New student orientation for the class of 2009

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Welcome to Vassar!
The events planned for your first few days at Vassar will familiarize you with some important aspects of college life. Some events are intended for all new students, while others address specific needs and interests. We hope that you will see these events as opportunities to inquire and to meet people. We also hope that you enjoy the new student orientation program for the Class of 2009.

This program covers general orientation for all first-year, transfer, visiting, and exchange students from August 25 through August 31, 2005.

Vassar Campus Dining
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Java City Café Opens Thursday, September 1st, 12:00pm-8:00pm

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New Student Orientation Schedule – Class of 2009

Thursday, August 25, 2005

8:00 - 2:00 pm  New Students Check In
Villard Room (Main Building, 2nd Floor)
New students pick up Orientation packet, ID card, post office key, and late Before School Conference assignment. The Student Accounts, Financial Aid, Health Services, Security, Career Development, and Student Employment offices, among others, will be available to distribute vital information and answer questions.

8:00 - 2:00 pm  Refreshments for Parents and Families
(Main Building, on the Bridge over the North Atrium)

8:00 - 1:00 pm  Refreshments in the Multi-Purpose Room
(Main Building, 2nd Floor)
Computing and Information Services, Wellness Services including Health Services, Counseling Service and Health Education and Disability and Support Services will be on hand to answer questions that parents might have about the services offered by these departments. Please join us for informal conversation and refreshments!

11:00 - 2:00 pm  Lunch may be purchased at the Retreat in the College Center or the All College Dining Center (ACDC)

1:00 - 2:00 pm  Parents and Families Informational Meeting
Students Building
Judy Jackson, Dean of the College, and Ronald Sharp, Dean of Faculty, will give parents and families an overview of what is to come during Orientation Week and beyond.

1:00 - 2:00 pm  Transfer, Visiting and Exchange (T/V/E) Students Meeting
President’s Conference Room (Main Building, 2nd Floor)
Alexander Thompson, Dean of Studies, will chair this meeting; important information for transfer, visiting, and exchange students will be discussed. Topics will include degree requirements,
transcripts, grades, college regulations, issues specific to exchange and visiting students, and support services. You will also meet the staff of the Dean of Studies office, including your class advisors. At the conclusion of this meeting you will meet with your Student Fellows.

2:00 - 4:00 pm

T/V/E Registration and Advising
Dean of Studies Office (Main Building, North Wing, Room 128)
The Dean of Studies office will coordinate the advising and registration process for all transfer, visiting, and exchange students during this afternoon. Please see your Student Fellows for more information prior to this meeting.

3:00 pm

New Students: Meet with Student Fellow Groups
Residence Halls
This time is set aside for new students to meet with their Student Fellow groups. Student Fellows act as peer counselors to help new students in their adjustment to college life. The meetings will take place in your dormitory. Your Student Fellow will contact you regarding location.

3:00 - 4:00 pm

Family and Friends: Presidential Welcome Chapel
President Frances Fergusson will give opening remarks and then respond to questions from the parents and families of new students. She will be introduced by Joanne Long, Dean of Freshmen. Also speaking will be Judy Jackson, Dean of the College; Ronald Sharp, Dean of Faculty; D.B. Brown, Dean of Students; Judith Weisenfeld, this year’s Convocation Speaker; and Rick Rodems, Vassar Student Association President.

Thursdays
3:00 - 7:00 pm through October

Arlington Farmer’s Market
Alumnae Lawn, between Raymond and Fulton Avenues
Crafts, fresh produce and baked goods, and other local products.

4:00 - 5:00 pm

Family and Friends Farewell
Residence Halls
Students and families say goodbye at this time.
5:00 - 6:30 pm  Dinner with Student Fellows, ACDC
Schedule —
5:00 Noyes, Strong, Lathrop
5:15 Cushing, Joss, Jewett
5:30 Raymond, Davison, Main
This is the beginning of New Student Orientation.

7:00 - 8:15 pm  New Students: Presidential Welcome
Chapel
Students will be welcomed by Frances Fergusson, President; Judy Jackson, Dean of the College; Joanne Long, Dean of Freshmen; D.B. Brown, Dean of Students; Judith Weisenfeld, this year's Convocation Speaker; and Rick Rodems, the Vassar Student Association President.

