper; and sisters, Ruth Kaper '65 (Jack) Elliott '65 and Betty (Art) Fetell.

**Alfred Joldersma '40** of Sarasota, Fla., died on Monday, June 27, 2011. He was 92.

He was retired from Hubbell Inc. in 1981.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Millie Potter '40 Joldersma and his second wife, Grace Joldersma.

Survivors include his wife Sande Galate; and children Diane Joldersma '67 (Robert) Portenga, Jane (Luke) Sandborn, and Thomas (Anna) Joldersma; six grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; sister-in-law, Eunice Potter '45 Coffman; several step-children; and step-grandchildren.

**Walter Mayer '53** of Rockville, Md., died on Friday, July 8, 2011. He was 84.

He was a distinguished research professor at Georgetown University.

Survivors include his wife, Gretl Mayer.

**Richard Medema '78** of Bowie, Md., died on Friday, June 3, 2011. He was 55.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Ann Medema, daughters, Samantha and Caroline, and sons, Benjamin and Patrick.

**Andrew Menasian '50** of Paramus, N.J., died on Saturday, April 23, 2011. He was 89.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army. He was an analytical chemist for A. Gross Chemical in Newark before retiring.

Survivors include his wife, Lavina Menasian; children, Mary (Arthur) VanZilen, Andrew (Noreen) Menasian, and Margaret (Gregory) Ciesla; and three grandchildren.

**Andrew Nyboer '39** of Holland, Mich., died on Saturday, May 14, 2011. He was 95.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, in which he had served as captain.

He practiced dentistry for more than 35 years prior to retiring.

Andy's wife of 67 years, Marion, died just weeks after he did, on Friday, June 24, at age 90.

Their survivors include their children, Jacquelyn Nyboer '67 (Glenn '64) VanWieren, Jill Nyboer '70 (Harry '70) Rumohr, Rebecca Nyboer '71 Ratering, Dutch (Cyndy Hartman '74) Nyboer '74; 19 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren, including Emily (Matthew '99) Ratering-Youngberg '99, Jacob Nyboer '04, Granger (Bethany Klunder '06) Nyboer '07, Molly Nyboer '09 (Seth '08) Weener, Hannah Nyboer '14, Caleb Nyboer '11, Gretchen (Karsten '96) Rumohr-Voskuil '96, Jon Rumohr '99, Luke (Lindsay Brown '05) Rumohr '03, Bain (Laura Johnson '07) Rumohr '06, Kuria VanWieren '98, Heidi VanWieren '96 (John Byrn '98), and Gretel (Gerald Ericksen) VanWieren '93; Andy's brother, Robert Nyboer '49; a sister-in-law, Martha Nyboer; Marion's sister, Betty Jean (Anthony) Konstant; and many nieces and nephews.

**William Pelon '43** of Jacksonville, N.C., died on Saturday, June 25, 2011. He was 94.

He served in the U.S. Navy and then the U.S. Marine Corps, retiring after 19 years of service.

He worked for the Equitable Life Assurance Society and retired in 1981.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Peter (Tressa) Pelon; his first wife, Joyce McCormick Pelon; four brothers, including J. Charles Pelon '29 and two sisters, and a stepson.

Survivors include his wife, Anne Pelon; three sons, Charles Pelon, William Pelon, Jr. and Robert Pelon; a daughter, Mary Pelon '68 Caldwell; three stepsons, Ivan Peacock, William Peacock and Thomas Peacock; a stepdaughter, Elizabeth King; six grandchildren; 11 step-grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and two great-step-grandchildren.

**Burrell Pennings '50** of Zeeland, Mich., died on Thursday, June 23, 2011. He was 84.

He served in the U. S. Navy from 1945 to 1946.

He was ordained in the Reformed Church of America and served churches in Indiana, Nebraska, Iowa, Minnesota and New Jersey.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Survivors include his wife of 56 years, Norine Pennings; his children, Beth, Tim (who is a member of the Hope mathematics faculty) and Daniel; his brother Dale (Christine) Pennings; a sister-in-law, Wanda Hendrickson; and four nieces and five nephews.

Word has been received of the death of **Patricia Rhiew '00** of Itasca, Ill., who died on Saturday, Aug. 6, 2011. She was 33.

Married to Kevin Kang since 2009, she died giving birth to their first child, Charlie, who survived.

She was a vocal performance major at Hope who as a student won first-place honors in both the state and regional auditions of the National Association of Teachers of Singing. After Hope she earned her M.M. at the University of Michigan. Her training also included the Santa Fe Opera Apprentice Program, Baltimore Opera Studio and Lyric Opera Cleveland Young Artist Program. She frequently performed in the Chicago area.

