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As the *Legacies: A Vision of Hope* campaign enters its final months, the involvement of the entire Hope family is being sought to help bring the multi-year, comprehensive fund-raising effort to a successful conclusion. At the same time, the campaign, for which all pledges must be made December 31, has already had a significant impact, a direct result of the generous support given so far and tangible evidence of just what a major difference such support can and does make at the college.

"This campaign has been very exhilarating because of the generosity of so many people," said President James Bultman '63. "And we feel very humbled to receive such support from so many of our alumni and friends."

Legacies: A Vision of Hope was announced in October of 2000 as an \$85 million campaign with three primary components: building a new science center and renovating the existing Peale Science Center; increasing the endowment; and enhancing and expanding other campus facilities, including the construction of the Martha Miller Center for Global Communication.

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Just a few months later, Hope received a \$7.5 million leadership gift from the Richard and Helen DeVos Foundation for another major project: a fieldhouse to be built on the Eastern Gateway to campus and Holland. Although initially developed independent of *Legacies*, the fieldhouse project eventually became a fourth component of the campaign, with the overall goal increased accordingly to \$105 million.

After nearly four years, results of *Legacies* are everywhere. Most dramatic so far is the new science center, which opened in August of 2003. The building stretches more than 100 yards east to west, and is highlighted by a three-story atrium that soars 78 feet floor to skylight.

Even more impressive than its architecture, however, is the difference that the building has already been making as a center for learning.

"The facilities overall are better for doing science," said Brian Mott, a senior chemistry major from Zeeland, Mich.

Mott has conducted research in the labo-

ratory of Dr. Michael Pikaart for three years, two of them in Peale.

"There's a lot more room, it's a lot cleaner, and we definitely have acquired more instruments," he said. Mott has also appreciated the increased integration of departments fostered by the design of the new building, which groups researchers by general interest rather than along traditional discipline lines.

David Weatherly, a junior chemistry major from Rochester, Mich., has also conducted research in both Peale and the new building, with Dr. Elizabeth Sanford.

"It's just such a beautiful place to work in," he said. "And this lab is a lot bigger than our last lab."

In addition to appreciating the new building himself, he has also noticed its impact on visitors such as prospective students. "It's just very inspiring—like the atrium and everything," he said.

The benefits will only grow. The renovation of the adjacent Peale Science Center will be complete in time for the start of the new school year later this month, and the building's occupants started moving into the facility in July (please see the story on pages 10 and 11). As noted in the related story on page two, a dedication celebration for the entire science center complex will be held on Friday, Oct. 8, during Homecoming Weekend.

The total cost for the new building and the renovation is \$36 million. So far, the college has raised just over \$28 million for the project.

Just as the science center project has made and will make a major difference to the college's programs in biology, chemistry, the geological and environmental sciences, nursing and psychology, so, too, are the campaign's other major building projects eagerly awaited for the impact that they will have.

Ground was broken in late April for both the Richard and Helen DeVos Fieldhouse and the Martha Miller Center for Global Communication. Dramatic progress has been made during the summer (as shown on pages 10 and 11); the plan is for the Martha Miller Center to be ready for the 2005-06 school year, and for the DeVos Fieldhouse to open in the fall of 2005.

The Martha Miller Center will house the departments of communication and of modern and classical languages, as well as the offices of international education and multicultural life. The college has raised \$5.5 million of the \$12 million cost.

The DeVos Fieldhouse will house offices for the department of kinesiology and the athletic training program, and will become home court for the volleyball and men's and women's basketball programs. It will be owned and operated by Hope and will serve as a community resource for local events, helping to meet an area-wide need for such space.

Particular emphasis has been placed on the fieldhouse site itself. Generous use of green space will place the building in a park-like setting. At the same time, the City of Holland is rebuilding neighboring Fairbanks Avenue and plans to build a round-about at the northeast corner, at Eighth and Ninth streets, which will trans-



Support of Hope College has a lasting impact. Graves Hall, a part of campus for more than 110 years, provides a good example—the building was made possible through gifts in the 1890s from Nathan F. Graves and Garret E. Winants, and serves the college still. Just as the term "legacy" bridges past and future, so, too, does the *Legacies* campaign. Projects remaining—and for which need remains—include the restoration of the historic building. (Note that this photo predates Voorhees Hall—the building, dedicated in 1907, does not yet stand at left. Image courtesy of the Hope College Collection of the Joint Archives of Holland.)

form the visual appeal of the main eastern entrance to the downtown and campus neighborhood.

Although the college is edging within a million or so of the \$22 million goal for the fieldhouse project, additional funding will assist not only with the building but with the ambitious grounds work. One inventive fund-raising effort: supporters may purchase engraved bricks that will line the main entry plaza for \$250 each.

In other work in the area, the city is vacating 11th and 12th streets in the block centered on the railroad tracks as a safety measure, to eliminate some of the many crossings in the city. One result will be additional green space.

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"With all of our improvements, we are really trying to be a very good neighbor to the city of Holland even as they have been very helpful for the college," said President Bultman. "The town-gown relationship is very strong and mutually beneficial."

Campus improvements already completed include the construction of new weight and exercise rooms, and of two new dance studios, in the Dow Center, and the restoration of the stained glass windows and mortar joints of Dimnent Memorial Chapel.

Projects remaining include the renovation of Graves and Lubbers halls, and the restoration of the chapel's Skinner organ.

Dating to the 1890s, Graves initially featured large spaces, housing both the college's library and chapel. It currently houses offices for the faculty in modern and classical languages, but once the Martha Miller Center is built will be available for other use. The stately, turreted building

could become, President Bultman believes, a showpiece within as well as without.

"We'd like to return Graves to much of what it was originally," he said. "It's a grand building deserving of restoration."

The college has enjoyed great success in raising endowment, exceeding the \$30 million goal. Results include 160 new endowment funds, among them four new endowed professorships and 133 new scholarships.

The scholarships, President Bultman noted, are especially gratifying, for college, givers and students alike.

"The most cherished gifts at the college, and the one that donors seem most eager to give, are endowed scholarships," he said. "They make a Hope education possible for talented and deserving students."

Even with the support, though, Hope remains near the bottom of its peer group in endowment per student. For example, among the 12 Great Lakes Colleges Association schools during 2002-03, Hope placed last with \$34,080; the average was \$135,281.

"Hope needs additional support in all four major initiatives if the goals of the campaign are to be fully met," President Bultman said. "We trust that all who love the college and value its work with students will participate by contributing as they are able and helping to realize the *Legacies* vision of an even stronger Hope."

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Additional information about *Legacies: A Vision of Hope* may be obtained by visiting the college online at www.hope.edu/advancement/legacies, calling (616) 395-7775 or e-mailing advancement@hope.edu.