8:45 pm  Residence Hall Meetings
This meeting will take place in your dormitory. Please see your Student Fellow for more information. All new students will meet the house leadership, which includes the House Intern, House President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, House Fellows, and House Advisor. Important information about house policies and procedures will be discussed. Any questions about the house can be answered during this time.

10:00 pm  Meet the House Fellows
Residence Halls
The House Fellows will host mixers in their houses. This is a great time to meet your house leaders and fellow residents in an informal setting. Refreshments will be served.

Friday, August 26
7:00 - 9:00 am  Breakfast, ACDC
Schedule —
7:00 Cushing, Joss, Jewett
7:15 Raymond, Davison, Main
7:30 Noyes, Strong, Lathrop

9:30 - 10:45 am  Community Coffees
Residence Halls
Come meet your residence community including
the custodial staff, House Fellows, House Advisors, and student leaders for morning refreshments! Then get directions from your Student Fellow to the location of your group faculty advisor meeting.

11:00 - 12:00 noon

**Group Meetings with Pre-Major Advisors**

**Advisors' Offices**

In your Orientation packet you will find a letter from the Dean of Freshmen telling you who your pre-major advisor is, where to find him or her, and when your meeting with him or her is scheduled. In this meeting your advisor will discuss some important aspects of academic life at Vassar, including the transition from high school to college; expectations for class attendance, laboratories, and the submission of written work; examination policies; and academic integrity. You will also learn when and how to contact your professors, and where to go for help when you need it. Your advisor will then give you your preliminary fall schedule (the results of your summer pre-registration) and answer any questions you may have about the registration process.

If you need help finding your advisor's office, ask your Student Fellow for directions or stop by the Dean of Freshmen Office (Main North, Room 128).

12:00 noon

**Muslim Prayers**

Any Muslim students who would like to attend Friday prayers at a local mosque are asked to contact Sam Speers, Director, Office of Religious and Spiritual Life; transportation will be provided. Email saspeers@vassar.edu or call 437-5550.

12:00 - 2:00 pm

**Lunch, ACDC**

Schedule —
12:00 Raymond, Davison, Main
12:15 Noyes, Strong, Lathrop
12:30 Cushing, Joss, Jewett

1:30 - 4:15 pm

**Faculty Research Presentations**

**Various Locations**

Wondering what your professors will be like? Curious about a subject you've never studied
before? This is your chance to find out. Forty members of Vassar’s faculty will give informal talks about their current research. There will be three 45-minute sessions, with many fascinating presentations to choose from in each. A complete program can be found at the back of this schedule. To find the locations of the talks, use the map printed on the back cover or ask your Student Fellow for directions.

4:30 - 5:30 pm

Receptions with Departments and Programs
Various Locations
Come learn more about a department of particular interest to you in an informal setting. Meet the professors and enjoy refreshments and conversation.

**Africana Studies** - New England Building, Room 303

**American Culture** - New England Building, Room 107

**Anthropology** - Aula

**Art** - Jade Room, 2nd Floor, Taylor Hall

**Asian Studies** - New England Building, Room 204D

**Biochemistry** - Villard Room, Main Building, 2nd Floor

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**Chemistry** - Mudd Chemistry Building, 3rd Floor Lounge