**John Robins '49** of Benicia, Calif., died on Tuesday, Sept. 21, 2010. He was 86.

He was a 31-year veteran of the U.S. Navy and U.S. Marine Corps. He served as a corpsman in the Pacific Theater during World War II and as a surgeon during the Vietnam War, where he earned a Bronze Star.

After retiring from the military, he went into private practice. He returned to government service with the Veterans Administration and established the first women veterans GYN clinic.

Survivors include his wife of 61 years, Elizabeth Snow '51 Robins; four children, Jessica (John) Gamel, Robert (Kimberly) Robins, Derek (Lynn) Robins and Anthony Robins; and seven grandchildren.

**Frank Shary '60** of Saugatuck, Mich., died on Monday, May 16, 2011. He was 92.

He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

He worked in the new product division at General Electric.

**Robert Vandenberg '39** of Hillsdale, Mich., died on Saturday, June 4, 2011. He was 93.

He served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

He was an educator and was the superintendent of Reading Community Schools for 24 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and two brothers, Kenneth Vandenberg '42 and Merle Vandenberg '48.

Survivors include his wife, Ursula Vandenberg; three daughters, Kim Vandenberg '78 (Bruce) Bolton, Karen (Alan) Hamilton and Karla (Tim Clark) Vandenberg; seven grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

**Dick Vriesman '47** of Lynden, Wash., died on Sunday, May 22, 2011. He was 87.

He served churches in Prairie City, Iowa; Gibbsville, Wis.; South Holland, Ill.; Kalamazoo, Mich.; Holland, Mich.; and Lynden, Wash.

Survivors include his wife of 58 years, Nell Ritsema '47 Vriesman; son, Brian (Lori) Vriesman '75; daughter, Mary DeHaan; eight grandchildren, including Nicole Vriesman '02; two

great-grandchildren; sister, Grayce Hopma; and brother, Robert Vriesman; brothers and sister-in-law, Robert (MaryAlice Ferguson '57) Ritsema '57, Raymond (Joan Peelen '59) Ritsema '60 and Arlene Ritsema (George '53) Muyskens '53.

**Suzellen Roest '51 Webb** of Rockford, Ill., died on Tuesday, June 21, 2011. She was 82.

She was a school librarian and later worked for Baker & Taylor.

She was preceded in death by a brother, George Roest; and a sister, Winnifred Roest Dahmert.

Survivors include her husband, Arthur Webb; her children, Deb (Mark) Webb Harada, Wes Webb, Cindy (J.R.) Milstead and Ed (Michelle) Webb; seven grandchildren; two great-grandsons; and her brother, Calvin Roest.

**Dean Wierenga '88** of Jenison, Mich., died on Thursday, July 7, 2011, following a cardiac arrest. He was 47.

He was the Jenison girls' basketball coach for 15 years, and youth director at Woodhaven and Fellowship Reformed churches. He graduated from Western Theological Seminary in May 2011.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Dirk Wierenga.

Survivors include his wife of 23 years, Brenda Conant '88 Wierenga; his daughters, Heather and Holly; his parents, Warren (Elaine) Wierenga; brothers, Doug (Denise) and Dave Wierenga; his grandmother, Harriet Wierenga; his parents-in-law, Roger (Carol) Conant; his sisters and brothers-in-law, Teri (Evan) Dufendach and Tammie (Jeff) Palmitier; and nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts and uncles.

**Ann Church '57 Wiersema** of Saugatuck, Mich., died on Saturday, May 28, 2011. She was 76.

Survivors include her brother, William R.K. (Sandra Sissing '64) Church '64; her sisters, Dale Church '62 (John '61) Paarlberg and Marilyn Church; three children; and one granddaughter.

**Marian Bocks '38 Woodby** of Holland, Mich., died on Saturday, June 25, 2011. She was 95.

She was a teacher, did vision screening in rural schools, played the organ and piano for churches and organized family reunions.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Wayne Woodby.

Survivors include her children, Jane Woodby '63 (Al) Osman, David (Nona) Woodby, Timothy (Rosemary Johnson) Woodby '69, Abigail Woodby '77 (James) Searls; seven grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; her brother, William (Marjorie Mulder '52) Bocks '52; sister-in-law, Donna (Robert) Bocks; and many nieces and nephews and cousins, including Elizabeth Bocks '79 and Nathan Bocks '89.

## Sympathy to

The family of **Virginia Benes** of Naples, Fla., who died on Saturday, July 2, 2011. She was 92.

She was the assistant dean of women at Hope from 1964 to 1968.

She was preceded in death by her husbands, Albert Burrill, Arthur Wells and James Benes.

