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Pull '05

A new take on a classic chair

Celebrating a new landmark

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Substance with style

If actions speak more loudly than words, “Time to Serve” shouts volumes about Hope students.

Each year, the program involves some 500 students in a day of service throughout the greater Holland area. And not just any day, but the students’ first free day, a Saturday, after the start of classes.

“Time to Serve,” organized by the student development office, is designed for new students. It’s something of an extension of New Student Orientation, giving the freshmen an additional opportunity to get to know one another as well as their new home while helping others.

It works.

“My OAs [Orientation Assistants] said it was a very rewarding experience, so I signed up,” said freshman Jacob Lyons of Lake Orion, Mich. “It’s been great so far.”

For freshman Anne Schmidt of Redford, Mich., the day offered an extension of a priority she brought with her. “I was always involved in service back home,” she said.

The students work in teams of five to 30 at approximately 40 sites, with projects ranging from groundskeeping at area churches and the local library, to interacting with elderly residents at an area retirement community, to sorting clothing and food at local service agencies and shelters.

“I’m a member of the service fraternity at Hope. I just like getting involved in this kind of stuff,” said junior Tyler Boonstra of Fennville, Mich.

“I’ve been a volunteer for about 20 years,” said Jimmy Nelson, an upperclassman who wants to make a difference in their community.

Students help with groundskeeping at a local church during “Time to Serve.” Originally designed for new students, the program also draws a large number of upperclassmen who want to make a difference in their community.
ENROLLMENT RECORD: For the fourth consecutive year, Hope has enrolled a record number of students. The college has enrolled 3,141 students this fall, the second time in as many years that enrollment has topped 3,100. Last year the college enrolled 3,112 students, and Hope has set records for overall enrollment in seven of the past eight years.

With 775 first-time students, the new class is the third-largest in the college’s history. The overall student body also includes Hope’s largest two incoming classes—811 in the fall of 2003, and 791 last year.

The student body consists of 1,223 men and 1,918 women from 43 states and territories and 32 foreign countries.

GUIDE UPDATE: Hope again appears among the top 100 liberal arts colleges in the nation in the newest edition of the America’s Best Colleges guide published by U.S. News and World Report.

The 2006 guide ranks Hope 94th, placing the college in the second tier of the 215 institutions included on the list.

Also as in past years, the college is included in the publication’s listing of colleges and universities that are outstanding for their emphasis on undergraduate research or creative projects. Only 36 institutions are cited. Hope has been included each year since the category debuted in the 2003 edition.

In addition, Dr. James Bekkering ’65, who is vice president for admissions, is quoted concerning extracurricular activities in an article that features suggestions for high school students as they apply to college. He recommends quality and impact on others instead of quantity.

KATRINA AID: The campus response to Hurricane Katrina took a variety of forms, but the guiding principle was coordination. With many at Hope interested in helping in the devastating Gulf storm’s aftermath, a collaborative team of student organizations, concerned students, administrators, Campus Ministries staff and others of the Hope community formed “Pulling for Hope” to provide a unified effort for victims of the hurricane—the better to help meet the overwhelming need. The college’s Student Congress led the way.

“Hope is a Christian college and should have a role in the relief effort,” Student Congress vice president Brad Matson ’07 of Traverse City, Mich., told the Anchor Octavia Reese ‘05, reigning Miss Michigan, made the Martha Miller Center for Global Communication official by cutting the ribbon.

“The Music of the Night.” Pictured are senior Lauren Engel and junior Brad Matson, who are president and vice president respectively of Student Congress.

Like the rest of the nation, the Hope community responded by raising funds, essentials and a variety of other goods. Initiatives ranged from the “Truck Load of Love,” which was a 53-foot semi trailer left on campus to collect all manner of items; to a Sept. 22 blood drive hosted by Alpha Phi Omega; to a benefit concert by Josh Schicker ’99 in Dimnent Memorial Chapel on Saturday, Sept. 24, sponsored by the student Hope College Concert Series.

Campus Ministries arranged for students to be able to spend the Oct. 8-11 fall recess assisting in relief operations in the Gulf Coast, following a model akin to the long-running and popular spring break mission trip programs the office organizes each year.

The college also opened its doors to students and faculty from institutions in the storm-ravaged region. Hope has offered tuition and room for up to five qualified students, with any tuition collected (or waived if they had already paid their home institution) being forwarded to their home institutions in the Gulf. The college is also exploring the possibility of graduate fellows or visiting faculty using the college as a research or study station during the semester or year.

Individuals and organizations also pursued other ways of providing support. In addition to the cooperative effort, for example, the Environmental Issues Group, Indie Music Club and Women’s Issues Organization planned a benefit concert held earlier, on Friday-Saturday, Sept. 9-10, to raise money for the Red Cross; the Opus literary journal sponsored an “OPUS SOUP” arts evening on Wednesday, Sept. 28, to raise funds for the Red Cross; and the college’s Sculpture 2 and 3 students crafted “Organomaly,” an early October installation in the De Pree Art Center’s elevator gallery, as a response to hurricanes Katrina and Rita, building a donation box into the sculpture, a disassembled but functional organ.

RIVALRY FEATURED: The Hope-Calvin rivalry in men’s basketball was highlighted nationwide in the ESPNU program College Basketball’s Fiercest Rivalries. The one-hour program, broadcast on ESPN2 on Tuesday, Sept. 13, featured the nation’s top 10 rivalries in college basketball as determined by fans who voted and ESPN’s experts. Hope-Calvin ranked fourth.

Filming took place last winter, with an ESPN crew visiting both campuses to conduct several interviews and then attending the Wednesday, Feb. 16, game at the Holland Civic Center. The Hope-Calvin segment is about four minutes long.

In addition to Hope-Calvin, the rivalries listed were: 10., Oklahoma vs. Oklahoma State; 9., Penn vs. Princeton; 8., Illinois vs. Missouri; 7., the Big 5 of Philadelphia; 6., Indiana vs. Purdue; 5., Xavier vs. Cincinnati; 4., Louisville vs. Kentucky; 3., Connecticut vs. Tennessee; 1., North Carolina vs. Duke.

(See Campus Notes on page 12.)
Events

Academic Calendar
Fall Semester '05
Nov. 4-6: Friday-Sunday—Parents' Weekend
Nov. 24: Thursday—Thanksgiving Recess begins, 8 a.m.
Nov. 28: Monday—Thanksgiving Recess ends, 8 a.m.
Dec. 9: Friday—Last day of classes
Dec. 12-16: Monday-Friday—Semester examinations
Dec. 16: Friday—Residence halls close, 5 p.m.

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

The days for 2005-06 are:
- Friday, Oct. 28
- Friday, Nov. 4
- Friday, Nov. 11
- Friday, Nov. 18
- Monday, Jan. 16

Junior Days: Friday, March 31; Friday, April 7; Friday, April 21
Pre-Professional Day: Wednesday, May 24

For further information about any Admissions Office event, please call (616) 395-7850, or toll free 1-800-968-7850; check online at www.hope.edu/admissions; or write: Hope College Admissions Office; 68 E. 10th St; P.O. Box 9000; Holland, MI; 49422-9000.

Wind Symphony and Percussion Ensemble—Admission is free.
Jazz Combos and Anchor Band—Auditorium of Nykerk Hall of Music, 7:30 p.m.; Memorial Chapel, 7:30 p.m. —Admission is free.
Jazz Ensembles Concert—de Sales Catholic Church, 7:30 p.m. —Admission is free.
Women's Chamber Choir—Chapel, 7:30 p.m. —Admission is free.
Symphonette—395-7890.

Music
Wind Symphony and Percussion Ensemble—Friday, Nov. 4: Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 7:30 p.m. — Admission is free.
Faculty Recital Series—Sunday, Nov. 6: Wickers Auditorium of Nykerk Hall of Music, 3 p.m. — Admission is free.
Orchestra—Friday, Nov. 11: Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 7:30 p.m. — Admission is free.
La Guirrata—Friday, Nov. 11: Knickerbocker Theatre, 7:30 p.m. — Tickets are $10 for regular adult admission, $5 for senior citizens and Hope faculty and staff, and $3 for children under 18 and Hope students. Tickets will be sold in advance at the DeVitt Center box office beginning Wednesday, Oct. 12. The box office will be open weekdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and can be called at (616) 395-7980.
Symphonette—Saturday, Nov. 19: Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 7:30 p.m. — Admission is free.
Women's Chamber Choir—Monday, Nov. 21: St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church, 7:30 p.m. — Admission is free.
Jazz Ensembles Concert—Tuesday, Nov. 22: Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 7:30 p.m. — Admission is free.
Jazz Combos and Vocalists—Monday, Nov. 28: Wickers Auditorium of Nykerk Hall of Music, 7:30 p.m. — Admission is free.
Jazz Combos and Anchor Band—Tuesday, Nov. 29: Snow Auditorium of Nykerk Hall of Music, 7:30 p.m. — Admission is free.