**Chinese and Japanese** - Rose Parlor (right side), Main Building, 2nd Floor

**Classics** - Villard Room, Main Building, 2nd Floor

**Cognitive Science** - New England Building, Room 201

**Computer Science** - Villard Room, Main Building, 2nd Floor

**Dance** - Faculty Commons, Main Building, 1st Floor

**Drama** - College Center, Room 237, Main Building, 2nd Floor

**Economics** - Blodgett Hall, Room 130

**English** - Gold Parlor (right side), Main Building, 2nd Floor

**Environmental Studies** - Faculty Commons, Main Building, 1st Floor

**Film** - Faculty Parlor, Main Building, 2nd Floor
French - Chicago Hall, Room 102
Geography/Geology - Aula
German Studies - Chicago Hall, Room 130
Hispanic Studies - Chicago Hall, Room 140
History - Rose Parlor (left side), Main Building, 2nd Floor
Independent Program - Villard Room, Main Building, 2nd Floor
International Studies - New England Building, Room 204D
Italian - Chicago Hall, Room 129
Jewish Studies - Jade Parlor (left side), Main Building, 2nd Floor
Latin American and Latino/a Studies - New England Building, Room 204D
Mathematics - Villard Room, Main Building, 2nd Floor
Media Studies - New England Building, Room 107
Music - Faculty Commons, Main Building, 1st Floor
Neuroscience - Villard Room, Main Building, 2nd Floor
Philosophy - Villard Room, Main Building, 2nd Floor
Political Science - Faculty Commons, Main Building, 1st Floor
Psychology - Villard Room, Main Building, 2nd Floor
Religion - Jade Parlor (right side), Main Building, 2nd Floor
Russian Studies - Chicago Hall, Room 120
Self-Instructional Language Program - Chicago Hall, Room 121
Science, Technology & Society - New England Building, Room 201
Urban Studies - New England Building, Room 101
Victorian Studies - Gold Parlor (left side), Main Building, 2nd Floor
Women's Studies - New England Building, Room 101

5:00 - 7:00 pm

Dinner, ACDC
Schedule —
5:00 Noyes, Strong, Lathrop
5:15 Cushing, Joss, Jewett
5:30 Raymond, Davison, Main
5:30 - 7:30 pm  Shabbat Services & Dinner  
*The Bayit, 51 Collegeview Avenue (behind ACDC)*  
Meet on the steps of ACDC at 5:15 pm. Hosted by the Vassar Jewish Union.

7:30 - 10:00 pm  Belonging to a Diverse Community  
*Chapel*  
Hear from students, faculty, and administrators on the impact of assumptions about identity, both positive and negative, at Vassar. See how your own unique identity and participation are keys to building successful communities, and learn to facilitate dialogue, self-awareness, and understanding at Vassar and beyond.

10:00 pm  Disco: Ice Cream with a Twist  
*College Center*  
Come to the College Center following the Diversity session for delicious ice cream treats. Listen to music, play video games, and meet some new friends at Twister.

Saturday, August 27  
8:00 - 10:00 am  Breakfast, ACDC  
Schedule —  
- 8:00 Cushing, Joss, Jewett  
- 8:15 Raymond, Davison, Main  
- 8:30 Noyes, Strong, Lathrop

11:00 - 7:00 pm  Introduction to the Fitness Center  
Introductory 45-minute tours are required before you can use the fitness center. Tour times are given to student fellow groups starting on the hour from 11:00 am to 6:00 pm. Contact Roman Czula at rocziula or extension 7471 to reserve a time for your student fellow group.

12:00 - 2:00 pm  Lunch, ACDC  
Schedule —  
- 12:00 Raymond, Davison, Main  
- 12:15 Noyes, Strong, Lathrop  
- 12:30 Cushing, Joss, Jewett

12:00 - 5:00 pm  Practice for Freshman Varsity Athletes  
Please contact your coach for a specific time.
1:00 - 5:00 pm  Shuttle Vans to Local Shopping Mall  
Main Circle (in front of Main Building)  
or  
Participate in Alternate Optional Activities  
(Sign up by Friday, August 26 at Campus Activities.)

2:00 - 5:00 pm  Choral Auditions  
Skinner Hall, Room 303

3:00 pm  College Orchestra Informational Meeting  
Mary Anna Fox Martel Recital Hall

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5:00 - 6:00 pm  Varsity Sports Participants Meeting  
New Athletic Facility  
The Athletic directors and staff will give a presentation about their sports facilities and program. They will also give general information about each sport and answer any questions.

6:00 - 8:00 pm  Dinner  
Ballintine Field (near Walker Field House) (Rain location, ACDC)

8:00 - 8:30 pm  Security Department Q & A  
Walker Gymnasium  
Don Marsala, Director of Security, Kim Squillace, Associate Director, and Lt. Dennis Cody will explain the function of Vassar’s Security Department, offer tips on personal safety such as the importance of locking doors and securing valuables, the use of the emergency phone system, and ways that Security serves the Vassar Community. A short question and answer session will follow.

8:30 - 9:00 pm  “Just Say Know” – Drugs and Alcohol Education at Vassar  
Walker Gymnasium  
You are invited to engage in open dialogue with other Vassar students about your experience with “Alcohol Edu” and about the possible impact of the use and abuse of alcohol and other drugs on your experience at Vassar.
9:00 - Midnight

“Just Move It”
Walker Field House and surrounding areas
Enough sitting around! Here is a chance to get up, get moving, show dorm spirit and get involved in a variety of activities, including volleyball, basketball, swimming, aerobics, and soccer. Dorms will compete in “Brewer Games” for recognition, bragging rights, and prizes. There will also be square dancing and opportunities to gaze at the stars at Vassar’s Observatory (open 9:45 - 11:00 pm). Coaches, faculty, student athletes, and wellness peer educators will be participating and helping out. Films with popcorn at 11 pm.