Survivors include her children, Sharon Burrill '64 (Harvey '64) Hoffman and L. Albert (JoAnne) Burrill '68; her stepchildren, Joan Wells '67 (James '67) Moored, Jane Wells '67 (John '66) Albrecht, Carl (Sandra) Benes '62 and James Benes.



The family of **Robert Cecil**

of State College, Pa., who died on Tuesday, June 14, 2011. He was 87.

He was a professor emeritus of music at Hope, having

taught at the college from 1962 until retiring in 1985. He taught theory and conducted the Concert and Football Bands, founded the Jazz Band, and served one year as acting chairman of the department of music. He was also instrumental in teaching and making the interdisciplinary course "Encounter with the Arts" a permanent part of the curriculum.

He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1943 to 1946.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy Cecil; his daughters, Margaret (Russell) Fincher of Holland, Anne Cecil Slusher of Sebastopol, Calif. and Jane Cecil (Benito Kalawao) of Chicago; four granddaughters; three grandsons; one great-granddaughter; and one great-grandson; his brother, Dr. Henry S. Cecil, Lafayette Hill, Pa; and a sister, Jean Cecil McAdams of Morganton, N.C.

The family of **Marvin DeWitt** of Zeeland, Mich., who died on Friday, Aug. 5, 2011. He was 92.

He was co-founder of Bil-Mar Foods in 1938 and was well-known for his service to civic and Christian causes, with a deep commitment to the Reformed Church in America and its colleges.

The DeWitt Center for Economics, Management and Accounting at Hope, dedicated in October 1990, was named in honor of support from the DeWitt family, including Marvin and his wife Jerene and their children. He and Jerene are recognized through the Marvin and Jerene DeWitt Scholarship Fund established in their name at Hope. He received an honorary degree, Doctor of Humane Letters, from Hope College in 1991.

Survivors include his wife of 72 years, Jerene DeWitt; children, Gary

(Joyce) DeWitt, Donald (Minnie) DeWitt, Merle (Sheri) DeWitt; Keith (Mary) DeWitt, Marilyn DeWitt '63 (Thomas) Norman, Jack (Mary) DeWitt and Nancy (Robert) Havemen; 23 grandchildren, including Rita DeWitt '90 (Christopher '88) Pieters, Dirk (Tracy) DeWitt '96, Aaron (Rachael Sloop '05) DeWitt '03, Ashley DeWitt '08, Jason (Martha Bouwens '05) DeWitt '04, Michael (Laura) Norman '91, Julie Norman '93 (Dale '91) Grimes, Jr., Laurie DeWitt '89 (Chris) Wierda, Steven (Melissa Moroz '94) DeWitt '94, Linda DeWitt '96 (Ryan '96) Berhorst, Ronald (Beth) Haveman '98 and Amy Haveman '92 (David) DeKruyter; and 62 great-grandchildren, including Nicole VanderKolk '10 Lundy and Brittany Pieters '14.

The family of **William Fabiano** of Holland, Mich., who died on Monday, July 25, 2011. He was 85.

He co-owned Fabiano's until 1979. After retiring he worked at the Holland Peanut Store and also worked in the physical plant at Hope for several years.

He served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

He was preceded in death by his siblings, Nell Reda, Sister Mary Francina RSM, Joseph Fabiano, Rose Muto Samuel Fabiano, Lena Juhasz, Helen Fabiano and Amelia Fabiano.

Survivors include his sister, Beatrice Stokes; brother, Paul (Ester) Fabiano; and sister-in-law, Reka Fabiano.

The family of **Donald Housenga** of Tower, Minn., who died on Wednesday, June 1, 2011. He was 71.

He was the head painter for Hope College for 25 years, retiring in 2005.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Tena Housenga-Selles; stepfather, Bill Selles; his in-laws, John (Mintie) Peil; his sister, Mildred Gettemy; his brothers-in-law, Raymond and Richard Peil, and William Strating; and sister-in-law, Gerri Peil Burd.

Survivors include his wife Pauline "Pauly" Peil '65 Housenga; his daughters, Laurel Housenga '88 (Steve '88) Grose, and Heather Housenga '90 (Jason) Walker; a son, John (Michelle Mojzak '96) Housenga '96; six grandsons; his sisters, Ann (Frank) Aukeman, and Vi (Warren) Drooger; brother, Richard (Sherrie) Housenga; sister-in-law, Carol Peil; and brother-in-law, Wm (Judy) Burd.