Christmas Vespers—Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 3-4: Dimnent Memorial Chapel. The services will be on Saturday, Dec. 3, at 4:30 p.m. and 8 p.m., and on Sunday, Dec. 4, at 2 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. The public sale of tickets will take place on Saturday, Nov. 19, from 9 a.m. to noon in the lobby of the DeVitt Center. Tickets are $7 each, with a limit of four per person.
Christmas Madrigal Feast—Friday-Saturday, Dec. 9-10: Maas Center, auditorium, 6:30 p.m. Information concerning tickets may be obtained by calling the department of music at (616) 395-7620.

De Pree Gallery
Bruce McCombs Sabbatical Show—Through Wednesday, Nov. 22: Paintings featuring the Hope campus.
Juried Student Show—Monday, Dec. 5-Friday, Jan. 20: Work by Hope students. There will be an opening reception on Monday, Dec. 5, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. The gallery is open Sundays and Mondays from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.; Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m.; and Thursdays from 10 a.m. until 9 p.m. — Admission is free.

Great Performance Series
Osisra Piano Trio—Wednesday, Nov. 9: Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 7:30 p.m. — Tickets for Great Performance Series events are $15 for regular adult admission, $12 for senior citizens and members of the Hope faculty and staff, and $5 for children under 18 and Hope students. Tickets will be sold at the theatre lobby box office in the DeVitt Center. The box office is open weekdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and can be called at (616) 395-7880.

The Illusion—Friday-Saturday, Dec. 9-10: Knickerbocker Theatre, 7:30 p.m. — Admission is $12 for adults, $10 for senior citizens and members of the Hope faculty and staff, and $5 for children under 18 and Hope students. Tickets will be sold at the theatre lobby box office in the DeVitt Center. The box office is open weekdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and can be called at (616) 395-7880.

Theatre
The Illusion—Friday-Saturday, Dec. 1-2, and Thursday-Saturday, Dec. 8-10: By Pierre Corneille.

DeVitt Center, main theatre
Tickets for Hope College Theatre productions are $7 for regular adult admission, $5 for Hope faculty and staff, and $4 for senior citizens and students, and will be available approximately two weeks before the production opens. The box office is open weekdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and until 8 p.m. on performance nights, and can be called at (616) 395-7880.

Visiting Writers Series
Monday, Nov. 7: Marilyn Robinson, Pulitzer Prize-winning novelist, Dimnent Memorial Chapel
Thursday, Dec. 1: Sebastian Matthews and A. Van Jordan, poetry and memoir
All of the readings will be at the Knickerbocker Theatre except as noted above. The readings will begin at 7 p.m., with live music by the Hope College Jazz Chamber Ensemble preceding them beginning at 6:30 p.m. Admission is free. For more information about the entire season or to be placed on the series's mailing list, please call the department of English at (616) 395-7620.

Alumni, Parents and Friends
Regional Events
Grand Rapids, Mich.—Tuesday, Nov. 1: A dinner at 6 p.m. at the Radisson Golf Club in Byron Center featuring men's basketball coach Glenn Van Wieren '64 on the upcoming season, the new DeVos Fieldhouse and the future of Hope athletics.
Holland, Mich.—Saturday, Nov. 12: A service project organized by young Holland-area alumni, giving back in the spirit of Hope: a Habitat for Humanity build with shifts running from 8 a.m. to noon and from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Kalamazoo, Mich.—Friday, Nov. 18: A tour of the exhibit “Chihuly in Kalamazoo” at the Kalamazoo Institute of Arts led by Bill Mayer of the Hope faculty. There will be a reception with light hors d'oeuvres at 6:30 p.m., with the tour at 7:30 p.m.
Satellite Basketball Gatherings—Saturday, Jan. 14: Get-togethers around the country to watch live coverage of the 3 p.m. Hope-Calvin men’s basketball game at the DeVos Fieldhouse.
Parents’ Weekend—Friday-Sunday, Nov. 4-6
Winter Happening—Saturday, Feb. 4
Alumni Weekend—Friday-Sunday, May 5-7: Includes reunions for every fifth class, ’41 through ’81.
Alumni Trip—June 4-11 and 11-18: A two-part study tour featuring Vienna in celebration of the 30th anniversary of the Vienna Summer School during the first week and the former Yugoslavia during the second week. Participants can opt to sign on for either or both of the programs. Dr. Neal Sobania ’68 will lead the first week, and Dr. Sobania and Dr. Robert Donia ’67 will lead the second week.
For more information concerning the above events, please call the Office of Alumni and Parent Relations at (616) 395-7250 or visit the Alumni Association Web site at: www.hope.edu/alumni

Traditional Events
Nykerk Cup Competition—Saturday, Nov. 5, 8 p.m.
Christmas Vespers—Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 3-4
Dance Marathon—Friday-Saturday, March 10-11
Baccalaureate and Commencement—Sunday, May 7

Instant Information
Updates on events, news and athletics at Hope may be obtained 24 hours a day by calling (616) 395-7888. Updated information concerning events is also available online at www.hope.edu/pr/events.html.
**Pull '05**

**Rivalry at the river**

When the Pull is involved, having children in consecutive years at Hope can be a challenge.

Sophomores Katie Van Eeuwen of Wyoming, Mich., and Dane Doctor of Petoskey, Mich., are focused as '08 begins taking rope en route to its victory in this year’s Pull tug-of-war.

This year, parent Kay Sedjo of Spring Grove, Ill., found a novel solution. She and her husband Glenn of course visited both sides of the Black River during the contest, but she dressed to support both children as well. She made a t-shirt that combined the tradition Ever-Year red and Odd-Year maroon, adding to the front both class years and a slogan: "What’s a mom to do?"

She did so with permission.

"This summer I was talking to Megan and talking about making a shirt," she said. "She said, ‘You ought to.’"

Even after four years as Hope parents they find that the contest remains intense, although it has mellowed for them a little.

"At least they’re not pulling against each other like a couple years ago," Sedjo said.

This year’s Pull, held on Saturday, Sept. 24, ran for the maximum three-hour duration, hard-fought by the freshman Class of 2009 and the sophomore Class of 2008. Both sides still held the rope, but the sophomores won, by 20 feet, one inch.

With children coaching on both sides of the Black River, parent Kay Sedjo created a shirt that reflected her divided loyalties. She and her husband made sure to watch both teams.

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**Winter Sports Schedules**

**Men's Basketball**

Sat., Nov. 19..............**ELMHURST, ILL., 7:30 p.m.**

Tues., Nov. 22..............**ANDREWS, 8 p.m.**

Fri.-Sat., Nov. 25-26..............at Select Bank Classic, Van Andel Arena

Fri.-Sat., Dec. 2-3..............CCIW/MIAA Classic

Tues., Dec. 6..............at Trinity Christian, Ill., 7:30 p.m.

Fri.-Sat., Dec. 9-10..............HOLLAND SENTINEL COMMUNITY TOURNAMENT

Wed.-Thurs., Dec. 28-29..............**RUSS DEVETTE HOLIDAY CLASSIC**

Wed., Jan. 4..............**KALAMAZOO, 7:30 p.m.**

Sat., Jan. 7..............**at Olivet, 3 p.m.**

Wed., Jan. 11..............**at Albion, 7:30 p.m.**

Sat., Jan. 14..............**CALVIN, 3 p.m.**

Wed., Jan. 18..............**ADRIAN, 8 p.m.**

Sat., Jan. 21..............**at Alma, 3 p.m.**

Wed., Jan. 25..............**at Tri-State, 8 p.m.**

Sat., Jan. 28..............**at Kalamazoo, 7:30 p.m.**

Wed., Feb. 1..............**OLIVET, 8 p.m.**

Sat., Feb. 4..............**ALBION, 3 p.m.**

Wed., Feb. 8..............**at Calvin, 8 p.m.**

Sat., Feb. 11..............**at Adrian, 3 p.m.**

Wed., Feb. 15..............**ALMA, 7:30 p.m.**

Sat., Feb. 18..............**TRI-STATE, 7:30 p.m.**

Wed.-Sat., Feb. 22-25..............MIAA Tournament

**MIAA Game**

Select Bank Classic – Aquinas; Calvin; Cornerstone; Hope

CCIW/MIAA Classic – Calvin; Carthage, Wis.; Hope; Wheaton, Ill.

Holland Sentinel Community Tournament – Aquinas; Hope; Madonna; Marygrove

Russ DeVette Holiday Classic – Goshen, Ind.; Hope; John Carroll, Ohio; Lakeland, Wis.