Sunday, August 28

8:00 - 10:00 am
Breakfast, ACDC
Schedule —
8:00 Cushing, Joss, Jewett
8:15 Raymond, Davison, Main
8:30 Noyes, Strong, Lathrop

12:00 - 1:00 pm
Protestant Services and Lunch
Chapel Tower
The Office of Religious & Spiritual Life has information about and relationships with area churches; many of these will provide transportation to their services. For more information contact the RSL Office, pastickle@vassar.edu or call 437-5550. To request transportation, you need to contact us by Thursday, August 25.

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12:00 - 4:00 pm  **Choral Auditions**  
*Skinner Hall, Room 303*

12:00 - 5:00 pm  **College Orchestra Auditions**  
*Mary Anna Fox Martel Recital Hall*

1:00 - 5:00 pm  **Shuttle Vans to Local Shopping Mall**  
*Main Circle (in front of Main Building)*  
or  
**Participate in Alternate Optional Activities**  
(Sign up by Friday, August 26 at Campus Activities.)

5:00 pm  **Catholic Mass**  
*Chapel*

5:00 - 7:00 pm  **Dinner, ACDC**

“A little less conversation, a little more conversation!” Get involved right here, right now! Peter Leonard, Director of Field Work, will share some exciting ideas for getting involved in your new community.

7:00 - 10:00 pm  **Sex and Sensibility at Vassar**  
*Students Building*  
7:00 - 9:00 pm — Groups Attending: Main, Josselyn, Davison, Noyes, Ferry  
8:00 - 10:00 pm — Groups Attending: Raymond, Strong, Lathrop, Jewett, Cushing  
Vassar students will present a creative performance enacting sexual scenarios for Vassar college students. Immediately following the performance student facilitators will lead small discussions and provide information about on-campus sexual health resources. Come with an open inquisitive mind to ask questions about expectations, rumors, or other ideas you have. This session contains sensitive material.

10:00 pm  **Refreshments/Discussions**  
*Residence Halls*  
Refreshments will be hosted by your Student Fellow. This session is an opportunity for House Advisors, Student Fellows, and new students to share their reactions to tonight’s presentations.
Monday, August 29
BEFORE SCHOOL CONFERENCE (BSC)

7:00 - 9:00 am  Breakfast, ACDC
                Schedule —
                7:00 Noyes, Strong, Lathrop
                7:15 Cushing, Joss, Jewett
                7:30 Raymond, Davison, Main

9:00 am - Midnight  Before School Conference
                    All students should meet their groups at 9:00 am
                    in front of ACDC

5:30 - 7:00 pm  Barbeque Dinner
                Noyes Circle

7:00 - 9:00 pm  ALANA Center Game Night

9:00 pm  Outdoor Movie on the Quad, near Rocky (rain
                    location, Students Building)

Tuesday, August 30

7:00 - 9:00 am  Breakfast, ACDC
                Schedule —
                7:00 Cushing, Joss, Jewett
                7:15 Raymond, Davison, Main
                7:30 Noyes, Strong, Lathrop

9:00 - 11:30 am  Bagel Brunch
                Rose Parlor (Main Building, 2nd Floor)
                Hosted by the Christian Fellowship

9:00 - 11:30 am  Open House, Sponsored by the Episcopal
                Church at Vassar College
                Gold Parlor (Main Building, 2nd Floor)
                Come for food and to meet new friends.

9:00 - 11:30 am  Wellness Open House: Metcalf House and
                Baldwin Health Services
                All new students are invited to visit Baldwin
                Health Services, the home of the our on-campus
                medical clinic and women’s health service, and
                Metcalf House, the home of the Health Education
                Office, Disability and Support Services, and the
                Counseling Service. Take this opportunity to ask
                questions, receive informational brochures, and
                meet staff from each office. Additionally, each
office will have giveaways that promote peace of mind and wellness. Take advantage of this opportunity to learn about the resources that will help you to thrive at Vassar!

