

# THE PARENTS POST

*A Newsletter for Wabash College Parents*



November 2005

Welcome to all of the Wabash College parents that are new to the mailing list of the Post!

- **2005-2006 Academic Calendar**

**Fall Semester**

November 19-27	Thanksgiving Recess
November 28	Classes Resume
December 12-17	Final Exams
December 18-Jan 8	Christmas Recess

**Future Dates**

**Homecoming**

October 7, 2006  
September 29, 2007  
September 20, 2008

**Commencement**

May 14, 2006  
May 13, 2007  
May 11, 2008

## Parents' Corner

Got a hot tip that may be of interest to other parents? Had a recent experience from which other parents can learn? Have a concern or question that you would like to voice? If so, "Parents' Corner" is the place to share your news. Send your submissions to [parents@wabash.edu](mailto:parents@wabash.edu).

## **KEEPING THE WALLY SPIRIT ALIVE AT 210 JENNISON STREET**

One of the better decisions our family made regarding our son's Wabash education was to purchase the three bedroom house he and his roommates have lived in for the last 2-1/2 years. It backs up to the Fine Arts Building parking lot, and is closer to many classrooms than some of the dorms or fraternity houses. It has been a terrific practicum in home ownership to supplement a fabulous liberal arts education (Home Ownership 101 - changing furnace filters, refilling the water softener, shopping for groceries, removing shoes before walking on the carpet, etc.). Moreover, it has been a very cost-effective housing arrangement for Dan, his parents and his roommates. Roommate rentals have covered the cost of owning and operating the house (utilities, property taxes, and interest on the home equity line with which we financed it), allowing Dan to live essentially rent free! With Dan now in his final semester, and in true Wabash tradition, it is time for us to offer it to a new Little Giant family!

The house has a first floor master bedroom and two bedrooms upstairs. The landing upstairs will accommodate visitors or a fourth student. Each bedroom has adequate closet space. The guys share the first floor bath (not a challenge for guys). There is a basement for off-season storage. The back yard is fenced and features a hot tub and large deck. The house will be sold with all furnishings, including three beds; living room, kitchen, porch and deck furniture; kitchen appliances including electric oven and range, refrigerator, new dishwasher; kitchen accessories; washer and new dryer; new air conditioners; vacuum cleaner and lawn mower. 210 Jennison will be available in time for the second semester, and our asking price is \$81,900.

Karen and Dick Ristine will welcome your questions on this housing alternative at 317-255-6535.

## Campus News and Events

What's Happening on Campus? Visit the College Calendar: <http://www.wabash.edu/calendar/> and/or <http://www.wabash.edu/calendar/announcements.cfm>

### Champion Remembered with Theater Prize

On the anniversary of Ryan Champion's tragic death, the Wabash Theater Department has announced the establishment of the Ryan Champion Theater Performance Award. For those interested in contributing to the award's endowment, information can be found in an article posted on the Wabash website thanks to Jim Amidon. Please go to the following link for that additional information: <http://www.wabash.edu/news/2913>

### New Director of Malcolm X Institute

*(Campus Wide email from President Andy Ford)*

I am delighted to announce the appointment of Dr. Tim Lake as assistant professor of English and Director of the Malcolm X Institute of Black Studies. Tim will assume these new responsibilities on July 1, 2006.

Tim's vision for the MXIBS has captured the imagination of students, faculty and staff. Under his direction, and with support and commitment from the college, the MXIBS will increase opportunities for our students while sharpening its traditional role as a cultural and social center. Tim's professional training and his experience here and elsewhere will enable him to move very quickly to begin building academic and programmatic initiatives that simply have not been possible heretofore.

Please join me in welcoming Tim to this new, exciting position.

### Jeremy Robinson '04 is headed to Oxford on a Rhodes Scholarship!!

Jeremy was chosen from the Indiana/Illinois Region this afternoon (11/19) after an interview with the Regional Rhodes Scholarship Selection Committee.

This is Wabash's first Rhodes Scholar in many a moon, and we hope everyone will congratulate Jeremy, and wish him a wonderful time in Oxford. Let's say it together: Some Little Giant!!