**Women's Basketball**

Sat., Nov. 19..............**EDGEWOOD, WS, 5:30 p.m.**

Thurs., Nov. 22..............**BENEDICTINE, ILL., 6 p.m.**

Wed., Nov. 30..............**at Saint Mary’s, 7:30 p.m.**

Fri.-Sat., Dec. 2-3..............CCIW/MIAA Classic at Calvin

Wed., Dec. 7..............**at Albion, 7:30 p.m.**

Sat., Dec. 10..............**TRI-STATE, 5 p.m.**

Mon. & Wed., Dec. 19-21..............at Orlando Magic/RDV Tournament

Thurs.-Fri., Dec. 29-30..............Hope/Kalamazoo Classic

**Men & Women's Swimming**

Sat., Oct. 29..............**Saint Mary’s, Oliver @ Oliver, 1 p.m.**

Fri., Nov. 4..............**at Kalamazoo, 5 p.m.**

Sat., Nov. 5..............**at Carthage, Wis., 1 p.m.**

Sat., Nov. 19..............**CALVIN, 1 p.m.**

Fri.-Sat., Dec. 2-3..............at Wheaton, Ill., Invitational

Fri., Dec. 9..............**GRAND VALLEY, 5 p.m.**

Sat., Jan. 7..............**at Oakland, 1 p.m.**

Sat., Jan. 14..............**ILLINOIS-MICHIGAN QUAD, 1 p.m.**

Sat., Jan. 21..............**ALBION, 1 p.m.**

Sat., Jan. 28..............**at Alma, 1 p.m.**

Thurs.-Sat., Feb. 9-11..............**MIAA Championships**

Thurs.-Sat., March 9-11..............Women's NCAA Championship

Thurs.-Sat., March 16-18..............Men's NCAA Championship

**Hope; Kalamazoo; Lake Forest, Ill.; Wheaton, Ill.**

+ at Holland Aquatic Center

*+ at Jenison HS

**MIAA game (basketball) or dual meet (swimming)**

Unless otherwise noted, home swim meets are in Kresge Natatorium of the Dow Center and home men’s and women’s basketball games are at the DeVos Fieldhouse. Starting times are in the time zone of the home team.

All men's basketball games and all women's basketball games marked with a + will be broadcast by WHTC-AM (1450).

NFHC October 2005

1985—Row 1: Jennifer DeVries ’85, Martin Wood ’85, Melinda Campbell ’85 Hollands, Ana Aguera ’85 Clare, Michelle Northuis ’85 Bryson, Anne Rempe ’85, Sheila Teed ’85 Buckleitner, Mike McVickar ’85, Lynette Carter ’85 Cole; Row 2: Susanne Clark ’85, Julie Japinga ’85 VanOordt, Nancy Weller ’85 Henshaw, Holly Nichols ’85, Kathleen Kistler ’85 Arnold, Tim Arnold ’83, Carlotta Ellison ’85, Kathy Hogenboom ’85 Olgers, Greg Olgers ’87; Row 3: Kent Franken ’85, Jana DeGraaf ’85, Pat Visser ’85, John Hensler ’85, Christi Bruins ’85 Kern.

1990—Row 1: Kari Schaafsma ’90 Alvaro, Ellen Tanis ’90 Awad, Rajean Wuerfel ’90 Wolters, Melissa Villarerel ’90, Kathy LaCash ’90 Lind, Erik Sales ’90, Michelle Cook ’90 Wilson, Susan Blume ’90 Deady, Marnie Dolphin ’90 Wittenbach; Row 2: Ken Luther (holding Joy), Kathy Baird ’90 Luther (holding Melody), Suzanne DeKorte ’90 Walters, Claudine Wagenaar ’90 Duncan, John Weeber ’90, Eva Gaumond ’90, Steve Bulthuis ’90, Kristal VanWullen ’90 Bulthuis, Thomas DelVill ’90, Holly Anderson ’90 DeYoung, Jim DeYoung ’88; Row 3: John Mitchell ’90, Kris Busman ’90, Steve Kozera ’90, Michael Ray ’90, Mark Van Genderen ’90, Kirsten Allen ’90 Bartels, Melissa TenHave ’90 Loaney, Scott Mancinelli ’90.

Heather Skoien ’95 Graber, Heather Helmus-Nyman ’95, Sarah Harrison ’95 (holding Lorenzo), Krista Ostema ’95, Greendyke (holding Mackenzie), Joel Keas ’95 (holding Aubrey), Scott Swartz ’95, Andrea Bigio ’95 Swartz (holding Bryson); Row 2: Stephanie Morrow ’95 Cotts, Kathryn Grob ’95 Ruitter, Wendy Straw ’95 VanKampen, Jennnifer Kirk ’95 Miller, Keely VanTil ’95 McClimens, Lisa Eacker ’95 Laninga, Kevin Laninga, Lynette Karboske ’95 Prentice, Jamie Kalmbaugh ’95 Brawner, Lisa Joy Hofman ’95, Jennifer Hogan ’95 Levey, Paulette Greenfield ’95, Vonda Evers ’95, Jodie Crum ’95 McGee; Row 3: Scott Hazard ’97, Lisa Helder ’95 Hazard, Larry Mann ’92, Emily Erickson ’95 Mann, Jennifer Hodge ’95 VanZanten, Brian Kuiper ’95 Pardue, Brad Knitter ’95, Laurie Ann Almeda ’95 Gibson, Laurie Martin ’95 Hubbert, Angie Fagerlin ’95; Row 4: Eric Foster ’95, Monica Ackerson ’95 Ware, Stephanie Haag ’95 Greenwood, Joanne Van Gendener ’95, Michelle Vince ’95, Laura Morrisson ’95 Meder, Lisa Beverink ’95 Soda, Heather VanDeHoef ’95 Edwards, Rodney Edwards, Kristin Underhill ’95 VanHaitsma, Tim VanHaitsma, Lisa Anderschaf ’95 Lockman, Jim Lockman, Todd Whitwam ’95; Row 5: Adam Breit, Carrie O’Dowd ’95 Breit, Sarah Birch ’95 Krahm, Kirk Krahm ’95, Amy Vokers ’95 Walls (holding Nick), Amy Antrim ’95 McCurry (holding Abigail), Brandy Middleton ’95 Todd, Dan Brady ’95, Kathy Mixer ’95 Brady, Jill Pursfull ’95 Nelson, Tom Dawson ’95, Christine Easley ’95 Kaiser, Amy Murray ’95 Harper.
Homecoming ’05: 2000/Sigma Sigma Reunions

2000—Row 1: Kelly Kasper ’02 Henry, Rob Henry ’00 (holding Zack), Michelle Kramer ’00, Melyssa Lenon ’00, Kathryn Schmidt ’00, Betsy Gibbs ’00, Heather Hoffman ’00 Gordillo (holding Bella), Kristen Vande Wege ’00 Kernstock (holding Natalie), Paul Kernstock ’00, Holly Russcher ’00. Row 2: Amanda Heydon ’00 Gerhardt, Patricia Luhmann ’00, Melissa Zeiger ’00, Michelle Jones ’00, Beverly Katt ’00, Melissa Feenstra ’00 Michmerhuizen, Becky Zwart ’00, Rochelle Marker ’00, Erin Faulk ’00. Row 3: Scott Gerhardt ’00, Todd DeBoer ’00, Jessica Loomis ’00 DeBoer, Jason Divozzo ’99, Adrianne Knephsheld ’00 Divozzo, Stephan Dettmar ’00, Renee Vande Wege ’00, Aaron Vande Wege ’98, Michael Brinks ’00.

