

Get to know President Voskuil: From music taste to dating tips!

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What does his family look like?
President Voskuil and his wife, Betty, have one daughter and two sons. Both of their boys attended Hope! They have nine grandchildren.

Favorite food in Phelps?
He loves the barbeque ranch dressing, so he will eat a salad every day just to incorporate that sauce. If it's not a salad-kind-of-day, he says he loves the hot dogs, too. President Voskuil says that "we have it good" here at Hope, and that our dining hall is great.

Who would he eat dinner with, dead or alive?
Abraham Lincoln or Martin Luther.

Favorite part about living on campus?
He loves the students and the community he gets to see walking around campus. He is happy with how gracious and respectful Hope students are.

Dream trip?
His favorite places to visit are Boston, Ireland and Scotland. He has always wanted to visit Asia and Africa!

His wife?
They have been married for 53 years after meeting when she beat him in a spelling bee in sixth grade. He even calls her "the spark of my life" and loves her for her "vitality."

Does he play any instruments?
He sang in choir and was the second chair trumpet player in his high school band.

Favorite type of music?
He loves Celtic music, rock, classical and even some Ed Sheeran!

Favorite sport to play?
Football! He even played when he attended the University of Wisconsin.

A dating tip from the president!?
He met his wife very early on, and while he loved getting to be in her life for that long, he says it doesn't work like that for everyone. People change a lot over time, and it is okay to meet "the one" later in life!

What did he study in college?
He studied history but later continued on to seminary here at Hope!

Fun Fact!
President Voskuil and his wife sometimes sit with anyone who is eating alone in Phelps. Next time you see them there, invite them to sit with you. They love getting to know students!

Favorite sport to watch?
He loves watching basketball, especially the Hope team. He recently hosted the Calvin president in the DeVos Fieldhouse during a huge rivalry!

Was his dorm room messy or neat?
MESSY!

Favorite singer or band?
Peter, Paul and Mary, Bob Dylan, Woody Guthrie, Smothers Brothers, Celtic Woman and, of course, The Beatles, are all in President Voskuil's list of favorite artists.

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