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Message from the Director

Season's greetings from Hope College!

The Fall 2005 semester is nearly over and soon many students will be leaving campus for Christmas break. We pray for safe travel for all students as they leave campus for various destinations and wish all our Hope College families a joyful holiday season.

Fall semester exams are scheduled for December 12-16. For those students living in on-campus residence halls, the halls will close for the break at 5pm on Friday, December 16. Residence halls will re-open at noon on Sunday, January 8 (*note: Meal service resumes in Phelps Dining Hall on Monday, January 9 at noon. The Kletz snack bar will be open on Sunday from 4:30 - 8:00 p.m. and again at 8:00 a.m. on Monday morning.*).

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As always, 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 at parents@hope.edu to share your ideas.



Stephanie Haag '95 Greenwood
Director of Parent Relations

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The rivalry continues...

[Women's Basketball](#)

Saturday, January 14 at 3 p.m.
at Calvin College

[Men's Basketball](#)

Saturday, January 14 at 3 p.m.
at Hope College

Fall Semester Highlights

As the semester comes to a close, let's take a look back at the highlights from the Fall 2005 semester...

In late August, Hope welcomed the Class of 2009 to campus and the orientation staff had a variety of activities for students to get involved with and learn about each other. One activity in particular, "Time to Serve," is a mass volunteer effort designed to help new students learn about service while helping others and getting to know their community.



Approximately 500 Hope College students participated in service projects throughout the area on Saturday, September 3. This year, the students worked in groups of five to thirty at about forty sites from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Projects ranged from sorting and cleaning at Bibles for Mexico to painting at the Critter Barn; working with residents at Freedom Village to groundskeeping at the Herrick District Library; assisting at the Tulipanes Festival in Centennial Park to groundskeeping and cleaning at many area churches.

This year's Critical Issues Symposium (CIS) explored the ongoing, human-made tragedy of genocide on Tuesday and Wednesday, September 27-28. CIS provides an intensive look at a single topic. This year's symposium titled "From Auschwitz to Darfur: Genocide in the Global Village," featured two keynote addresses, three blocks of concurrent focus and departmental sessions, and a concluding worship service. For additional information on this year's speakers and a detailed schedule of activities, please visit the [CIS website](#).

The Pull, first held in 1898, is an annual fall highlight at Hope. In the competition, freshman and sophomore teams, entrenched in shallow pits on opposite sides of the river, attempt to gain the most rope through their strength and stamina. The Sophomore Class of 2008 took home the 108th Hope College Pull tug-of-war victory on Saturday, September 24, beating out the Freshman Class of 2009 by 20 feet, 1 inch.



Homecoming weekend took place from October 14-16. Friday's events included the Martha Miller Center for Global Communication dedication. Saturday morning consisted of the 28th Annual Run-Bike-Swim-Walk, reunion for the classes of 1985, 1990, 1995, 2000, and the Annual Homecoming Parade. A variety of Alumni events included the 3rd Annual Alumni Lacrosse game, an Alumni Soccer game and family

picnic, the 2nd Annual Alumni Tailgate Picnic, and Cheerleader reunion during the Football game. In the afternoon, the Men's Soccer team hosted Albion, winning 2-1. Women's Soccer also hosted a game, and won 1-0. The Flying Dutch Football team hosted a game, maximizing their scoring opportunities in a 38-7 triumph over Wisconsin Lutheran.

This year's Homecoming King and Queen were Steve Haack and Heather Dykstra. To wrap up Saturday's Homecoming events was the Annual SAC Homecoming Ball, which took place at the Haworth Center. Concluding Homecoming Weekend on Sunday was the Homecoming Worship Service lead by Trygve Johnson, Dean of the Chapel, and the Alumni Chapel Choir.



For pictures, check out the [Homecoming Weekend photo gallery!](#)

Hope College's annual Parents' Weekend took place November 4-6. Parents' Weekend allows parents to visit their students and take part in many events around campus. Parents were invited to sit in on a class to learn what it's like to be in a Hope classroom, eat at Phelps dining hall, attend various interest sessions, and have an opportunity to meet faculty and college administrators.

Parents were also invited to attend the 71st Annual Nykerk Cup Competition at the Holland Civic Center, which is a long-standing Hope College tradition between the freshmen and sophomore classes that includes plays, music, and oration. This year, the Nykerk Cup went to the Sophomore Class of 2008. [Click here to see the Nykerk Cup photo gallery.](#)



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Commencement Weekend Preview

Hope College Baccalaureate and Commencement Ceremonies Sunday May 7, 2006

If you have a student who will be graduating this coming spring, watch for commencement weekend details to be posted on Parents' Place in January including:

- *2006 graduation deadlines and activities
- *Convenient on-campus dining options
- *Information regarding caps, gowns, announcements, and diplomas

In the meantime, remember to make your lodging arrangements early. Although Holland has over 1000 hotel rooms available, commencement coincides with reunion weekend at the college, as well as the first weekend of Tulip Time. These events draw a significant number of visitors to the area so it is essential that you make preliminary lodging reservations



as soon as possible. For a listing of area lodging, please visit the [Holland Convention and Visitor's Bureau.](#)

Want to [listen to a message](#) from a past Chapel or Gathering service? You've come to the right place!