Wellness Open House Schedule

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9:00 - 12:00 noon  Library and Computing Fair

Library
Join the Library and Computing Departments for an introduction to the information resources available to you at Vassar College. There will be self-directed tours of the library and, for those who complete the tour, a chance to win the grand prize — a new iPod. These tours will be conducted at 15-minute intervals; please consult the schedule below for the time assigned to your residence hall. Library and Computing staff will be on hand to introduce you to the many resources and services available on campus, from the library to your dorm room, and to answer any questions you might have.

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11:30 - 2:00 pm  Lunch, ACDC
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11:30 Raymond, Davison, Main
11:45 Noyes, Strong, Lathrop
12:00 Cushing, Joss, Jewett
12:00 - 2:00 pm  Departmental and Advanced Placement Advising
Department and Program Offices
Representatives from all academic departments and programs will be available for individual consultations. If you are not sure which math or language course is right for you, or if you received a 4 or a 5 on an AP exam (or equivalent IB or A-level examination) and want to take an intermediate-level course, or if you are interested in a “special permission” course, such as Art 102-103 or music lessons, this is the time to get the information and/or permissions you need. Be sure to bring your registration form with you. A list of department and program office locations for departmental advising is included at the back of this booklet. Specific information meetings are listed as follows.

12:00 - 12:30 pm  English Department AP Information Meeting
Sanders Auditorium
Robert DeMaria will explain policies and procedures for advanced placement in English. All students wishing to take a 200-level English course in their first year should attend this meeting.

12:00 - 12:30 pm  Art 105-106 Information Meeting
Taylor 203
Art Department faculty will describe the content of this course and explain how to register. All students currently pre-registered for Art 105, or wishing to enroll, or just curious about Art 105-106, are invited to attend.

12:00 - 1:00 pm  Science Advising
Science Quad Lawn (Physics to meet in SP 107)
Representatives from the science departments will give an overview of the sciences at Vassar. They will discuss curricular offerings and answer questions about their programs.

12:30 - 1:00 pm  Pre-Law Advising
Sanders Auditorium
Adelaide Villmoare will give an overview of the suggested method of preparing for the possibility of a career in law. After this meeting students
can begin revising their fall course selections in preparation for their advisor meetings.

1:00 - 1:30 pm  
**Education Certificate Advising**  
*Faculty Parlor (Main Building, 2nd Floor)*  
Robin Trainor and Christopher Roellke will give a short presentation about the requirements for education certification and answer any questions about the process.

1:00 - 1:45 pm  
**Pre-Med Advising**  
*Sanders Auditorium*  
Members of the Pre-Med Advisory Committee will give an overview of the requirements for preparation to apply to medical and other schools in the health professions. After this meeting students can begin revising their fall course selections in preparation for their advisor meetings.

2:00 - 5:00 pm  
**Individual Meetings with Pre-Major Advisors**  
*Advisors' Offices*  
Now that you've had a chance to reflect on your choice of courses, and to obtain information and advice on placement, you will meet again with your advisor to discuss your schedule in detail and make any desired changes (add or drop courses, change sections, etc.). This is the time to add any intermediate or advanced courses that were not included in the summer pre-registration, except for “special permission” courses that require the instructor’s signature (these can be added during the first two weeks of classes). Since you may not be able to register for some of the classes you have chosen, you should also discuss some alternative selections with your advisor and put them down on your form. At the end of your meeting, your advisor should sign your registration form, signifying that you have consulted with him or her.

**NOTE:** Do not leave your advisor's office before he or she signs your form! You cannot register for classes on Wednesday without a completed and signed form.
5:00 pm  Religious and Spiritual Life (RSL) Open House
Faculty Parlor (Main Building, 2nd Floor)
Interested in mindfulness and practices of meditation? Wonder how to get to the local synagogues? Want to get involved in a community arts mural and garden project? Come learn about these and the many other campus and community programs of the Office of Religious and Spiritual Life. Refreshments provided. All are welcome.

5:30 - 7:30 pm  Dinner, ACDC
Schedule —
5:30 Cushing, Joss, Jewett
5:45 Raymond, Davison, Main
6:00 Noyes, Strong, Lathrop

7:30 - 8:30 pm  Vassar Jewish Union Ice Cream Social
The Bayit

8:30 - 10:30 pm  “Gays of Our Lives”
Students Building
Formerly known and loved as “Big Gay Al’s Big Gay Game Show.” The Vassar Queer Coalition (QCVC) presents an interactive session for the college student about stereotypes and realities of sexualities and genders. See your Student Fellow for more information.

