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## A Message from the Director

Hope's campus is beautiful during the summer, but much too quiet with most of the students away! We're eagerly awaiting their return and look forward to welcoming the new class of incoming students in the fall.

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

Have a safe and enjoyable summer!



Stephanie Haag '95 Greenwood  
Director of Parent Relations

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## Welcome to the Parents of Incoming Students

As we head into the summer months, we welcome new Hope College parents to the readership of this e-newsletter. The Parents' E-Newletter is published quarterly and is emailed directly to subscribers. Parents consistently tell us that this publication is a valuable link to the college and report that the information shared is timely, helpful and informative. If you wish to add additional e-mail addresses (work, grandparents, etc.), change delivery to a different address, or to unsubscribe, please follow the instructions posted below. If you have any questions please send an e-mail message with your request to [parents@hope.edu](mailto:parents@hope.edu) or call Stephanie Greenwood, Director of Parent Relations, at 616-395-7250.

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## Commencement Weekend Highlights



**Congratulations to the members of  
the Class of 2006 and their families!**

The college's 141st Commencement exercises were held at Holland Municipal Stadium on Sunday, May 7. The participants included 622 graduating seniors from throughout the United States as well as Chile, Hungary, Indonesia, Japan, Kenya, Nepal, Romania, Saudi Arabia and the Virgin Islands.

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## Faculty Kudos

## Hope in the News

[Click here](#) to review Hope College news highlights from the past month and archives of the 2005-06 academic year.

Read what students have to say about Hope College faculty!

### **C. Baars Bultman (Education):**

I remember it like it was yesterday...an article on a canary yellow piece of paper was handed out in Secondary Principles and Methods by Dr. Baars Bultman that came from Newsweek and passionately described the modern plight of an educator who was fervently trying to disprove the adage that "Those who can do...Those who can't teach." Consequently, my classmates and I, full of anticipation towards getting our own classrooms and wholly dedicated to the teaching profession, held a lengthy, and heated, discussion about the blatant disrespect and ludicrousness this nasty, yet all-to- well-known, little statement makes towards each of us who has worked so hard on becoming the best educator we possibly can be. I remember the smile on Dr. Bultman's face as so many of the people in the class suddenly realized that a spark of passion had been lit within our very souls as class member upon class member silently vowed that we would show all those people that teachers are those people who both can and do work day-in and day-out in one of the most important, and rewarding professions, and more importantly vocations, there has ever been.

### **Rhoda Janzen (English):**

Rhoda Janzen is the most dynamic lecturer I have ever heard. One does not simply 'sit' in her class, one sits on the edge of one's seat. She is the first person I've met who can turn Modern English Grammar into a scintillating subject—in fact it was one of my favorite courses. Grammar!

Because she is such a talented teacher, Rhoda can demand incredible amounts of work from her students—we want to work hard for her. In the first class I took with Rhoda, we read a novel a week including dense works like *Vanity Fair* and *The Portrait of a Lady*. I never felt burdened by the amount of reading; instead, I felt inspired to do it. And the hard work paid off; Rhoda's class was a rite of passage to a new level of intellectual understanding and achievement. As a classmate once remarked, "When I leave this class, I can actually feel my brain growing."

I don't think Rhoda sees herself as being a demanding professor. She assumes that we are able to do what she asks of us—she has confidence in our abilities. During her courses, something remarkable



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happens once her students realize that she is right. Slowly, those of us who were first daunted by the demands of her syllabus begin to wake up to our potential. Rhoda doesn't ask too much of her students; rather, she lets us see how little we ask of ourselves and challenges us to never do it again.

**Donald Luidens (Sociology):**

Professor Don Luidens had an incredible effect on me during my time at Hope College, and continues to influence me today. He provided me with intellectual challenges, wonderful knowledge, and the invaluable skills of critical inquiry. He pushed me to go beyond that with which I was comfortable and thus opened new worlds to me. In addition Don encouraged me to believe in myself—a skill that I sorely lacked while in college. I can say sincerely that I would not be in the position I am in today if it were not for his mentoring, guidance, and support. As a sociology professor, I benefit from the knowledge that he gave to me and he provided me with a wonderful role model as to how to be a professor that truly cares about students. I am truly grateful for having had the opportunity to learn and work with Professor Don Luidens.

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## Hope College Parents' Council

A special thank you to the members of the [Hope College Parents' Council](#) who complete their terms at the end of June:

**Marjorie Bramley - Northbrook, IL**  
Council Member 2004-05 and 2005-06  
(David '04, Elizabeth '06, and Katherine '07)

**Con and Barb Kleinheksel - Zeeland, MI**  
Council Members 2005-06  
(Chad '00, Charlie '03, and Chip '06)

**Eric and Libby Peterson - Bay Village, OH**  
Council Members 2004-05 and 2005-06  
(Laura '07)

**Chris and Cindy Short - Evanston, IL**  
Council Members 2004-05 and 2005-06  
(Cletus '04, Chelsea '07)

Through the Hope College Parents' Council, the College reaches out to parents who wish to be closely engaged in the life of Hope College through contributions of time, effort, and financial



support. The Parents' Council supports the College by enhancing lines of communication between the College, parents, and families, and by promoting parental involvement in the Hope community.

For additional information about the Parents' Council, please contact Stephanie Greenwood, Director of Parent Relations, via email at [greenwood@hope.edu](mailto:greenwood@hope.edu).