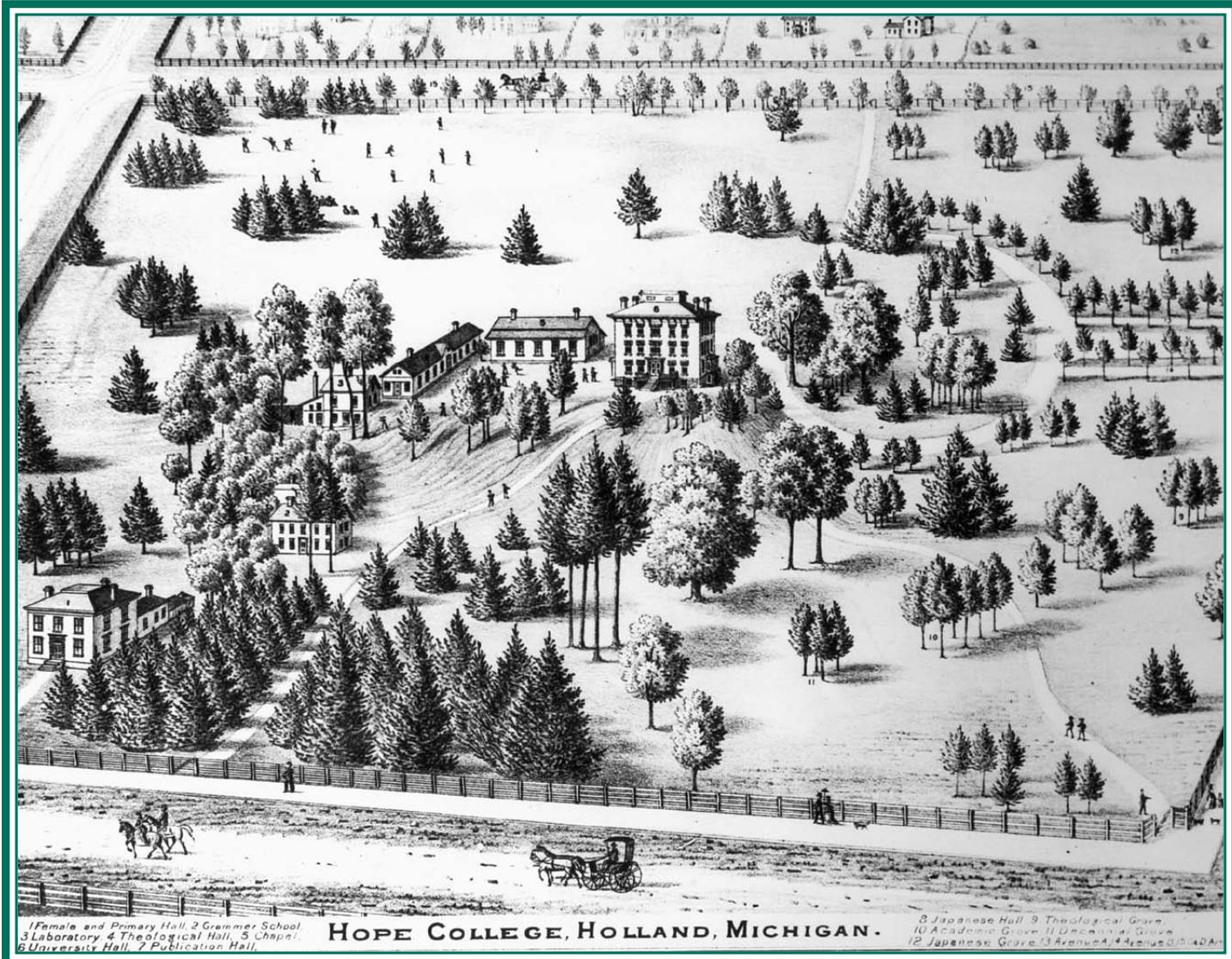
The family of **Barbara Prins** of Holland, Mich., who died on Tuesday, May 31, 2011. She was 66.

She was a member of the Creative Dining Services staff at Hope, where she had worked for more than 20 years.

She was preceded in death by her brother, Bob Rozeboom.

Survivors include her husband, Ken Prins; her children, Troy (Kerri) Prins, and Amy Prins '04; and five grandchildren.





## “From little acorns...”

Figuratively, this circa-1875 view shows the college at the acorn stage, Van Vleck Hall at center the only building yet extant among all those known today. More literally, the scene then as now is resplendent with the outcomes of many acorns and their cousins—the oaks, maples, elms, pines and numerous others that have been a signature and cherished part of the campus across generations. At right center can even be seen a young Pine Grove. In July, as recounted on page five, the most severe wind storm in memory struck down several of the landmark sentinels, at least one even believed to predate the college. They will be succeeded, but—old friends—they are also missed.

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