Sigma Sigma Sorority 100th Anniversary Reunion—Row 1: Wendy Ross ’99, Kristine Umlauf ’05, Katie Schonfeld ’06, Jaime Jo Sabol ’06, Julia Miller ’06, Cheryl DuVall ’06, Jordyn Devries ’07, Elizabeth Blosh ’07, Summer Pickhover ’07, Kate Stacey ’07, Julie Marie Carico ’08, Chelsea Stephenson ’08, Kelly Sina ’08, Meagan Delmonico ’08, Christie Carrier ’07, Tarah Kapenga ’08, Sheila Teed ’08, Kelli Dietz ’08, Kristine DePree ’08, Jennifer VanTubergen ’08, Taylor Luhmann ’08, Melissa Zeiger ’08, Michelle Jones ’08, Beverly Katt ’08, Holly Russcher ’08. Row 2: Amanda Heydon ’00 Gerhardt, Patricia Luhmann ’00, Melissa Zeiger ’00, Michelle Jones ’00, Beverly Katt ’00, Melissa Feenstra ’00 Michmerhuizen, Becky Zwart ’00, Rochelle Marker ’00, Erin Faulk ’00. Row 3: Scott Gerhardt ’00, Todd DeBoer ’00, Jessica Loomis ’00 DeBoer, Jason Divozzo ’99, Adrianne Knephsheld ’00 Divozzo, Stephan Dettmar ’00, Renee Vande Wege ’00, Aaron Vande Wege ’98, Michael Brinks ’00.
Family tradition

SIXTH GENERATION
Valerie Rideout (Fishers, Ind.)
Mother - Margaret Visser ’33 Rideout
Father - Brian Rideout ’82

Grandmother - Suzanne Zwemer ’54 Visser
Grandfather - Robert Visser ’54
Great-Grandfather - Raymund Zwemer ’23
Great-Grandfather - Arthur Visser ’14
Great-Great Grandfather - Samuel Zwemer ’88
Great-Great-Great Grandfather - Adrian Zwemer (Prep 1887)

Paul VanderVelde (Laurelwood, Kan.)
Mother - Jane Visser ’79 VanderVelde
Father - David VanderVelde ’78
Grandmother - Suzanne Zwemer ’54 Visser
Grandfather - Robert Visser ’54
Great-Grandfather - Raymund Zwemer ’23
Great-Grandfather - Arthur Visser ’14
Great-Great Grandfather - Samuel Zwemer ’88
Great-Great-Great Grandfather - Adrian Zwemer (Prep 1887)

FIFTH GENERATION
Matthew Griffin (Fort Worth, Texas)
Mother - Marianne Dykema ’81 Griffin
Father - Timothy Griffin ’80

Grandmother - Mary Jane Adams ’56
Dykema
Grandfather - Alan Dykema ’55
Great-Grandmother - Edna Reeverts ’25
Adams
Great-Great Grandfather - Andrew Reeverts 1892

Lauren Reus (Olympia, Wash.)
Mother - Sheryl Visscher ’78 Reus
Grandmother - Mary Zweizig ’52 Visscher
Grandfather - Harrison Visscher ’51
Great-Grandfather - William Reus 18
Great-Great Grandfather - Leonard Reus (Prep 1882)

Brian Straw (Arlington, Va.)
Mother - Margaret Kleis ’72 Straw
Father - Roger Straw ’73
Grandmother - Margret Van Raalte ’36 Kleis
Grandfather - Guy Kleis ’35
Great-Grandfather - Dirk (Dick) B.K. Van Raalte Jr. (Prep 1906-10)
Great-Great Grandfather - Dirk B.K. Van Raalte Sr. 1867

Charles VanderBroek (Holland, Mich.)
Mother - Laura Tebben ’74 VanderBroek
Father - Charles VanderBroek ’73

Grandmother - Frances Hillebrand ’45 VanderBroek
Grandfather - John VanderBroek ’44
Great-Grandmother - Gertrude Keppel ’17 VanderBroek
Great-Grandfather - John VanderBroek ’17
Great-Great Grandmother - Anna Helena Van Raalte (Prep 1881-82) Keppel

Rebekah Van Dop (Gahanna, Ohio)
Mother - Susan Weener ’81 Van Dop
Father - Stephen Van Dop ’79
Great-Grandmother - Jean Weener ’49 Weener
Grandfather - Jay Weener ’49

Great-Grandfather - Henry Wiersma ’25
Great-Great Grandfather - Frederick Wiersma 1899

FOURTH GENERATION
Brent Boersma (Holland, Mich.)
Mother - Claire Campbell ’75 Boersma
Father - Bill Boersma ’75

Grandmother - Dolores Freyling ’51
Campbell Hertel
Grandfather - Gene Campbell ’51
Grandmother - Connie Hinga ’49 Boersma
Grandfather - Max Boersma ’46
Great-Grandfather - Arend Freyling ’30

John Bruggers (Lima, Peru)
Father - David Bruggers ’73
Grandmother - Phyllis Voss ’47 Bruggers
Grandfather - Glenn Bruggers ’48
Great-Grandfather - John Bruggers ’15

Hilary Holbrook (Hopewell Junction, N.Y.)
Mother - Cathleen Best ’82 Holbrook
Father - Taylor Holbrook ’80

Grandmother - Janet Wessels ’59 Best
Grandfather - Robert Best ’58
Grandmother - Anna Hender ’52 Holbrook
Great-Grandfather - Henry Best ’30

David Huyadi (Kalamazoo, Mich.)
Mother - Jane Colenbrander ’71 Huyadi
Father - Dennis Huyadi ’71
Grandfather - Harold Colenbrander ’41
Great-Grandfather - Henry Colenbrander ’13

Karen Luidens (Altamont, Mich.)
Mother - Mary Koepe ’75 Luidens
Father - Robert Luidens ’75
Grandmother - Norma Lempers ’44 Koepe
Grandfather - Roger Koepe ’44

Great-Grandfather - Ruth Stegenga ’42 Luidens
Grandfather - Edwin Luidens ’40
Great-Great Grandfather - Elizabeth Renskers ’20 Koepe
Great-Grandfather - Edwin Koeppe ’14
Great-Great Grandfather - Dureth Bouma ’15 Stegenga
Great-Grandfather - Miner Stegenga ’15
Great-Great Grandfather - Mae DePree ’12 Luidens
Great-Grandfather - Anthony Luidens ’12

Ellen Molenaar (Portage, Mich.)
Mother - Susan Kuipers ’61 Molenaar
Father - Daniel Molenaar ’81
Grandfather - Robert Kuipers ’50
Grandfather - Harold Molenaar ’56
Great-Great Grandmother - Viola Mulder (Prep 1924-26) Kuipers

Kelly Post (Hudsonville, Mich.)
Mother - Nancy Campbell ’78 Post
Father - Robert Post ’77
Grandmother - Dolores Freyling ’51
Campbell Hertel
Great-Grandfather - Arend Freyling ’30

Katherine Stuit (Grand Rapids, Mich.)
Mother - Mary Berends ’73 Stuit
Father - Thomas Stuit ’73
Great-Grandfather - John Stuit (Prep 1914)
Great-Great Grandfather - Otto Stuit (Prep 1879)

Paxton Wiers (Zeeland, Mich.)
Mother - Lois Maassen ’78
Father - Christopher Wiers ’81
Grandmother - Edith Herlein ’47 Maassen
Grandfather - Pierce Maassen ’50
Great-Grandfather - Herman Maassen ’16

THIRD GENERATION
Benjamin Bach (Missoula, Mont.)
Mother - Betsy Wackernagel ’74 Bach
Father - Paul Bach ’74
Great-Grandfather - Anthony Droppers ’15

Isaac Bush (Muskegon, Mich.)
Mother - Miriam Baar ’77 Bush
Great-Grandfather - James Baar ’42

Kathrina Buys (Clarksdale, Mich.)
Grandmother - Kay Rynbrand ’57 Buys
Hartzler
Great-Grandfather - James Buys ’57
Great-Great Grandmother - Frieda Boone ’29 Buys
Great-Great Grandfather - Adrian Buys ’27

Daniel Callam (Holland, Mich.)
Mother - Susan Kerle ’74 Callam
Father - Gordon Callam ’75
Great-Great Grandmother - Helen Wilhelm ’45 Kerle
Great-Great Grandfather - Arthur Kerle ’46

Hilary Delhagen (Pultneyville, N.Y.)
Mother - Donna Baird ’79 Delhagen
Father - Harold Delhagen ’79
Great-Great Grandmother - Christine Cloetingh ’56 Baird
Great-Great Grandfather - Donald Baird ’55

Peter Holzinger (Racine, Wis.)
Mother - Robin Bakker ’83 Holzinger
Father - Robert Holzinger ’83
Great-Great Grandfather - Ronald Bakker ’58

Sarah Lokers (Hamilton, Mich.)
Mother - Susan Overway ’82 Lokers
Father - Scott Lokers ’81
Great-Great Grandfather - Raymond Lokers ’40

A record-number 112 new students have direct ancestral Hope ties. Pictured are third-, fourth-, fifth- and sixth-Generational New Students. From left to right are: Row 1: David Hunyadi, Megan Probst, Brent Boersma, Chelsea Schratenboer, Katie Stuit, Sarah Sligh, Ellen Molenaar, Katrina Buys, Hillary Delhagen; Row 2: Daniel J. Callam, Ben Oegema, John Schaftenaar, Kelly Post, Lauren Reus, Peter Holzinger, Hilary Holbrook, Erin Webster, Isaac Bush, Julia Rotschafer, Ben Van Arendonk, Laura Smallegan; Row 3: Karen Luidens, John Bruggers, Valerie Rideout, Paul VanderVelde, Mark Slotman, Brian Straw, Tom Plasman, Benjamin Bach, Matt Griffin, Amy Smith, Rebekah Van Dop.
A record number of Generational New Students are among the new Class of 2009, continuing family traditions that run from two decades to more than a century-and-a-half.
The dedication ceremony was set in the midst of two days’ worth of activities scheduled to celebrate the new Martha Miller Center for Global Communication, which has been described as “the world’s first purpose-built recording studio.” Among the activities included were two keynote addresses Friday morning with the opening of the Martha Miller Center for Global Communication. Above, Jack Miller ‘56 offers a response on behalf of the family of Martha Muller ‘24 Miller, for whom the building is named. (Editor’s Note: Additional coverage related to the opening of the Martha Miller Center for Global Communication can be found throughout this issue. In a spacious corner office on the building’s main floor, members of the Archer staff prepare an edition of the weekly.
Book tells history

The dedication of Hope's newest building has also prompted a look back at a venerable Hope tradition.