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## Hope Summer Repertory Theatre Celebrates 35th Season



The Hope Summer Repertory Theatre (HSRT) announces a 35th season filled with musicals, comedy, and classics. The season runs from June 16 to August 12 with the shows in a rotating, repertory format. A professional theatre company featuring Equity guest artists, Hope Summer Repertory Theatre features six shows in three venues as well as a Children's Performance Troupe.

Plus, to celebrate their 35th birthday HSRT is giving away presents. Anyone who turns 35 sometime during the year 2006 can have a free season coupon to all four DeWitt stage shows. 35-year-olds simply need to present a driver's license at the ticket office to claim their four free shows.

The season opens with the Tony-award winning musical, "Oliver!" on June 16. Charles Dicken's moving tale of a run away orphan who seeks a good life, but ends up spending time with the Artful Dodger and Fagin, has touched millions.

HSRT then moves into Shakespeare mode, although in its own unique style. The 1993 hit comedy, "Shakespeare in Hollywood," opens on June 23. The audience visits the set of a 1930 Hollywood attempt at filming "A Midsummer's Night's Dream" where the movie people deal with an injured Mickey Rooney and the walk-off of their main star as production time nears. Originally commissioned by the Royal Shakespeare Theatre, this slapstick comedy is for Shakespeare fans and their friends.

Not content to leave Shakespeare to Hollywood, HSRT will then present Shakespeare's original version of "A Midsummer Night's Dream," on July 28. Shakespeare's tale of lovers, nymphs, marriage, and dreams includes such memorable characters as Puck and Oberon.

But HSRT is not done with Shakespeare yet. Think of Monty Python writers hanging out with the Bard and you have some idea what the always popular cabaret show will be like when HSRT presents "The Shakespeare Revue," opening on July 19 at Til Midnight Restaurant. Inspired by Shakespeare's work, over 40 contributors, including Noel Coward, Cole Porter, Tom Lehrer, Stephen Sondheim and Monty Python, combine for songs and sketches which even the non-Shakespearian will enjoy.

HSRT's final mainstage show is the tap-dancing musical comedy, "Dames at Sea," opening on July 7 . A send up of the 1930's film musical genre, the musical tells the story of a young tap dancer who reaches stardom on the deck of a battleship. The floating setting comes about when a sailor/songwriter offers the ship as an alternative for a show in need, and romance eventually sails off into the sunset.

Snow Auditorium is HSRT's location for contemporary, cutting-edge theatre. Opening June 30, "Memory House," by Kathleen Tolan, looks at a mother and daughter grappling with the past in order to face the future. As the girl works on her college essay, the unexamined issues of the girl's adoption from Russia, the rupture of her parents divorce, and the fear of leaving home break through the surface as the mother cajoles, deflects, and maneuvers around her own feelings of sadness and loss. A funny and moving story about the complexity of living in the world today.

For tickets or information call the box office at 616-395-7890 or visit the [HSRT website](#).

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## Lubbers Hall Renovation Project



A major renovation project at Hope College is transforming a familiar campus workhorse. Lubbers Hall, one of the college's most venerable academic buildings, is being renovated this summer with completion anticipated in time for the start of classes in the fall. Lubbers Hall houses the departments of English, history, philosophy, political science and religion, as well as the office of the dean for the arts and humanities.

The renovation includes reconfiguring and adding office space for members of the faculty, reflecting growth in the programs since the departments moved into the building in the middle 1970s. The work is adding 28 offices, raising the total to more than 60.

The project takes advantage of space made available when the department of communication relocated from Lubbers to the Martha Miller Center for Global Communication in the fall of 2005. In addition, the reconfiguration is reducing the number of classrooms in the building from 10 to six. Other major components of the project include adding air conditioning and a new fire system with interior sprinklers, and replacing the windows.

Lubbers Hall, dedicated on Sept. 16, 1942, was constructed as the college's science building. In the fourth-floor attic, known as the "loft," the building also housed Hope's theatre program for many years.

Theatre relocated to the DeWitt Center when it opened in 1971, and the building ceased housing the sciences when the Peale Science Center opened in 1973. It was subsequently renovated to serve as a center for the humanities and social sciences, re-opening in January 1975. The department of economics and business administration was part of the original mix, but moved to different quarters in 1982.

In conjunction with the 1975 renovation, the building was named for Dr. Irwin Lubbers, who served as the college's seventh president from 1945 to 1963.

This summer's renovation has been funded through the college's recent "Legacies: A Vision of Hope" comprehensive campaign. The campaign concluded in January 2005 having raised more than \$137.5 million. Its major components included four primary initiatives: building a new science center and renovating the Peale Science Center; increasing the endowment to provide on-going support for college operations and programs; building the Martha Miller Center for Global Communication and making a variety of campus improvements, including the Lubbers Hall renovation; and building the DeVos Fieldhouse.

Only five major campus buildings are older than Lubbers Hall:

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Van Vleck Hall, a residence hall built in 1858; the President's Home, completed in 1892; Graves Hall, an academic building built in 1894; Voorhees Hall, a residence hall built in 1907; and Dimnent Memorial Chapel, completed in 1929.

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## Summer Camps at Hope College

From basketball to chemistry, football to fine arts, summer camps at Hope College are sure to have something for everyone!

Sports camps offer several sessions, and science camps cover a multitude of topics. With this many choices campers will undoubtedly find the perfect match. At Hope College Summer Camps, learning has never been so fun!

[Click here](#) for additional details about this summer's offerings and registration information.

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## Planning Calendar

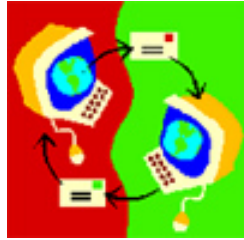


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