10:30 - 11:30 pm  Vassar’s Finest and Newest Talent Show
Students Building
Featuring the talent of VSA groups and an open mic format for new students.

Wednesday, August 31
7:00 - 9:00 am  Breakfast, ACDC
Schedule —
7:00 Noyes, Strong, Lathrop
7:15 Cushing, Joss, Jewett
7:30 Raymond, Davison, Main

8:30 - 2:00 pm  Registration/Matriculation Book Signing
College Center 240
All entering students must come to College Center 240 (Main Building, 2nd Floor) to finalize their schedules for the fall semester with a representative from the Office of the Registrar. Students register at specific times based on the
number of units for which they were pre-registered (those with no units go first, then those with .5 units, 1 unit, etc.) and on a random draw number which is printed on your schedule form. Consult the Registrar’s letter in your orientation packet to determine what time you should arrive. **Don’t forget to bring your pre-registration form with you!** On the way out, be sure to sign the Matriculation Book! Signing this book signifies that you are an official candidate for a degree at Vassar College.

**Important: If you do not come to College Center 240 on Wednesday morning, your registration will be canceled and you will lose your place in the courses for which you were pre-registered.**

11:00 - 12:30 pm

**Campus Ecology and Awareness Tour, led by the Environmental Responsibility Committee**

**Main Circle**

Come join us for a relaxing walk through our campus to learn about and appreciate the incredible diversity of animal and plant life at Vassar as well as campus infrastructure and characteristics of the Hudson Valley region.

11:00 - 12:30 pm

**Reception and Tour for New Students**

**Frances Lehman Loeb Art Gallery**

12:30 - 2:00 pm

**Lunch, ACDC**

Schedule —

12:30 Raymond, Davison, Main
12:45 Noyes, Strong, Lathrop
1:00 Cushing, Joss, Jewett

1:00 - 4:30 pm

**Financial Aid/Student Account Meetings as listed below:**

*(NOTE: If your scheduled time for registering for classes conflicts with the Financial Aid/Student Accounts Information Sessions for your section of the alphabet, you may attend the other session.)*

**Financial Aid/Student Accounts Information Session**

**Sanders Auditorium**

1:00 - 2:30 pm (Last names A-L)
3:00 - 4:30 pm (Last names M-Z)

Renee Behnke, Manager of Student Accounts,
will provide general information about the Office of Student Accounts and Cashier’s Office, including the monthly billing process, bookstore charges, payment options, and office hours. Michael Fraher, Director of Financial Aid, will discuss the Financial Aid process, provide general information about the Financial Aid Office and answer questions. Elaine Hughes, Assistant Director of Financial Aid, will discuss the federal Stafford and Perkins Loan programs and answer questions.

5:00 - 6:30 pm
Survival 101: The Arlington Scavenger Hunt
Noyes Circle
Join your Student Fellow on the fourth annual Arlington Scavenger Hunt, a tour of the community just outside Vassar’s walls. Sleuth your way through your new neighborhood, and scope out where to find great spinach pies or sushi, where to shop for cards or books, or where to get a good haircut. You will also get a glimpse of the nearly two dozen businesses who accept your Vassar ID card (V-CARD account) for purchases. All students completing the Hunt will be entered in a raffle for cool prizes, including a mountain bike.

6:00 - 7:30 pm
Dinner in Student Fellow Groups
ACDC

6:00 - 7:30 pm
Transfer/Exchange/Visiting Student Dinner
Faculty Commons
This dinner, hosted by the Dean of the Students, is an opportunity for all new transfers, exchange students, and visiting students (T/E/V) to relax with one another before classes begin. The Matriculation Book will be available for signing.

7:30 - 9:00 pm
Social Reception sponsored by Queer Coalition
Rose Parlor (Main Building, 2nd Floor)
Queer Coalition of Vassar College (QCVC) will host a reception for both new and returning students. Light refreshments will be served; fun is predicted!