In conjunction with dedication of the Martha Miller Center for Global Communication, the college has published a concise history of international education at Hope, Stepping Stones in International Education: An Historical Narrative: 1879-2005. The book also marks the 40th anniversary of the creation of the college’s Office of International Education. It was written by senior Lynnae Ruberg of Brighton, Mich., with Dr. Neal Sobania ’68, written by senior Lynnae Ruberg of Island, which includes DeZwaan, one of the last genuine Dutch windmills the Netherlands allowed exported. The 75-page, illustrated book begins its examination of international awareness at Hope with the Class of 1879, which included among its six members two students from Japan, Kumaji Kimura and Motoshiro Oghami. The narrative runs through five major sections: “Japan: A tradition of exchange”; “Vienna Summer School”; “The GLCA: A stepping stone for ‘non-Western programs’”; “The International Student Experience”; and “Expansion and Internationalization.” Ruberg, who is an international studies and Spanish major, worked on the book with Dr. Sobania as a summer research project. Having spent five months last year in Valparaiso, Chile, she knows from her own experience the benefits of international education, especially as she has found herself shaped.

“I think the most meaningful lessons I learned while studying in Chile are those that taught me about myself,” she said. “Living in another culture brings into sharp relief the strongest (and weakest) parts of your personality, plus it teaches you a lot about your culture, your abilities, your perceptions of the world, your values—the growth is incredible.”

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PUBLICATION HONORED: A publication featuring the college’s office of public and community relations won a first-place award from the Inland Press Association, which consists of hundreds of newspapers, in the special sections category for education-related publications by newspapers with a circulation of 25,000 and under.

The section was prepared in conjunction with dedication of the building in October of 2004. The Sentinel produced a similar section for the dedication of the Martha Miller Center for Global Communication earlier this month, and is also preparing another that will mark the opening of the DeVos Fieldhouse later this semester.

Faculty Kudos:

Rodney Boyer, who is the Drs. Edward and Elizabeth Hofma Professor Emeritus of Chemistry, is author of a new textbook published by Benjamin Cummings Publishing. The new book, Biochemistry Laboratory: Modern Theory and Techniques, is designed for use in undergraduate biochemistry teaching and research laboratories. The book focuses on detailed descriptions of modern techniques in experimental biochemistry and discusses the theory behind important techniques. The extensive range of techniques includes computer Internet biochemical databases, chromatography, electrophoresis, spectroscopy, measurements of ligand-binding interactions, and recombinant DNA procedures such as molecular cloning and polymerase chain reaction. It is expected that students will use the book as a supplement and guide to their laboratory procedures.

The book has a dedicated Web site, with information for biochemistry instructors on how to design and teach a biochemistry/ molecular biology lab. The highlight of the Web site is a listing of over 250 experimental projects in all areas of biochemistry and appropriate for use at the undergraduate level. The list of experiments on the Web site will be updated on a periodic basis.

Dr. Boyer is also the author of the lab manual, Modern Experimental Biochemistry (third edition, 2001, Benjamin Cummings), and the textbook for one-semester biochemistry, “Concepts in Biochemistry” (third edition, 2006, John Wiley & Sons) and serves as an associate editor for the journal Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Education. He is a member of the American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (ASBMB) and its Education and Professional Development Committee that recently designed the model undergraduate biochemistry degree recommended by the ASBMB.

Dr. Boyer retired from teaching and research at Hope in 2000 and resides in Bozeman, Mont., where he continues to write and consult in biochemical education.
Alumni News

Class Notes

News and information for class notes, marriages, advance notices of events and accomplishments for news from Hope College by Kathy Miller.

News should be mailed to: Alumni News; Hope College; 300 E. 12th St.; PO Box 9000; Holland, MI 49422-9000. Internet users may e-mail classnotes@hope.edu.

All submissions received by the Public Relations Office by Tuesday, Sept. 27, have been included in the Class Notes column if the lead 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, Nov. 8.

1950s

Lucina “Daisy” Hoogevest '52 of Grandville, Mich., celebrated her 75th birthday with an old-fashioned hymn sing at her home church, Eighth Reformed Church of West, on Sunday, Oct. 21. During the celebration, a mission offering was taken for Bibles and hymnbooks for Zambia, and cake and ice cream were served afterward.

Mary Alice Ferguson '57 Ritsma of Saugatuck, Mich., was honored at a celebration on Monday, Aug. 28, on the occasion of her retirement as director of programming and director of the Hope Academy of Senior English at Hope for two years and has been a frequent presenter in the Hope Academy of Senior English. He also taught freshman English for nine years. After retirement, he continues to be the president of Herman Miller Inc. in 1995 after 25 years in that company.

Volkers Inc., by the board of directors of the Reformed Church in America at the USA Track and Field National Masters Championships in Decatur, Ill., in August of 2004. He has also been an active member of the 1950s group since 2000. He and his wife later served for 25 years as president of the Presbytery of West Jersey. In retirement he resides in Arlington, Va., where he has taught English and other languages in Spanish for Virginia Baptist Seminary.

Barbara Arlt '66 Simon of Vesta, N.Y., is a licensed clinical social worker at the Breese Community Mental Health Center in the Upstate Medical Center in Binghamton, N.Y., and is currently employed as an executive assistant to the COO of Collateral Companies of Birmingham.

Robert Warner '70 reports that after three and one-half years of unemployed job-hunting, he has obtained a rewarding job with Mountaineer Public Schools in Mountaineer, N.M., as a media specialist and English teacher. He also reports that he never gave up hope.

George D. Bishop '71 of Singapore was appointed director of business and academic psychology at the National University of Singapore on Friday, July 1. Previously the psychology major, first in 1966, was housed in the department of social work and psychology.

She began working at the university in 1950 and was promoted to professor in January of 2003.

Doris Smith '72 De Luca of Birmingham, Al., is currently employed as an executive assistant to the COO of Collateral Companies of Birmingham.

Vandenwater '68 said he would be in retirement for the honor by a student.

Daniel Blauw '77 of Grand Rapids, Mich., devotes about 90 percent of his law practice to issues concerning people with disabilities, primarily setting up special needs trusts and arranging for services when a family member has life-long disabilities. His essay about advocating for people with disabilities was published in the Grand Rapids Press in August 2002.

Phyllis Kalmeyn '74 McCorkie of Sylvia, Mont., as chief financial officer for Dana Commercial Credit Corporation, a wholly owned subsidiary of Dana Corporation.

Donald F. Tindal '74 recently returned from a six-month deployment to the Persian Gulf on the USS John Paul Jones (DDG 53) and has since been a member of the 1950s group since 2000. He is currently the director of professional learning and business relations at the Graduate College of the Illinois Institute of Technology.

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Alumni enhance dedication days

The participation of several alumni enlivened the college’s dedication celebration for the Martha Miller Center for Global Communication.

The alumni involvement was appropriate on multiple levels. Their career and life experiences fit with the building’s departmental and programmatic focus for the center houses the departments of communication and modern and classical languages, and the offices of international education and multicultural life. By sharing insights gained since graduation, they helped enrich the education of current students of the alma mater that had previously prepared them. And, not coincidentally, the celebration’s Oct. 14-15 run took place during Homecoming Weekend, a time by definition designed to bring former students back to Hope.

The celebration featured two keynote addresses.

Floyd Brady ’68 of Chicago, Ill., who is president and chief executive officer of the Dr. H.B. Brady Foundation, presented “The Wind Beneath Your Wings—Buckle Up.”

Scott Cutler ’87 of Aurora College, Ill., who is deputy assistant secretary for Near Eastern Affairs MEPI (Middle East Partnership Initiative) with the U.S. State Department, presented “There and Back Again: Globalization and the Strange Career of a Hope Grad.”

