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### *Message from the Director*



Haworth Inn and Conference Center

Learn more about the [Parent's Club](#) at the Haworth Inn.

Each fall, I find it amazing how quickly the campus is transformed with the arrival of our students. Within the span of only a day or two, there is so much energy and activity, it seems as though they were never away for the summer.

Hope College welcomes the newest members of our community -- members of the Class of 2009 and their families. A special welcome to new families who are receiving their first issue of the Parents' Place e-newsletter. It is our hope that this e-newsletter will be but one of the many ways you can remain informed about and engaged in the life of the college.

Our list of subscribers for the e-newsletter continues to grow -- please [click here](#) for information regarding how to subscribe. Subscribers receive the e-newsletter via their personal email accounts.

If there are specific topics or issues which you would like to see included in future publications of the Parents' Place e-newsletter, please call our office at 616.395.7250 or [email](#) us to share your ideas.



*Stephanie Haag '95 Greenwood*  
*Director of Parent Relations*

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### Welcome from the Parents' Council



Greetings to parents and families on behalf of the [Hope College Parents' Council](#) as we begin another academic year!

The Parents' Council is a group of 20 parents of current Hope students, representing a wide geography and academic class distribution.

As parents of a Hope College junior, we encourage and affirm your involvement in your own student's college experience. College years can be exciting, challenging, frustrating and life-changing for your student -- and perhaps for you, too!

Hope College parent relations initiatives include website information, a quarterly e-newsletter, prayer requests through Campus Ministries, Parents' Weekend, and many other activities and communications. All are designed to keep you informed and involved.

May you and your Hope student be blessed throughout the coming academic year!

*Libby and Eric Peterson*  
*Hope College Parents' Council 2005-2006 Chair Couple*

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### 2004 Milestone Yearbooks



2004 Yearbooks are available beginning Tuesday, September 6 to be picked up at the Student Union Desk in the DeWitt Center for members of the Junior and Senior classes.

Copies are available for purchase for those students who did not order a copy in advance. The cost is \$36 and the charge can be billed to your student's account.

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["Global Hope"](#)  
[Fall 2005 Convocation Address](#)

Professor [Deirdre D. Johnston](#)  
Communications Dept. Chair

## Critical Issues Symposium 2005

For over 20 years the Critical Issues Symposium (CIS) has been an integral part of the Hope College academic landscape. A committee of faculty, staff, and students, in consultation with President Bultman, select one topic to focus on each year. Hope College takes this academic endeavor seriously enough to cancel classes for one day each fall in order to allow the campus community to fully participate in examining the topic at hand. CIS has sponsored international leaders in a variety of fields, but also calls on the resources of the West Michigan and Hope College communities to provide input on our discussions.

### 2005 Topic

#### From Auschwitz to Darfur: Genocide in the Global Village

This year CIS is focusing on the difficult topic of genocide. Unfortunately, the history of genocide mirrors the history of humanity. As our title indicates, we are focusing on genocide in a contemporary context, especially in relation to how all of us are affected by acts of genocide. In addition, we humbly hope to challenge our community to respond to the situations which create opportunities for genocide, as well as exploring options for responding to acts of genocide.

*Alfredo Gonzales*  
*Associate Provost and CIS Chair*

For additional information on this year's speakers and a detailed schedule of activities, please visit the [CIS website](#).

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## ESPN2 -- Fiercest College Basketball Rivalries



Hope versus Calvin -- There is no other college basketball rivalry like it.

The Hope-Calvin basketball rivalry has never lacked for interest. Since it began in 1917, fans throughout western Michigan and alumni of both colleges across the country have eagerly anticipated this annual competition.

Sports channel ESPN2 is including the Hope-Calvin men's basketball rivalry in an upcoming segment of its "Greatest College Basketball Honor Roll" series.

The "Fiercest Rivalries" segment will air Tuesday, September 13 at 6am (ET).

The teams will meet Saturday, January 14, 2006 to continue the rivalry at the new [DeVos Fieldhouse](#).