8:00 - 9:00 pm
Concert to Welcome New Students
Mary Anna Fox Martel Recital Hall
9:00 pm  Walking Meditation Among Paper Lanterns
         Chapel Lawn
         Walk a spiral path of luminaria. Sponsored by
         the Office of Religious and Spiritual Life

Thursday, September 1
8:30 am  Classes Begin

4:00 - 5:00 pm  Foreign Language Proficiency Exams
         Chinese  Sanders Classroom Building,
                  3rd Floor, south side
         French   Chicago Hall, Room 103
         German   Chicago Hall, Room 134
         Hebrew   Contact the Religion Department
                  at extension 5520 for location
         Italian  Chicago Hall, Room 126
         Japanese Sanders Classroom Building,
                  3rd Floor, south side
         Latin &  Sanders Classroom Building,
                  Greek    Room 124
         Russian  Chicago Hall, Room 116
         Spanish  Chicago Hall, Room 143

         Take this exam if you want to complete the
         foreign language requirement by examination.
         If you want to take a foreign language course,
         but are not sure which one is appropriate
         for you, consult the department during the
         Departmental and Advanced Placement
         Advising session on Tuesday, August 30.

5:00 pm  Voice Lessons Auditions: Sign-up sheet in
         Skinner Hall, Room 105

5:00 - 8:00 pm  Call Back Auditions
         Skinner Hall

6:00 pm  Piano Lessons Auditions: Sign-up sheet in
         Skinner Hall, Room 105

6:00 - 8:00 pm  Jazz Ensemble (instrumentalists) Auditions
         Skinner Hall, Room 421

8:00 pm  Jazz Ensemble Information Meeting
         Skinner Hall, Room 421
Friday, September 2
3:00 - 5:00 pm  Jazz Ensemble (vocalists) Auditions  
                Skinner Hall, Room 421

7:00 - 9:00 pm  Movie Night at ALANA Center

9:00 pm         ViCE Comedy Event (TBA)

Saturday, September 3
11:00 - 7:00 pm Introduction to the Fitness Center
               Introductory 45-minute tours are required before you can use the fitness center. Tour times are given to student fellow groups on the hour starting from 11:00 am to 6:00 pm. Contact Roman Czula at roczula or extension 7471 to reserve a time for your student fellow group.

5:00 - 7:00 pm  Faculty Host Dinner
                Students Building
                The Faculty Host program pairs individual faculty members with international members of the Class of 2009. International students will receive a special invitation to this dinner in their Orientation packets.

Time TBA       Balls to the Wall: Dodge Ball at Walker Field House

7:30 - 9:00 pm  ALANA Reception
                ALANA Center Community Room
                Enjoy an informal reception to welcome African American/Black, Latino, Asian/Asian American and Native American students; obtain information about available resources; and tour the ALANA Center. An excellent opportunity to meet new friends, the student staff and members of the student organizations that meet in the Center — African Students Union, Asian Students Alliance, Black Students Union, Caribbean Students Alliance, Council of Black Seniors, Movimiento Estudiantil Chicana/o Aztlan, Poder Latino and the South Asian Students' Alliance. Hosted by the Director of the ALANA Center and the ALANA Student Manager, Interns and Assistants.
Sunday, September 4
12 noon - 3:00 pm  The Activities Fair
outside ACDC
(rain location, College Center, North Atrium)
Representatives of campus organizations and clubs will be available to talk with interested new students. Entertainment will be provided by student a cappella groups and others. Lunch will be available inside ACDC.

Tuesday, September 6
7:00 - 7:30 pm  Vassar College Wind Ensemble Information Meeting
Skinner Recital Hall

Wednesday, September 7
3:30 pm  Convocation
Chapel
Fall Convocation is the official culmination of the Orientation Program and the official beginning of the academic year. This year's speaker will be Judith Weisenfeld.

American religious history and culture in the first half of the 20th century. Her next research project will examine African-American women's religious performances in the early 20th century, paying particular attention to their uses of theater and music.

5:00 pm

**Official Group Photograph of the Class of 2009 and New Transfer Students**

*location to be announced at Convocation*

Immediately following convocation, the official class photograph of all incoming students will be taken. This will be the photograph used for the yearbook. This special occasion marks the fifth year of this wonderful and successful tradition at Vassar. We ask your support in having 100% participation. Another class photograph will be taken four years from now, when you graduate.