Each of the four programs also sponsored conversations featuring panels of alumni or students.

Participating in the communication panel were Craig Piemra ’87 of Grand Rapids, Mich., who is director of corporate communications for Centegris Corporation; Rick Plata ’85 of Lansing, Mich., who is Michigan Public Radio’s morning talk show host and state commissioner of short-wave development; and Sara Steele ’03 of Washington, D.C., Web site coordinator for the White House Office of Media Affairs. They discussed communication through Dr. Betty Wackernagel’s “74 Bach of Missona, Mont.,” professor of communication studies at the University of Montana-Missoula, led a dicusson about graduate school.

Participating in the international education panel were Jalal Abdelwahab ’97 of Cairo, Egypt, a technical officer with the Folio Education Program of the Folio Unit of the Eastern Mediterranean Region of the Polio Eradication Program of the Polio Control Unit of the Eastern Mediterranean...
Julie Noman '94 Dykstra of Grand Rapids, Mich., is corporate legal counsel for Allstate Inc.

Cary Hargr '94 of Muskegon, Mich., and his wife, Karen, have a daughter, Cari (age one-year-old) and a son, Cameron (age two and one-half).

Douglas Haist '94 of Wilminton, N.C., is a systems analyst for General Electric in their Global Nuclear Fuel division.

A. Mudder '93 of Magna, Utah, is a fitness and wellness instructor at Holton (Mich.) High School. She is also head varsity wrestling coach and is associate head wrestling coach at Montrose Charter School.

Endrun Day '94 Patton of Howell, Mich., assumed her duties as Main Street manager for the city of Howell on Monday, Sept. 19. Her role is to explore downtown and build the Main Street for businesses with a strategic marketing campaign for downtown merchants and development of volunteer resources. She was previously marketing director for the Michigan Workforce Association.

Christine Cox '94 Wynne of Washington, D.C., is a practicing physician in downtown D.C. She recently switched specialties from general surgery to internal medicine. She and her husband continue to work with Operation Smile.

Kari Essex '95 Berge of Whitehall, Mich., has joined Warner Norezen & Judd LLP as an associate. She concentrates her practice in the areas of corporate and business law, as well as litigation, real estate, probate and probate matters, and labor issues, in the firm’s Muskegon, Mich., office.

Adam Breit '95 of Byron Center, Mich., began a new job in July as a sales representative with saltyandsweetmichigan.com.

Kris Evans '95 of Jamaica Plain, Mass., is coordinator of events, information systems and parking at Western Michigan University, Center for Middle Eastern Studies.

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planning, marketing, and customer service. He has also been actively involved in the Wisconsin-Kentwood Chamber of Commerce and was recently introduced as a keynote speaker at the Chamber’s annual event. Last spring he coached the Grand Rapids Christian JV baseball team to an 18-4 record and a share of the City League title. Heath Coverdale ’00 Haley recently moved to Towne, Ohio, to be near his family and to help them with their boys, Cadence (age three) and Eli (age two). When he was married last year (please see “Marriages”), Akua Ofori-Mensah ’03 and Mike Meyers ’05 moved into their new home in Grand Rapids. Brad Irving ’00 and Elizabeth Barton ’02 Irving have moved into their new home in Zeeland, Mich. Brad is an OB/GYN resident at Metropolitan Hospital in Grand Rapids, Mich, and Elizabeth is a nurse practitioner. Curtis Kellum ’00 is a Pediatric Medical resident at Children’s Hospital of Michigan in Detroit, Mich. He is an internist andon the goal of becoming a pediatrician. He enjoys the weather, the great Austin live music scene, and the outdoors. His other interests include running, playing the guitar, and basketball. Kyle Hackney ’02 is a Washington, D.C., intern for U.S. Senator Specter, where he covers energy and environmental issues. He is also a freelance photo researcher.

Blessing,” as missionary educator.

Jill Davis ’05 Lauka of Grandville, Mich., is a photographer with Lifetouch Religious Photo Services in Holland, Mich., where she is director of foreign languages at Bishop Grimes Junior/Senior High School in East Syracuse, N.Y.

Kari Foust ’05 of Zanesville, Ohio, left at the end of August at a year-long mission trip to Uganda. She is planning to continue her “Serving and Learning Together,” a program sponsored by the Memnonie Central Committee. She will teach English at the Mabale Secondary School.

Jill Calajainen ’00 Smith of Coyote, Ariz., is a fourth grade teacher in the Boise School District. Jill Davis ’05 Lauka of Ypsilanti, Mich., is pursuing a graduate degree in the University of Michigan School of Education.

Meredith Mick ’03 of Rockford, Mich., has been selected to go into the Peace Corps in Latin America.

Scott Murdoch ’03 has accepted a position as a project manager, information technology, of Michigan State University in East Lansing.

Clara V. Grimes ’03 of Grimes Junior/Senior High School in Canary Islands, Spain, is a seminary student and theology major at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She is looking for a job in publishing or writing. Mimoza Grajqevci; Prishtina, Kosova, is an associate’s position at Glenn Valley Dentistry in Grandville, Mich., where she is director of foreign languages at Bishop Grimes Junior/Senior High School in East Syracuse, N.Y.

Lana K rulekowski ’02 of Ann Arbor, Mich., earned an advanced degree specializing in science and mathematics (please see “Advanced Degrees”) and is now a knowledge management specialist with Comcast Cable.

Andrew Mullenix ’03 of Arlington, Mass., is a fourth grade teacher in the Boise School District. He is training for the Boston Marathon and is looking for a job in publishing or writing.

Mary Elizabeth Murphy ’03 of Horton, Mich., is a case manager for the Holbrook Unified School District. She is looking for a job in publishing or writing.

Sarah E. Gardner; New Castle, Pa.

Jennifer F. Beers; Williamston, Mich.

Summa Cum Laude

Katherine E. Grambau; Kalamazoo, Mich.

Jeffrey R. Kurtze; Elkhart, Ind.

Katie Sherron ’03 of Reed City (Mich.) Middle School. She is currently writing her master’s thesis at Ferris State University.

Alicia Abood ’04 of Englewood, Colo., has begun her second year of teaching English at Highlands Ranch High School.

Mugunna ’05 of Midland, Mich., is an interna- tional specialist degree from Ball State University.

Lori Jackson ’00 Prysock of Chicago, Ill., is an admissions representative at the University of Arizona.

Ellen Vigants ’04 of Portage, Mich., earned a mas- ter’s degree through an MSW advanced standing program (please see “Advanced Degrees”) and is a Social Work Program coordinator for the Catholic Social Services of Southwest Michigan. She also worked part-time at the Southwest Michigan Children’s Trauma Assessment Center last summer.

Sarah Wilkinson ’04 competed in the “Melissa Mieremes” ski race, which is sponsored by the Thomas M. Cooley Law School. Out of 109 teams with a total of 218 individuals, she was named third best individual advocate.

Lauren Beason ’03 of Park Ridge, Ill., is compet- ing as a member of the University of Iowa ski team in New Zealand. She began a new job in publishing or writing.

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We welcome your news. In fact, we don’t publish engagement announcements—that’s what this “marriages” section is for!
Deaths

Jeanette Rylaanstra ’42Bas of Grand Rapids, Mich., died on September, 24, 2005. She was born in Grand Rapids, Mich. She was a veteran who served as a lieutenant in the U.S. Navy WAVES from 1942 to 1945.
She taught English for 15 years, as an active member of Hope and Central Reformed Churches, and served the Reform Church in America in many capacities.
Survivors include her husband, R. Jack Bas ’42, her children, Marc (Helen) Bas of Arlington, Va., Mya Bas ’71 (Ron) Smith of Boston, Va., Curt ’76 (Dianne) Bas of Saugatuck, Mich., and Cara Bas ’77 (Rick) Brazinski of Springsboro, Ohio; nine grandchildren, including Alyson Brazinski ’03, two great-grandchildren, and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Word has been received of the death of Margaret deBay ’48 Blayzor of Magalia, Calif., who died on Monday, June 13, 2005. More information will appear in the next issue.

Joan Vander Werf ’30 Brieve of Holland, Mich., died on Sunday, Aug. 5, 2005. She was 96.
She taught in Evart, Mich., and Holland before she became a counselor at E. E. Fell Junior High School in Holland.
She was a member of First Reformed Church, where she had also been a Sunday School teacher.
She was a sister of the late Calvin Vander Werf ’37, who served as president of Hope from 1963 to 1970.
She was preceded in death by her husband, Frank, in 1994.
Survivors include her step-daughter, Myra (Tom) Feid of Denver, Colo.; her step-son-in-law, Lloyd Conard of City Center, Fla.; five grand-children, including Daniel Feid ’96 of Denver and Timothy ’98 (Kim) Feid of Castle Rock, Colo.; her sister, Anne Vander Werf ’28 Wabeka of Holland; and several nieces and nephews.