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## E-Subscriptions for Parents and Families

In addition to the Parents' E-Newsletter, there are other e-publications to which parents and families may subscribe -- all are free of charge!

- **Alumni E-News Link**  
This quarterly publication is specifically for Hope College alumni. Includes alumni profile stories, information about upcoming events, volunteer opportunities for alumni and more. [Click here](#) to subscribe.
- **Arts Update**  
Keep up-to-date on the Hope College Arts scene via e-mail. [Click here](#) to subscribe.
- **The Hope Sports Report**  
Receive the daily Hope Sports Report via email with highlights and scores. To subscribe send an email to [trenner@hope.edu](mailto:trenner@hope.edu).
- **Prayer Request Email List**  
Campus Ministries coordinates monthly prayer requests to which parents and families may subscribe if they would like to include the Hope community and its students in their prayers. Each month, the ministry staff identifies current needs on campus and sends an email message to those parents who have subscribed so they may also include these needs in their own personal prayers. To subscribe, send an email to [parents@hope.edu](mailto:parents@hope.edu).

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## Faculty Kudos

Read what students have to say about Hope College faculty!

"[Tod Gugino](#) is the man who holds the chemistry department together. For me he not only was a lab instructor, but a mission trip leader as well. In my opinion, this is an example of what a real Hope professor is—a person who desires to help us learn in all aspects of life. I admire Tod's work ethic, his generosity with time and energy, and his motivation to go above and beyond his job description. Thank you for all you have done for Hope!"

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"[Roger Nemeth](#) stands out as influencing my life more than any other faculty member. I had the privilege of taking many of his classes, and what made him a truly talented teacher was that he made the material relevant to everyone in the class regardless of their background or academic talent. More than anything he taught me in the classroom, it was his open door policy that touched my life the most. Roger's door was always open for a quick question or a long conversation. He offered me encouragement and advice that I still value today, and occasionally have the opportunity to pass along to my own students. Roger gave me the model of who I want to be as a faculty member (if I ever get there!), and that is far more valuable than all of the sociology he also taught me!"

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"[Natalie Dykstra's](#) ability to read her students makes her an outstanding mentor. Perhaps the reason Natalie understands us so well is because she devotes large amounts of time to us. She invests herself in our lives, spending hours chatting with us at Lemonjello's, or dropping in on Salon meetings, or keeping her office door open for us long past her posted hours. Natalie has found that perfect balance of speaking to students in a way that is both friendly and familiar without being condescending or prying. Students trust Natalie because she makes it easy for us to see how much she values us as thinkers and as people. When I leave Natalie's office after a meeting with her, I feel smarter and more capable than I did when I entered it—she knows how to make me believe in my abilities.

In that way, she is both a coach and a professor, both a counselor and a teacher. Natalie is always in her students' corner. By instilling in her students the sense of how valuable we are, Natalie gives us an incredible gift—self-confidence."

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### **Hope College and Reality TV?**

This fall, two families with Hope connections will appear in two popular reality television programs on CBS.

One former Hope College parent will participate as a contestant on "[Survivor: Guatemala](#)". Gary Hogeboom of Grand Haven, MI has had two children attend Hope, his daughter Heidi and his son Jake. Gary is one of sixteen cast members who will compete for the million-dollar prize during the popular show's 11th season. The first episode is scheduled to air Tuesday, September 13th at 8pm ET.

Walter Bransen (Park Ridge, IL) and his three daughters Elizabeth, Lauren (Hope College '05), and Lindsay (Hope College '07) recently competed in "[The Amazing Race - Family Edition](#)". The Bransens will compete against nine other teams on a trek around the world in the hopes of being the first team to reach the final destination and the million-dollar prize. The first episode airs Tuesday, September 27 at 9pm ET.