Immediately following the Class Photo, we draw the raffle winners for the 2005 Arlington Scavenger Hunt! The grand individual prize is a mountain bike, and one of the Student Fellow groups who successfully completed the Tour will win a pizza party. Don’t miss it!
Faculty Research Presentations
Friday, August 26, 2005

1:30-2:15

“Most Likely to Attend the 50 Year Reunion: Long-term Follow-up of Adolescent Personality”
Susan Trumbetta (Psychology), Blodgett Hall 105

“Inviting the Conversation: Monuments as Vehicles of Memory”
Katherine Hite (Political Science), Rockefeller 312

“French-speaking African Literatures Today”
Patricia Célérié (French), Chicago 103

“Odysseus: Poet and Philosopher”
Mitch Miller (Philosophy)/Rachel Friedman (Classics), Rockefeller 200

“Automatic Synthesis of Virtual Reality Programs”
Thomas Ellman (Computer Science), Old Laundry Building 105

“Risk, Control and Responsibility: Our Mixed Feeling About Credit Cards”
Miranda Martinez (Sociology), Rosenwald Theater, Center for Drama and Film

“Reading Crosswise: Deciphering a Medieval Treasure”
Marc Epstein (Religion/Jewish Studies), Taylor 203

“What Explains International Income Differences?”
Paul Johnson (Economics), Sanders Classroom 013

“Is Iraq Another Vietnam?”
Robert Brigham (History), Rockefeller 300

“Plant Sex on a Tropical Island: The Curious Case of Dioecy on New Caledonia”
Mark Schlessman (Biology), Olmsted 201

“India’s Independence and the Overseas Indians”
Martha Kaplan (Anthropology), Taylor 206

Dan Ungurianu (Russian Studies), Chicago 118

2:30-3:15

“To the Best of Our Knowledge: Life in Vassar’s Laboratory Early Childhood School”
Julie Riess (Education), Center for Drama and Film 309

“The Musical Patronage of Prince Joseph Franz Maximilian Lobkowitz”
Kathryn Libin (Music), Thekla Hall, Room 400 Skinner Hall

“A Reading from Sans aveu” (Collection of Poems published in 2005)
Paul Fenouillet (French), Chicago Hall 103

“Relativism, or Is It All Just a Matter of Opinion?”
Bryan Van Norden (Philosophy), Rockefeller 300

“Motion Planning for (Metamorphic) Shape-Changing Robots”
Jennifer Walter (Computer Science), Old Laundry Building 105
“The Shakespeare Stage and Performance: Lessons from the New Globe”  
Denise Walen (Drama), Rosenwald Theater, Center for Drama and Film

“Fasten Your Seat Belts!” A Virtual Trip in the Language Classroom (Italian)  
Eugenio Giusti (Italian), FLRC, Chicago Hall

“The Political Economy of Aid”  
Christopher Kilby (Economics), Sanders Classroom 013

“Black Panther GIs and German Students: The Struggle Against the Vietnam War and Racism in the Military”  
Maria Höhn (History), Taylor 206

“The Dark Side of Vassar: Research at the Vassar Observatory”  
Frederick Chromey (Astronomy), Sanders Physics 207

“Interdisciplinary Research at Vassar: Exploring the Interface Between Chemistry and Biology”  
Zachary Donhauser/Eric Eberhardt (Chemistry), Mudd 317

3:30-4:15

“Ritual, Brain, And Belief: On the Cognitive Science of Religion”  
Kenneth Livingston (Psychology/Cognitive Science), Olmsted 203

“How to Write Good Film Music: Jerry Goldsmith and Hollywood in the 1960s”  
Michael Pisani (Music), Rosenwald Theater, Center for Drama and Film

“Why Americans and Europeans Treat the Poor Differently: Historical Comparisons Big and Small”  
Michael Hanagan (History), Rockefeller 200

“Skidmore, Owings & Merrill: Understanding the Architecture of Corporate America”  
Nicholas Adams (Art), Taylor 206

“Life After Death in Rwanda”  
Timothy Longman (Political Science), Rockefeller 300

“Historic Fashion At Vassar”  
Holly Hummel (Drama), Sanders Auditorium

“From the Streets to the Screen: Pier Paolo Pasolini, Celebrity and Scandal in 1960s Italy”  
Simona Bondavalli (Italian), FLRC, Chicago Hall

“Determinants and Effects of Literacy Among Women and Adolescent Girls in Rural India” (Rajasthan)  
Shirley Johnson-Lans (Economics), Sanders Classroom 013

“Pius II (1405-64): Pope, Scholar, Diplomat, Poet, and Crusader”  
Nancy Bisaha (History), Swift 12

“Dead or Knapping: Aleutian Archaeology 2005”  
Lucy Johnson (Anthropology), Taylor 203
### Academic Departments and Programs Office Locations for Departmental and Advanced Placement Advising

**Thursday, August 30, 2005 – 12:00 noon - 2:00 pm**

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