Word has been received of the death of William J. Brown ’49 of Neenah, N.J., on Sunday, July 3, 2005. He was 77.

Edward Damson ’54 of Holland, Mich., died on Tuesday, Sept. 20, 2005. He was 95.
He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy who served during World War II.
He taught geography and government at Holland High School from 1959 to 1978, and coached football, basketball, track and cross country.
He was also an instructor for the American Red Cross.
He was a member of First United Church of Holland, a past commander of American Legion Post 196, and a life member of Post 5.
He was preceded in death by his wife, Mildred Kluy ’53 Damson, in 2005.
Survivors include his children, Karen (Jim) Trehum of Roy, Utah, Robert (Carolyn) Damson of Lakeside, Colo., and Mary (Dave) Kimmel of Powell Butte, Ore.; 10 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; sister-in-law, Dorothey, Neude Damson of Hastings; and nieces, nephews and cousins.

Word has been received of the death of Helen Fairbanks ’40 Danielson of Zeland, Mich., who died on Thursday, Oct. 6, 2005. More information will appear in the next issue.

She had taught elementary school in Jamestown for 34 years, and she was a member of Jamestown Reformed Church.
Survivors include her sisters, Jeanna De Klein ’47 Ten Have of Jamestown and Lois De Klein ’49 of Hudsonville, Mich., and nieces and nephews.

She was a graduate kindergarten administrator and had taught at the Maplewood School District. Then she served with the Rev. Abraham deVries ’50, in Reformed and Presbyterian congregations in Indiana, Minnesota, New York, Michigan and Ohio, where she enjoyed organizing and leading Bible and prayer groups.
She was preceded in death by her daughter, Laura Jeanne.
Survivors, in addition to her husband, include her sons, James, and three grandsons, and nieces, nephews, cousins, uncles and aunts.

Zoe Gideon ’50 Forsleff of Roscommon, Mich., died on Monday, July 4, 2005. She was 68.
She was a nurse and a veteran of the U.S. Navy.
She and her husband owned the Trava Road Music store in Kalamaoo, Mich.
She had been a violinist in the Battle Creek (Mich.) Symphony and the Kalamaoo Civic Auditorium pit orchestra, and a business manager and board member for the Kalamaoo Children’s Chorus.
She had also volunteered at Mercy Hospital in Grayling, Mich.
Survivors include her husband of 45 years, Gary Forsleff; two sons, Andrew (Erika) Forsleff and Matthew (Marcella) Forsleff; two daughters, Amie (Edward) Masselink and Amanda (Stephen) Krusoe; and 13 grandchildren.
Word has been received of the death of Paul W. Hollman ’38 of Holland, Mich., who died on Wednesday, Oct. 12, 2005. More information will appear in the next issue.

Ada Elberteen ’48 Klein of Portland, Ore., died on Tuesday, June 14, 2005. She was 92.
She had been a first grade teacher in New Jersey and Michigan prior to moving to Portland in 1979.
She was preceded in death by her first husband, Carl Zickler, about 1945; her second husband, Harold Klein, in 1985; and her daughter, Marjorie Chase in 1987 and Mary Work in 1994.
Survivors include her step-daughter, Moena Schneider; a step-son, Kevin Klein; her brother, Lester Elberteen ’32; 11 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

William C. McVea ’50 of Douglas, Mich., died on Friday, Aug. 5, 2005. He was 77.
He had worked for many years in his family’s grocery store and in the office of the Furniture Furnace Co., and he was the owner and operator of McVea Real Estate in Douglas.
He attended All Saints’ Episcopal Church, and was a life member of the Dutchess Masonic Lodge 183, and a member of the Saugatuck School Board.
Survivors include his wife, Patricia Koning McVea; his children, William (Raehena) McVea of Michigan City, Mark McVea of Saugatuck, and Myra (Kipp) Hofmeier of Holland; eight grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and in-laws, Konny and Arloa Koning, Marion Koning, and Marcia and Melvin Goering, all of Holland, and George and Leona Nykamp of Panama, Ill., and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Jeanne Niemhuis ’52 Punt of Jacksonville, Fla., died on Thursday, Aug. 15, 2005. She was 96.
She was preceded in death by her husband, the Rev. Martin Punt, in 1999.
Survivors include her son, Roger (Carol) Punt of Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla.; five grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Jane Grundman ’48 Pyle of Monomono Falls, Wis., died on Tuesday, May 24, 2005. She was 80.
She was a veteran who served in the U.S. Navy during World War II, the Navy Reserve, and the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War.
Following her marriage, she was a homemaker and community volunteer. She served the Red Cross in the areas of water safety, first aid and disaster control, and she served with the National Red Cross disaster team, responding to the needs of victims of floods, tornadoes and hurricanes.
Survivors include her husband of 51 years, Jack, her son, David; and sisters, Marjorie and Patricia.

Donald E. Rinkus ’49 of Grandville, Mich., died on Thursday, Sept. 1, 2005. He was 79.
He was a teacher of biology, chemistry and Advanced Placement chemistry, teaching three years in Bangor, Mich., and 37 years at Grandville High School, where he was also a varsity and football coach for 18 years. In addition, he spent two years in Mexico City, Mexico, teaching at the American School.
He was a member of the First Reformed Church of Grandville for 50 years and served on the consistory for 18 years. His interests included bird watching, gardening, golf, travel and books.
He was preceded in death by a grandchild, Robert B. Newell, in June, 2005, and by his sister and brother-in-law, Geraldine and Harold Oostendorp.
Survivors include his wife of 56 years, Frances Scholten ’52 Rinkus; his children, Frances Rinkus ’72 (Laurence) Newell of Mexico City, Mexico, and Kimba Reed of New York; his grandchildren; his parents, Richard and Mildred Rynbrandt; his brother, Russell (Sandy) Saxsma of Gilman, Ill., and several aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

James E. Slager ’42 of Edwardsburg, Mich., died on Saturday, Sept. 10, 2005. He was 85.
He worked at Dow Chemical Company and then at Bayer Corporation in Elkhart, Ind., for 34 years as a research chemist. In retirement, he worked as a consultant chemist.
He was an active member of Edwardsburg Presbyterian Church, serving as treasurer and elder. He was a former member of the Edwardsburg Village Council and the Lions Club.
He volunteered for the Edwardsburg Public School and for sporting events.
He was preceded in death by a son, David.
Survivors include his wife of 64 years, Janet;
two daughters, Rona (Robert) Tanger of Elkhart and Jane (Michael) Hijligen of Edwardsburg; one son, Terry L. ‘64 (Diane) Sager of Allentown, Pa; eight grandchildren, including Nicholas ‘97 (Rebecca) Sager of Omaha, Neb; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Milton C. Spaan ‘36 of Grand Rapids, Mich., died on Monday, June 27, 2005. He was 90. He was a cost accountant and served as treasurer of the City of Wyoming (Mich.) before becoming an English teacher and tennis coach at Central High School until his retirement.

He was a long-time member of Hope Reformed Church in Grand Rapids, where he served on the consistory and taught Sunday School. He enjoyed tennis, golf, fishing, racquetball, reading, gardening, wood-working and fashioning stained glass creations.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Evelyn, and his sister, Eleanor Spaan ‘41 Cossar.

Survivors include his wife of 48 years, Marie Tubergon Kruithof; his children, David ‘58 (Mary) Spaan of Holland, David (Jeanne) Van Eerden of Grand Rapids; four grandchildren, sister, Evelyn Schrier of Kalamazoo, Mich.; and nieces and nephews.

Sympathy To

Marie Tubergon Kruithof of Grand Rapids, Mich., who died on Wednesday, Aug. 10, 2005. She was 89.

She was a retired grade school teacher, and had also taught music.

She was a member of the Pultney Presbyterian Church, and formerly the choir leader. She was also a member of the Penn Yan Choir.

Survivors include her husband, Eugene A. Vis ’55; a son, Thomas R. Vis ’73 of Reston, Va.; daughters, Barbara Vis ’76 (Galen) Stanley of Columbia, Md., and Virginia Vis of Arlington, Va.; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Luella Nykerk ‘38 Van Lente of Holland, Mich., died on Friday, Aug. 5, 2005. She was 89.

She worked for many years at DeVries and Doornbos Drugries.

She was a member of Beechwood Reformed Church, where she was active in the women’s guild, Sunday school program and Mission Sunday.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John (George) Van Lente in 1994.