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### **Hurricane Katrina -- Hope College Responds**

#### ***A Message from President Bultman to the Hope Community September 7, 2005***

With citizens around the nation and indeed throughout the world, we grieve as a campus community at the destruction wrought by hurricane Katrina. There has been considerable discussion among various groups on campus, including especially Student Congress, as to how we might best respond. Together we favor a unified campus effort that would be funneled through existing relief agencies like the American Red Cross, the Salvation Army, or the Christian Reformed World Relief Committee as opposed to every interested campus group doing its own thing. Individuals or groups are welcome to use these college-facilitated avenues or of course to contribute directly through existing organizations as deemed appropriate.

In communication with the [American Council on Education](#) (ACE) and various groups in the Education Secretariat in Washington, Hope is also communicating our willingness to offer tuition and room for up to five qualified students with any tuition collected (or waived if they have already paid their home institution) being forwarded to their home institution in the Gulf. We are also willing to explore the possibility of graduate fellows or visiting faculty using the college as a research or study station during the semester or year.

Thank you for any efforts that you have made individually or collectively with other groups to help alleviate the massive destruction and human grief caused by this natural disaster. Our hearts and our prayers go out to the grieving and the needy during this difficult time.

*James E. Bultman, President*

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Hope students are coordinating the "[Pulling for Hope](#)" campaign to assist with relief efforts for the victims of Hurricane Katrina. A variety of activities and programs are planned.

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*([Click here](#) to learn more about [CampusRelief.org](#), a campus-to-campus resource developed in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina to offer assistance to affected colleges and universities and their students.)*

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### **Parents' Weekend Preview**

Parents' Weekend 2005 is scheduled for Friday, November 4th to Sunday, November 6th.

Weekend activities will include:

- Presidential Update Breakfast
- Friday Evening Coffeehouse with Live Student Entertainment
- Classroom Visits
- Interest Sessions
- Men's and Women's Athletic Events
- Annual Nykerk Cup Competition
- Sunday Morning Chapel Service

Additional information will be mailed in early October and posted online as well. In the meantime, we recommend making your lodging arrangements early. Click [here](#) for information about local accommodations.

We look forward to seeing you there!

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### **Parking Policy Changes**

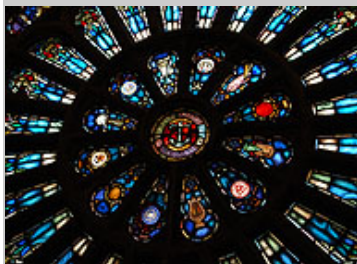
Hope College has made some changes to student parking policies for the 2005/2006 school year.

The College is limiting the number of parking permits sold this year based on recommendations from Student Congress. Permits will be sold first to upperclassmen. Any remaining permits will be available for purchase by members of the freshman class beginning Monday, September 12 at 8am.

Campus Safety strongly encourages students to read over parking regulations upon purchasing their parking permit this year to become familiar with policy changes and the location of student parking lots.

Questions? Please direct your student to call or stop by the Campus Safety office, located at 178 East 11th Street.

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## Planning Calendar

Visit the new [calendar page](#) to see what events and activities will be happening on campus. You can view all events for a given month or sort to view events by category.

Also, be sure to see what [regional events](#) are happening around the country for alumni, parents, and friends of the college.

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## Student Mail -- Guidelines from Mail Services

Hope students love receiving mail from home! In order for your letters and packages to arrive safely and efficiently to your student's address here on campus, please follow [these guidelines](#) from Mail Services (PDF format, requires Adobe Acrobat Reader -- [click here](#) to download free of charge).

Questions? Please contact Andy Huisman, Director of Mail Services, at 616.395.7185 or [huisman@hope.edu](mailto:huisman@hope.edu).

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## Student Referrals

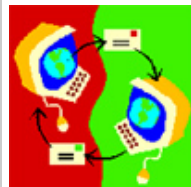
Do you know someone who might be interested in attending Hope College? You can help our admissions staff connect with young men and women you know who could benefit from a Hope College education.

[Click here](#) to complete our online student referral form.

The admissions office will be happy to forward information to your contacts!

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