Legacies: A Vision of Hope

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Legacies: A Vision of Hope will have a far-reaching impact, providing support campus-wide for immediate and future needs.

The $85 million campaign’s three primary emphases—construction of a new science center which will include expanding and renovating the existing Peale Science Center, increasing the endowment, and enhancing and expanding several other facilities—will affect every department and every student.

The Board of Trustees announced the campaign during its annual fall meeting, held on campus on Thursday and Friday, Oct. 5-6. As of the public announcement, some $54,431,941, or 64 percent, of the campaign’s goal had been raised, according to national chairs Peter Cook, Peter Huizenga ’60 and Philip Miller ’65. Cook, Huizenga and Miller are also members of Hope’s Board of Trustees.

The science center will double the current building, expanded to the west to include new classrooms, laboratories, and office and storage space. Peale Science Center, which is more than 25 years old, will be updated to better meet contemporary teaching and research needs.

The expanded building will continue to house the departments of biology, chemistry, biochemistry, the geological and environmental sciences, and psychology, with the department of nursing moving in from its cottage headquarters on 14th Street. The design will complement the college’s on-going emphasis on collaborative student-faculty research as a teaching model, with the addition of interdisciplinary classroom space reflecting the way that the boundaries between disciplines continue to blur.

The project will total $36 million.

Endowment provides on-going support for every dimension of the college, and Hope’s endowment must grow if the college is to continue to serve its students well.

Currently, Hope’s endowment ranks in the bottom half of the college’s peer-school group. As two examples, while Hope had an endowment of $37,619 per student during 1999-2000, Kalamazoo College had $76,950 per student and Albion College had $97,800 per student.

Goals for additional endowment include scholarships; faculty research funds and chairs; support for the academic program, internships and the student development program; and funds for equipment needs and library resources. The $30 million sought through Legacies: A Vision of Hope should generate more than $2 million annually.

Although the Peale Science Center expansion is the largest single project of the campaign, it is only one of several.

The new Martha Miller Center will house the departments of dance, communication, and modern and classical languages, all of which have outgrown their current homes in the Dow Center, Lubbers Hall and Graves Hall respectively.

A conceptual view of the new science center, looking north. The current Peale Science Center forms the right side of the building. The science center renovation and expansion comprises $36 million of the $85 campaign.

Hope exists and thrives today because of those who have supported the college in the past.

Such is the premise of the Legacies: A Vision of Hope campaign: that Hope College is a legacy left to students by the generations that have preceded them, and that Hope will continue to make a meaningful difference in the lives of young people only if others make the same commitment now.

With its broad emphasis on facilities and endowment alike, and given the short- and long-term needs in each, the Legacies campaign provides a timely chance to do so.

“We have an opportunity to participate in something very significant in the life of Hope College,” said President James Bultman ’63. “Legacies: A Vision of Hope will positively impact every area of our campus community, both now and in the future.”

President Bultman’s goal is to help a very good Hope College become not only better, but the best: the Trustees desire Hope to be one of the nation’s leading Christian liberal arts colleges. The potential, President Bultman believes, already exists.

“Number one, you need to have outstanding people,” he said. “Our Board of Trustees provides outstanding leadership. We have a very supportive and caring constituency. We have an absolutely superb faculty. We have dedicated staff members. And we have very diligent students.”

To be exceptional, you also have to have outstanding programs,” President Bultman said. “And Hope has them, both on this campus and off, in a variety of settings that challenge each one of our students.”

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