### Would You Like To Be a Volunteer For Wabash College?

We've just launched a new webpage for people who want to volunteer to do something with the College. You don't have to live in Indiana, or make a trip to campus, to make a difference. To see all the different ways you can volunteer go to <http://www.wabash.edu/alumni/volunteer>.

## Current Student News

### Sophomore Named Moot Court's Top Advocate

A sophomore again won top honors at Wabash College's Moot Court competition Tuesday night (Oct. 25) in Salter Hall. **Jackson Price, of Louisville, Ky.** was named top advocate. He teamed with last year's winner Steven Rhodes '07 to argue the respondent's position. Kyle Cassidy '08 and Aaron Cook '06 spoke as petitioners. The case was based on law schools trying to ban military recruiters from recruiting on campus because of the military's rules on sexual orientation. To read the full story by Howard Hewitt go to: <http://www.wabash.edu/news/2923>



## Faculty, Staff, and Student Profiles

Be sure to visit the Wabash College homepage [www.wabash.edu](http://www.wabash.edu) and take a look at the profiles of our faculty, staff and students, you might see someone that you know.

### Dyson Embracing Wabash Culture, Traditions

by Howard Hewitt

Stephen Dyson's British accent and easy smile already seem like a fixture on campus.

Dyson, BKT Assistant Professor of Political Science, came to this country five years ago to attend graduate school at Washington State University. He taught last year at Olaf College in Minnesota before joining the Wabash staff.



"The thing that attracted me to Wabash is obviously the strong national reputation," he said. "I wanted to teach in the liberal arts for a long time and I subscribe to the liberal arts ethos fully."

"I really like the notion of working very closely with students and establishing the type of relationships you can build in a liberal arts environment. And where is that better than Wabash College, if you want to be at a liberal arts school?"

Dyson grew up in Newcastle, England, the northeast corner of the country not far from Scotland. His parents were both teachers. Dyson has done extensive study on British Prime Minister Tony Blair.

"Outside the classroom I like to run, read biographies and histories to get away from political science, thought that's not far off I guess," Dyson said.

Dyson said teaching is an unusual job.

"You get to do two very different things that I don't think you can combine in any other profession," he explained. "One, is you get to work very quietly and diligently in a focused fashion on sometimes very narrow subjects with your research. I find that very interesting but it also can become oppressive after a certain period of time."

"The other side of the job is that you get to be very outgoing, expansive and social in the classroom. There are two sides to the profession that I don't think you can find in any other job."

Dyson already has strong feelings about Wabash and he finds himself excited to watch the school year evolve.

"It will be fun to see how the traditions and ethos at Wabash play out on a day to day level," he said. "It's obvious from the first day you step on campus that it's a community and institution with a very strong sense of self, an almost uniquely strong sense of self. It has very, very well established tradition which sounds fascinating. And, it's such a storied college."

"I'm anxious to see how all that plays out in the lives of the students, faculty, and the staff."

### **Little Giants Bring Back the Bell, 17-14; Enter Playoffs 10-0**

All week the Little Giants repeated, "They got it and we want it." Wabash won a defensive struggle to bring back the Monon Bell to the Crawfordsville campus with a nail-biting 17-14 win over DePauw. Read the complete story by Howard Hewitt and to see the photo album go to [www.wabash.edu/news/2986](http://www.wabash.edu/news/2986)

### **NCAA Division III Football Tournament Information**

Wabash played Albion in the opening round of the 2005 NCAA Division III playoffs on Saturday, Nov. 19th. Wabash College's Pass Attack Overwhelmed Albion, 38-20 Russ Harbaugh and his wide receiving corps showed Albion what it had done all year in a 38-20 first round NCAA Division III football playoff win.

Wabash will play Capital University in the second round of the 2005 NCAA Division III playoffs. The game between the Little Giants and the Crusaders will take place at Byron P. Hollett Little Giant Stadium on Saturday, Nov. 26. Kickoff begins at 12 p.m. Tickets are on sale now in the bookstore at (<http://store.yahoo.com/wabashbookstore/>).

