

January 1, 1990 thru December 31, 1990

Faculty Service to Hope College

Name Herbert L. Dershem

A. Scheduled Teaching - Courses

	Dept. & No.	Credit Hours	Course Description	Contact Hours	Other Contact	Enroll.
Spring	CSCI 286	3	Data Structures	3	0	12
	CSCI 295	2	Methods of Teaching CS	1	0	1
	CSCI390	3	Database Management Systems	3	0	22
	CSCI 495	3	Artificial Intelligence	3	0	12
	CSCI 700	3	Computers in Education	1	0	3
May/June						
Summer						
Fall	CSCI 320	3	Business Info Systems	3	0	16
	CSCI 383	3	Programming Languages	3	0	20
	CSCI 491	3	Internship in CS	1	0	3

B. Academic Advising

Total number of advisees 37
Majors 20
Fresh./Soph. 12

C. Scholarly Activity

1. *Scholarly Work Supported by Outside Funding* (list both project description and source of funding)

Member of NSF ILI Review Panel
Reviewed manuscript for textbook on data abstraction

2. *Other Scholarly Work and/or General Professional Development*

Reviewed 3 papers for National Educational Computer Conference
Reviewed 4 papers for SIGCSE Technical Symposium
Reviewed 2 papers for Great Lakes Computer Science Conference
Session presider at National Educational Computer Conference
Programming Languages textbook published
Summer Faculty Research grant - studied Probabilistic Algorithms

E. Internal Service

1. <i>Student Oriented</i>	Check (✓) Activity	Total # of Students	# of Students Enrolled for Credit
Supervision of Independent study or research	✓	6	6
Directing a Play			
Recitals			
Coaching			
Other (describe)			
2. <i>Administrative (List)</i>			
Chair, Computer Science Department			
3. <i>Board and Committee Assignments (List)</i>			
Professional Interests Committee (Chair half year)			
Handbook Revision Committee			
4. <i>Departmental Assignments (List)</i>			
Admissions liaison			
Internship coordinator			
Colloquium coordinator			

E. Public Service/Consulting
None

F. Other

Trustee Scholarship interviewer
Science Day presenter
Van Zoeren/VanderWerf dedication committee member
Presenter at High Achievers Day sponsored by Admissions
Taught graduate course CS 502, Microcomputers for Teachers, for Western Michigan University
Zion Lutheran Church - Stephen Ministry Leader (half year)
Holland Young Life Committee: Treasurer
Annual Fund-Raising Banquet co-chair
Member, Holland High School Parents' Athletic Club (half year)

Signature: 

Date: January 19, 1991

1990
Self-Evaluation
Herbert L. Dershem

Teaching

My teaching continued to be strong. I was especially pleased with the student evaluations in CSCI 320 which is a class that I had not taught in eight years and which I do not particularly enjoy teaching. The 495 topics course on Artificial Intelligence was also a challenge to teach as this field changes considerably each time I teach it.

Summary of Fall 1988 Evaluations

	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D+	D	GPA
Preparation	56	11	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3.91
Instruction	52	13	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	3.89
Stimulation of Interest	37	17	9	4	2	0	0	1	0	1	3.67
Concern for Students	58	8	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3.92
Overall Evaluation	55	12	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	3.91

As I have done for the last two years, I led a three-week module in the Senior Project Seminar on Computer Ethics.

Scholarship

My major effort in scholarship involved my work on probabilistic algorithms as a part of summer research project. I also was active in reviewing articles for conferences.

Service

A major part of my time was devoted to this area in the past year, serving as chairperson of PIC in the Spring, leading the hearing of a grievance in the late spring, and serving on the Handbook Revision Committee during the summer and fall.

Advising

The student evaluations of my advising were good. I continued to receive favorable comments from parents regarding my advising.

Chairmanship

My major emphasis here was in the recruitment of Fran Vallely for the one-year replacement position and working with Fran and Shirley Browne as first-year faculty members.

Review of Goals for 1990

1. *Begin a research program in probabilistic algorithms:* I accomplished this through support from a summer research grant. I did not accomplish as much as I had hoped.

2. *Assimilate a new faculty member into the department:* This is only partially accomplished at this time.

Goals for 1991

1. Redesign the CSCI 220, Computer Science II course to integrate discrete mathematics and object-oriented programming into the topics of the course.
2. Prepare a prospectus for a textbook for the course designed in 1 above.
3. Obtain funding for support of student research in Computer Science.

Dean's Performance Evaluation
Herbert L. Dershem
January, 1991

Effectiveness as a Teacher

After reading student evaluations, I become convinced once again that Herb is an exceptionally effective teacher. Students consistently stress his ability to meet them at their own individual level of understanding and his willingness to spend the time with them to assure their intellectual growth. He teaches what many consider to be difficult subject material, yet his students clearly recognize his gifts as an educator, even when the student reward for a semester (translate low grade) is not necessarily exceptionally high.

Effectiveness as a Scholar

The fact that Herb is well-respected in his field is attested to by the number of papers and grant proposals he is asked to review as well as by his selection as a presider at the National Educational Computer Conference. This past year he published a textbook on Programming Languages and he also initiated some research with funds from the Hope Faculty Development Program. His research efforts were impaired to some degree by a large time-commitment to the college as a member of the Faculty Handbook Revision Team, by the need to recruit a term position for the department and by the need to provide mentorship for two new faculty in the department.

Effectiveness in Service

Herb is active on the Professional Interests Committee, and he served as committee chair for the Spring, 1990 semester. He was asked to be a member of the Faculty Handbook Revision Team and he has spent an enormous amount of energy on that task. He is a dedicated faculty advisor to his students, and he is an effective chairperson. His leadership skills as chair have allowed him to shape a department that, in my opinion, is on the verge of becoming one of the best departments at the college. Herb spends time working with his faculty (including attending some classes as appropriate) to insure their development as effective teacher/scholars. He is a positive influence on young faculty. Lastly, it is evident to me that Herb is very active in the community, as evidenced by the fact that Herb has been involved in a multitude of community events

SUMMARY PERFORMANCE RATING

		Sc		Se,T
unsatisfactory	fair	good	excellent	exceptional

James M. Gentile, Dean