Foster M. Van Vliet Sr. ’56 of Williamson, Mich., died on Thursday, July 21, 2005. He was 90. He had been a school teacher for 40 years.

Survivors include his wife of 67 years, Harriet; his children, Foster (Judy) Van Vliet Jr., Delbert (Laurel) Van Vliet, David Van Vliet, and Janice Van Vliet; grandchildren; step-grandchildren; great-grandchildren; step-great-grandchildren; a brother, Ted (Paula) Van Vliet of Chicago, Ill., a sister-in-law, Mrs. Harold (Elma Jane) Vander Zwag of Olive Center, Mich.; and nieces, nephews and cousins.

Ruth Quaint ’48 Vis of Branchport, N.Y., died on Friday, Aug. 19, 2005. She was 82.

She was a retired school teacher, and had taught music.

She was the member of the Pultney Presbyterian Church, and formerly the choir leader. She was also a member of the Penn Yan Choir.

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She was a retired teacher who most recently taught English and American literature at Holland (Mich.) Christian High School.

She was preceded in death in 1990 by her husband, Rev. Dr. Bastian Kruithof, who served many churches in the RCA and taught at Hope from 1944 to 1947 and from 1957 to 1972.

Her son, Rev. Frederick R. “Fritz” Kruithof ’61 of Kalamazoo, Mich., is a retired RCA pastor and honorary member of the college’s board of trustees who served on the board from 1991 to 2003.

Survivors in addition to her son include his wife, Sharon, and three grandchildren, Kerk Kruithof of South Haven, Mich., Brad Kruithof ’92 of Burbank, Calif., and Ryan (Pam) Kruithof of Scotts, Mich.

The family of Swany Vander Burgh of Zeeland, Mich., who died on Wednesday, Aug. 10, 2005. She was 89.

She was a member of First Christian Reformed Church of Zeeland.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John, on Wednesday, March 31, 2004. His work in stained glass was featured in the De Pree Art Gallery from Aug. 22 through Sept. 19.

Survivors include her children, Roll Vander Burgh ’79 of Holland, Mich., Cynthia Vander Burgh ’66 (Richard) Miyamoto of Indianapolis, Ind., and Ruth Vander Burgh ’80 of Gold Beach, Ore.; two grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; a sister, Ruth Kramer of Zeeland; a brother, Jan Shoet of The Hague, the Netherlands; in-laws, Henrik (Marta) Vander Burgh of Baarn, the Netherlands, and Mrs. J.C. Barink of The Hague; and nieces and nephews.

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Broken beanbag sparks venture

"Foof"—it’s not exactly a word that fits into a typical vocabulary.

But for Matt Jung ’97 and Daniel “Chip” George ’97, “Foof” is on the lips of everyone at their Grand Rapids furniture company, Comfort Research. That’s because sales of their signature piece, the Foof Chair, have propelled Comfort Research to success in recent years, and there are no signs that this growth will slow anytime soon.

Jung and George’s Foof Chair is an updated version of the beanbag chairs made popular in the 1960s, only with a twist. While the men were still juniors at Hope, they had an old beanbag chair that kept leaking pellets. Instead of throwing it away, they looked for a way to repair it.

“We decided to rip up some old couch cushions and fill the bag with that instead,” George said. “People liked it, and we thought, ‘Hey, we should try to make these.’”

That’s exactly what they did. Today, all of Comfort Research’s Foof products are filled with urethane foam, a material much more comfortable and durable than the pellets used in old-style beanbags. A quick glance through the company’s catalog reveals that almost any color, shape, and size of Foof product is available—including fruit-shaped chairs, pet beds, club chairs, ottomans, and pillows.

In the classroom, George and Jung felt challenged to work hard and aim for excellence. They both enjoyed the small class sizes and the interest that their professors and advisors showed in their personal and academic growth.

“Every time we go to a trade show, we’re one of the more unique companies there,” said George, who travels to eight to more shows each year to market their products. “Even if we don’t have a place in their stores, [retailers] at least stop by and try out our products and say, ‘Wow! This is so comfortable. I can’t believe it!’ We get that kind of reaction a lot.”

But many retailers have found a place in their stores for Comfort Research’s products. Currently, the company sells wholesale to more than 300 retailers around the country, including department stores like JCPenney, Kohl’s, and Sears. They also sell to smaller, specialty stores, as well as wholesalers to more than 300 retailers around the country.

Sales of Comfort Research have grown by leaps and bounds with each passing year, and this accomplishment is not going unnoticed. George and Jung were among 11 entrepreneurs recognized during the 2004 Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year Awards for the West Michigan area. Additionally, Comfort Research has been featured in magazines such as Business Week and Entrepreneur.

This story of success is due, no doubt, to the hard work and determination of George and Jung, who are now both 30 years old. But they’ll say there were many other factors that played a part in their story, especially when they look back to the beginning of their business venture, and even earlier.

“I planned on owning my own business since I was 12,” said Jung, who earned a double major in accounting and business administration at Hope. “Everyone in my family has been in their own business at some point in their lives, and I just couldn’t imagine doing it any other way.”

George, who studied geology and business administration, was also open to the idea. His father, a business owner, had always told his son that there were many good reasons to start a company.

So after the friends revived their old beanbag chair in their junior year, they decided to pursue the possibility of turning their idea into a full-fledged business. At first, the young entrepreneurs tried to sell the chair covers themselves, visiting fabric stores to buy fabric remnants, zippers, and Velcro. They also enlisted the help of George’s mom, Mary Piers ’68 George of Hope.

“It took two hours for me to sew one cover, and I know how to sew,” she recalled. “And I said, ‘Gaye, this is not a job you can do yourselves.’”

The two students agreed, and decided to contract their sewing to a local company that could make the covers for much less than anticipated. They started buying fabric remnants from local furniture manufacturers Herman Miller and Haworth, and to speed up production of the chairs, they purchased a 16-horsepower chipper to shred the foam.

By the time their senior year began, George and Jung were selling their chairs at schools like Michigan State, Purdue, Northwestern, and, of course, Hope College. At Christmas, they opened a temporary retail store in Holland’s outlet mall and nearly sold out of their products. Through those early days, their college friends, professors, and parents were a great source of encouragement.

“We were a sounding board for us, asking us, ‘Have you thought about this, or have you thought about that?’” recalled George. “If it weren’t for Hope College, there are some people that wouldn’t have taken an interest in us and what we were doing.”

In the classroom, George and Jung felt challenged to work hard and aim for excellence. They both enjoyed the small class sizes and the interest that their professors and advisors showed in their personal and academic growth. One such professor was William Japinga, who taught business and marketing classes at Hope for 22 years before retiring in 2001.

“They were young, and they wanted to do something themselves,” Japinga said of George and Jung’s venture. “You have to give them credit for having the fortitude to do that, rather than taking the so-called normal way of going to work for someone else.”

Friends of George and Jung also played a major role in the business start-up, from chipping foam to selling the Foof chairs at colleges and universities during the busy times at the beginning of the school year.

“I remember when we got our first big order from Meijer,” said George. “We gathered six or seven friends and all worked together for 24 hours straight to chip the foam and fill the bags.”

For her part, Mary George wasn’t sure at the time how far the business endeavor would take her son and Jung. But she did know that Hope College was a good place for their entrepreneurial spirit to take root.

“Nobody laughed at the idea,” she said of the Foof chair. “Being at a liberal arts college, they weren’t locked into one thing. I think at a small liberal arts college like Hope, there’s more interest in individual people and individual projects.”

Today, nearly 10 years after reworking that first old beanbag chair, George and Jung are excited about what’s ahead for Comfort Research. One year ago, they moved their business into a 35,000-square-foot facility in Grand Rapids, which houses their offices and a large manufacturing area. Comfort Research now employs 30 people full time, and up to 50 more short-term workers leading up to the Christmas season. The business has showrooms in Los Vegas, Nev., and High Point, N.C., and may open a distribution center on the West Coast to better serve their clients on that side of the country.

Jung, who heads finance and operations, says his favorite part of the business is the continual growth and change. For instance, Comfort Research recently started manufacturing products for several stores, and is also looking into buying other companies.

“What we were doing two years ago is not what we’re doing today—from a production standpoint, from a product standpoint, to the way that we’re looking to grow our business,” Jung said.

Both men agree that the biggest challenge in their business is to constantly respond to the needs and desires of people who buy their products.

“You have to stay ahead of the game or someone will take your place,” said George. “You’re allowed a couple of ‘losers’ as long as they’re with a lot of ‘winners.”

Hope College students, faculty, staff, and visitors can test out Comfort Research’s products by visiting the second floor rotunda in the new Martha Miller Center for Global Communication, where several large Foof chairs are part of the décor.