Tickets purchased online can be picked-up at the Jennison Street Will Call booth on Saturday November 26th. Tickets can be purchased at the ticket booth on game day. Student tickets are \$4. Adult tickets are \$8.

\*\*Tickets are available on-line until 5:00 p.m. Wednesday November 23rd.

### **Sports Schedules**

<http://www.wabash.edu/sports/basketball/schedule>

<http://www.wabash.edu/sports/wrestling/schedule>

<http://www.wabash.edu/sports/swimming/schedule>

### **Campus Building Profile**



#### **Sparks Center**

The FRANK HUGH SPARKS CENTER, the student union, was built in 1954. It has rooms for student group meetings and its Great Hall is the dining hall available to independent students. The lower floor of the Sparks Center houses three very popular attractions: The Scarlet Inn, the campus snack bar; the Little Giant Room, a student lounge; and the [Wabash College Bookstore](#). Across the hall from the bookstore you will also see the studios of the Wabash College radio station, WNDY.

## College Archives



*In this picture of Forest Hall, taken in the 20's, the sign hanging from the porch advertises the Scarlet Inn.*

The Scarlet Inn in the lower level of the Sparks Center is a place where students, faculty and staff gather, have a cup of coffee, or a sandwich, and discuss the large *and* small affairs of the College. While the Inn has been a part of the Wabash tradition for nearly a century, it has had a number of different forms and locations. The first Scarlet Inn started with a few enterprising students who needed a way to pay their college expenses. They leased a room in Forest Hall from the College and late in the evening they delivered sandwiches to the fraternity houses. As students do, these men graduated and the Scarlet Inn was defunct.

In 1926 a local woman leased all of Forest Hall, rented the extra rooms to students and started a coffee shop using the former name. When this Scarlet Inn closed in 1936, the College put together a co-op to keep the Inn going. This was so successful that the co-op also operated a dining hall for the independent men.

The first move came in 1942. Wabash opened its doors to the Navy V-12 training program and suddenly space was at a premium. Forest Hall was needed for housing and the Inn was moved to the basement of Peck Hall (where Hays Hall now stands). In 1946 Peck was torn down to build Waugh Hall and the Scarlet Inn moved again. For nearly a decade the Scarlet Inn was in the basement of South Hall, where Baxter now stands. In the 1950's the Student Union (Sparks Center) was built on the site formerly occupied by Forest Hall. In a delightful piece of fortune, or perhaps it was purposeful placement, the Scarlet Inn was returned to its original location.

## Schroeder Career Center

The month of November has been a busy one in our office. We have taken students to three career fairs in Indianapolis. These career fairs included: the Multicultural Job Fair, Public Interest and Community Service Fair, and the Midwest Financial Institute Fair. In addition, our office hosted the Wabash College Career, Internship, and Graduate School Fair on November 17th. The freshmen through senior students enjoyed interacting with over 30 different organizations that were present. The employers were most impressed with the professional dress of our students and how they had researched the organizations before attending the fair.

On December 3<sup>rd</sup>, we will take students to a networking event in downtown Chicago where they have an opportunity to interact with the Chicago alumni. We are strongly encouraging your sons to dress

professionally when meeting with alumni and employers. You can help them make a great first impression by reminding them to bring their dress clothes back to school if they are storing them at home.

If your son has not been to visit our office, be sure to remind him that we can assist him with career exploration, internship\ full time employment search, interviewing skills, resumes, cover letters, personal statements, and much more.

If you would like to post an internship or employment opportunity on WabashWorks!  
Please send the pertinent information to us at carserv@wabash.edu and start recruiting Wabash students and alumni today!

## **Admissions**

Wabash hosted 173 seniors for the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual "Top Ten Scholarship Visit Day". In order to participate, seniors must have achieved class rank within the top 10% of the class through the conclusion of their senior year.

Dean Steve Klein said students who are ranked in the top 10 percent of their high school graduating classes can qualify for up to \$15,000 (per year) in scholarships. The guys in the top five percent get the biggest award, which is valued at \$60,000 over four years; men who rank in the top 10 percent, but not the upper five percent, get \$12,500 per year.