Would you like to purchase your student some personalized Hope attire?

Check out "[My Garb](#)" at the Hope-Geneva Bookstore Online Catalog!

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Faculty Kudos

Here's what some students had to say about their favorite faculty members...

"[Professor Roger Veldman](#) of the department of physics and Engineering was so influential to me during my college career for many reasons: he had command over the subject material he was teaching, he used simple and straight-forward teaching techniques, he provided advice for both my academic career and for my future after Hope, and he befriended me in a way that allowed me to be receptive of all other teaching components."

"[Dr. Christopher Barney](#) of the biology department is a fantastic man. After my junior year of high school, I was fortunate enough to really meet Dr. Barney while doing an internship involving biological research. As this was my first encounter with a science professor, I assumed all were just as comical, patient, understanding, hard working, and intelligent. Now I realize how lucky I was to be able to spend a summer with such a man. Although I never had Dr. Barney for a class, he continued to help me all through college. Walking through Peale, there was never a time Dr. Barney didn't make time to chat about classes, summer jobs, and the future. I am grateful for his guidance, his clear-cut advice, and his humor through it all."

"[Professor Richard Piippo](#) of the music department not only influenced my music development, but also my development as a person. He showed that he truly cared about me and my personal growth, and it was not uncommon for him to treat me and other students to dinner. He took the time to be a good teacher, as well as a friend, helping me through some difficult times during my studies at Hope. He always had an open door and an open ear to listen to my concerns or frustrations. I still maintain a close friendship with him, and he is still interested in seeing me grow and succeed in whatever I do."

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Hope College Afghan Pattern

Interested in learning how to make a Hope College afghan for your student like the one below ? Click [here](#) for detailed instructions!



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Hope Graduate Hired by Admissions



Travis Goldwire, Class of 2005, has been hired by the Hope Admissions Office to work as a recruiter with the primary purpose of increasing awareness and interest from the states of New York and New Jersey. Through this position, Hope spent 10 weeks this fall visiting high schools, churches, and attending college fairs in these states. In addition to Travis, three other admissions representatives will also be recruiting in New York and New Jersey including Greg Kern, Adam Hopkins, and Andrew Meyers. This is more than triple the time spent in previous years. This position will also enable 4-6 weeks of personal visits in the winter and spring months.

The Admissions Office is excited about the potential this position offers, and would welcome any suggestions regarding high schools or churches that would appreciate a visit from one of these representatives. Travis may be reached at the Admissions Office by calling 800.968.7850, on the road at 616.403.5350, or via email using goldwire@hope.edu.

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Parental Access to Student Records

"Since I'm paying the tuition bill, how can I view my student's grades after exams?" is one of the questions that parents may be asking about access to student records as the semester comes to an end.

The college years are an exciting time of personal growth and change, and this is especially evident in the parent/student relationship. Hope College believes that college students are most successful in their transition towards becoming responsible adults when the college interacts with them accordingly. Hope's philosophy is to treat students as responsible adults with the expectation that they will, in fact, become responsible adults, and in the process, learn important lessons about accountability for their behavior and gain confidence in their abilities.

Although final semester grades are not mailed directly to parents, they are notified if their student is on the Dean's List or is placed on academic probation, though the student's precise GPA (grade point average) is not given. FERPA, the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 provides [guidelines](#) that support and direct this policy.

At the end of the semester, grades are posted online on students' KnowHopePlus accounts. Families who wish to know their student's grades may ask their student to provide their student ID number and PIN. With this confidential information, families will have access to their student's KnowHopePlus account where academic transcripts and grades are posted.

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Financial Aid Reminder

Financial Aid Application reminder for students enrolled in 2006-2007

Remember to file for financial aid for the 2006-07 award year after January 1, 2006. Hope College requires two applications -- the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and the college's own Supplemental Application for Financial Aid (SAF). Click [here](#) to access both of these 2006-07 forms after January 1.

Priority date for filing 2006-07 financial aid applications: March 1, 2006

Questions? Contact the Office of Financial Aid at finaid@hope.edu

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Winter Happening

Save the date for Winter Happening! Saturday, February 4, 2006

Please join us here on campus for a morning of interesting seminars presented by Hope College faculty, a luncheon with student musical entertainment, and home athletic contests. Last year's program drew over 500 participants. Winter Happening is rapidly becoming the spring semester counterpart to Homecoming events in the fall!

Sessions for 2006 include:

Where Do Medicines Come From? - Dr. Moses Lee

Exploring the Art of Costume Design - Professor Michelle Bombe

Is There Hope for Social Security? - Professor Herbert Martin

New Materials for Medicine - Dr. Elizabeth Sanford

The Career Mystique: Cracks in the American Dream - Dr. Patricia Roehling

Leaves of Grass and Walt Whitman's America - Dr. William Pannacker

Additional details will be available in January. For further information or to request a brochure, please call the Public Relations Office at (616) 395-7860 or send an e-mail request to powe@hope.edu. Our website www.hope.edu will also feature complete details in January.

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Planning Calendar



Visit the [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.

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