RESEARCH SUPPORT: Hope has received a fourth consecutive award for student research from the Arnold and Mabel Beckman Foundation of Irvine, Calif. Hope is one of only 14 institutions nationwide to receive a “Beckman Scholar Award” for 2005. Hope also received awards in 1996, the year that the program began, and 2000 and 2002. The foundation established the Beckman Scholars Program to enhance the training of the nation’s most talented and gifted undergraduates in chemistry and the biological sciences by providing sustained, in-depth laboratory research experiences with faculty mentors. The recipient colleges and universities were chosen out of an initial pool of nearly 800 institutions across the country.

The $70,400 award to Hope will support a total of four students across the next three years as they conduct research in biology, biochemistry/molecular biology or chemistry. The award will support the students as they conduct research with faculty members full-time during two summers and part-time during the intervening school year.

This year’s proposal from Hope was written and submitted by Dr. Michael Silver, who is the Fredrich Garrett and Helen DeVos Fieldhouse in honor of Dr. Patricia DeLany and Helen DeVos, who are the Frederich Garrett and Helen DeVos Foundation. The Community donated $50,000 to the Richard DeVos Center for the Arts, which was sponsored by the chapter and the Community Foundation of the Grand Rapids chapter of the American Culinary Federation (ACF).

OUTSTANDING CHEF: Todd Van Wieren, executive chef of the Haworth Inn and Conference Center, has been named “Chef of the Year” by the Greater Grand Rapids chapter of the American Culinary Federation (ACF). He was recognized during the “Grand Culinary Affair” held at Grand Rapids Community College on Tuesday, Jan. 25, which was sponsored by the chapter and Grand Rapids Magazine to recognize the restaurants presented with 2004 dining awards by the publication as well as the top chefs, educators, students and other culinary professionals honored by the chapter.

The “Chef of the Year” award recognizes an outstanding culinarian who works and cooks in a full-service dining facility, who has demonstrated the highest standard of culinary skills, and has given back to the profession through the development of students and apprentices.

Van Wieren, a Certified Executive Chef, is the original chef of the Haworth Inn and Conference Center. He is employed by Creative Dining Services, the management company that oversees Hope’s hospitality program. He manages a kitchen staff of 20 full- and part-time employees. The Haworth Center kitchen prepares meals for conferences at the center year-round, as well as for students who dine in the student dining room during school-year weekdays.

FITTING TRIBUTE: Lasting contributions to multiple communities prompted a gift to a project that will also serve in a variety of ways.

Freedom Village Holland Retirement Community donated $50,000 to the Richard and Helen DeVos Fieldhouse in honor of Dr. William Vanderbilt Sr. ’61. The building’s display concerning cross country at Hope—one of several stories chronicling athletic history at the college—will be named in his honor.

Dr. Vanderbilt, who is executive director of the Community Foundation of the Holland/Zeeland Area, was the founding executive director of Freedom Village, spearheading the effort to develop the community, which opened in 1991. He was previously a member of the Hope kinesiology faculty for 21 years (1967-88), with teaching responsibilities in the area of the sociology and psychology of physical activity and sport, and chaired the department for 13 years.

He coached six different sports during his tenure at Hope, including cross country for 17 years.

Editor’s Note: Freedom Village—located just three blocks north of campus—figures prominently in the chapter on page 14. The future also examines Hope’s appeal as a center of cultural activity for retirees, many alumni, who choose to make Holland their home.

Faculty Kudos

Jackie Bartley, adjunct assistant professor of English, is author of Women Fresh from Water, a chapbook of poems being published this spring by Finishing Line Press.

“Bartley reveals to us the seamlessness of the worlds we wander in,” says Jack Ridl, who is both a poet and a Hope faculty colleague. “Like her women in water, we must learn to ‘live with’ those worlds not by dominating, but by cooperating with the elements that make us who we are, and by surrendering to skill and trust.”

The poems in the new collection take place in or around water as it weaves a constant thread through the lives of girls and women. Nevertheless, it is a book for both genders as it explores the nature of living and growing old in a world that is simultaneously lovely, dangerous and perplexing, according to author and Hope professor Dr. Heather Sellers, “In old movies, grade school, and locker rooms [Bartley] pulls out a kind of underwater music. Think swimming pool, dive into this volume again and again, refreshed each time. Truly wonderful poems.”

President Dr. James E. Bultman ’63 has been elected to the Board of Directors of the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (NAICU). He was elected to the board during NAICU’s annual meeting in Washington, D.C., in February. He will serve a three-year term representing private colleges from Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Wisconsin.

President Bultman has been an active leader in higher education circles. Present memberships include the Michigan