The keynote speaker was Tom Denari, president of the Young & Laramore advertising agency in Indianapolis. Denari and Y&L are the creative brains behind the highly successful Steak-N-Shake and Goodwill Industries commercials.

The Wabash Nights are off and running. The first "W-Night" was in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Special thanks to Grand Rapids area parents Don and Nancy Vander Iest, parents of Justin '06, Steve and Eunice Thiry, parents of John '06, Ray and Becky Roberts, parents of Josiah '09, John and Tami Slinkard, parents of Wes Anderson '08 and Denise Plachta, mother of Brian Plachta '07.

Other Wabash Nights will be:

### **November 21:**

Cincinnati Wabash Night  
Clarion Hotel & Suites  
5901 Pfeiffer Road  
Cincinnati, OH

### **November 22:**

Evansville Wabash Night  
Evansville Country Club  
3810 Stringtown Road  
Evansville, IN

Fort Wayne Wabash Night  
Sycamore Hills Country Club  
11836 Covington Road  
Fort Wayne, IN

Mishawaka Wabash Night  
Windsor Park Conference Center  
4020 Edison Lakes Parkway  
Mishawaka, IN

**November 27:**

Merrillville, IN Reception  
 Radisson Hotel at Star Plaza  
 800 East 81st Avenue  
 Merrillville, IN  
 begins at 2:00 pm

All W-Night programs begin at 6:30 p.m. besides the Merrillville reception which begins at 2 p.m. If you can attend, please RSVP to Mary Skelton at 1-800-345-5385. Hope to see you at a coming W-Night!

As always, we encourage you to be looking for future Wabash men! Contact Chip Timmons ([timmonsc@wabash.edu](mailto:timmonsc@wabash.edu)) or Rudy Cope ([coper@wabash.edu](mailto:coper@wabash.edu)) for more information.

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**The Wabash College Annual Fund**

In this season of Thanksgiving, we pause to say *thank you* to all of our parents for supporting Wabash in so many ways this fall—especially to those who have made a gift to the Wabash Annual Fund.

Gifts to the Annual Fund help to complete the Wabash experience for 850 current students. Each year the combined support from over 4,000 alumni, parents, and friends enables Wabash to invest in student areas with the greatest need including:

- Scholarships and financial aid
- Academic programming including immersion learning trips
- Technology upgrades
- Upkeep of campus facilities

The 2005-2006 Annual Fund fiscal year runs through **June 30, 2006**.

Gifts can be made in three easy ways:

1. MAIL—Wabash College, Annual Fund, P.O. Box 352, Crawfordsville, IN 47933
2. PHONE—877-743-4545
3. ONLINE— <https://www.wabash.edu/alumni/egift>

**Indiana Tax Credit**

Remember that there are potential tax benefits by making a gift to the Wabash Annual Fund. If you file an Indiana state income tax return, the state will credit up to 50% of your gift to Wabash against your state income taxes. Individual filers receive a \$100 credit for the first \$200 contributed to Wabash, while joint filers receive a \$200 credit for the first \$400 contributed to the College.

<b>Example:</b>	15% Federal Tax Rate		28% Federal Tax Rate	
	<i>Married</i>	<i>Single</i>	<i>Married</i>	<i>Single</i>
Gift to Wabash	\$400	\$200	\$400	\$200
Indiana Tax Credit	(\$200)	(\$100)	(\$200)	(\$100)
Federal Tax Savings	(\$60)	(\$30)	(\$112)	(\$56)
Out of pocket cost	\$140	\$70	\$88	\$44

Additional information on the Indiana Tax Credit and the Indiana CC-40 tax form can be found at <http://www.wabash.edu/alumni/taxcredit>

**Help “Spread the Fame...”**

Parents and current students with vehicles registered in the State of Indiana are also eligible to participate in the Indiana Wabash College license plate program with a gift to the Annual Fund. Visit <http://www.wabash.edu/alumni/plates> for more information.

Please contact me (Michele Tatar) at [tatarm@wabash.edu](mailto:tatarm@wabash.edu) or **765-361-6369** with questions or comments.

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