

THE PARENTS POST

A Newsletter for Wabash College Parents



December 2007

I would like to wish all of you a happy holiday season and a safe and healthy New Year!

2007-2008 Academic Calendar

Spring Semester

Jan. 7-8	Written Comprehensive Exams for seniors
Jan. 9	Classes begin
Jan. 28-Feb. 8	Oral Comprehensive Exams for seniors
Mar. 1-9	Spring Break
Mar. 10	Classes resume
March 20-27	Registration for fall semester
April 25	Classes end
Apr. 28-May 3	Final exams
May 11	Commencement

Future Dates

Homecoming

October 4, 2008
September 26, 2009

Commencement

May 11, 2008
May 17, 2009
May 16, 2010

Family Day

October 25, 2008
October 10, 2009

For those of you that like to plan ahead, here's the link to the complete **4-Year Academic Calendar** <http://www.wabash.edu/academics/docs/4yrcalendar.pdf> as well as the link to view the **Parents Handbook** in case you need more information about Wabash <http://www.wabash.edu/alumni/parents>.

When planning a visit to Crawfordsville visit the Montgomery County Visitors and Convention Bureau website at <http://www.crawfordsville.org/>

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>

Wabash College Awards Tenure

Four Wabash College professors have earned tenure, achieving an important milestone in any teaching career. Professors Rick Warner, William Turner, Jennifer Abbott, and Michelle Rhoades have all been granted tenure by the College. Read more by Howard Hewitt at <http://www.wabash.edu/news/5354>



Be sure to visit the Wabash College homepage www.wabash.edu and take a look at the latest Wally blogs, meet Wabash students, faculty and to view photos that might be of interest to you.

Check out weekly sports releases and to view the sports schedules go to the sports home page at <http://www.wabash.edu/sports/>

Student News



Wabash College has spent the holiday season volunteering time toward fundraisers to support the Boys & Girls Club of Montgomery County in addition to numerous volunteer hours with children.

Students have taken turns selling Christmas trees off of U.S. 231 on the south side of Crawfordsville. Fraternities and residence halls have been rotating work schedules of 3-7 p.m. every weekday. Tau Kappa Epsilon also sold Monon Bell coins to raise money for the Boys & Girls Club.

“College students, and fraternities especially, too often get a negative rap and connotation,” said Michael Raters, Wabash College associate dean of students. “We make a pretty concerted effort here to engage our students in the community. I think the most obvious way that occurs is through volunteer experiences.”

Wabash senior Eric Eder surprised Reeves in November. Eder, a member of TKE, told Reeves his fraternity was selling Monon Bell coins in hopes of raising \$500 for the club. Eder and some of his fraternity brothers, along with his girlfriend Rachel Wolff — a DePauw alumna — sold the coins the week of the Monon Bell game between DePauw University and Wabash. TKE bought the coins for \$5 and sold them for \$10 — mostly to alumni and parents.

Gary James '10 Wins Journal Review Scholarship

While many of today's young adults rely on the Internet and TV to get the news, Wabash College sophomore Gary James is an exception.



“Call me a romantic or call me old school, but I love print journalism,” James said smiling.

James recently won the Journal Review scholarship through the college, intended for students at Wabash with a keen interest in the newspaper field. The endowed scholarship was established in 1987 by Freedom Newspapers, Inc. which owned the paper at that time. It has been awarded to some 23 students.

James aspires to be a journalist despite going to a liberal arts school that doesn't have a journalism program. Still, he feels like he is getting a journalism education. James said Howard Hewitt, advisor of Wabash's student newspaper *The Bachelor*, has taken him under his wing.

James joined *The Bachelor* staff in the fall of his freshman year after reading an e-mail notifying new students of a call-out meeting. It wasn't long after that James was investigating controversy over the planning of a Hootie & the Blowfish concert. He took his writing and reporting a step further, writing online pieces for Wabash's Web site through the college's public affairs office.

From the Archives



Campus of the 1870s as seen from the east, near the modern day fine arts center, looking west.

This is one of my favorite images of campus as it gives us a really great perspective of the College in the 1870's. The three buildings are, left to right – South Hall, the dormitory, later an academic building. The next building is Center with its north and south wings. The north wing of Center housed the library and the chapel. The library was where the Business Office is now. The ceilings were very tall which allowed for two floors of books around the perimeter of the library. The Chapel covered the entire second floor of the north wing of Center Hall, where the philosophy and the religion departments are housed now. This room had magnificent rafters which encouraged students in some crazy pranks – once involving the College's skeleton hanging from the rafters as the students and faculty reported for mandatory chapel services. The rafters are still there, now hidden above the dropped ceiling. The third building is Peck Hall of Sciences, home to physics and chemistry – sitting right where Hays Science Hall is right now. This image really highlights that the east campus was the front door of the college for most of its first hundred years. This is most clearly seen when looking at Center Hall. On the east side there is a very nice porch and entrance. On the west side (or mall side), Center Hall is strikingly plain.

We can also see the Normal School and preparatory building on the left, later known as Kingery. This site will be the new home of the Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion. Further back in the picture and up to the left we see that athletics are now a part of college life with the arrival of baseball. There is also a new building on campus, the Polytechnic Gymnasium which would become the Hovey Museum.

As you can see, much has changed, but a very great deal is still the same, including the train passing south of campus. We still have athletics in the same location, although now it is the home of the football stadium. As we celebrate our 175th year, I am repeatedly reminded of both the changes *and* the continuity on the campus of Wabash College, then as now, a Liberal Arts College for Men.

Beth Swift

Schroeder Career Center

The Schroeder Career Center has been hopping in the last month! Seven more seniors have decided their paths and have committed to the following:

Jason Simons – Teach for America
Austin Shurtz – Indiana University School of Medicine
Trayton White – Ford Motor Company
Clayton Craig – Indiana University School of Dentistry
Jesse James – Indiana University School of Law
Andy Deig – Eli Lilly Company
Alex Loucks – Cancer Treatment Centers of America

We continue to have a number of seniors in our offices on a weekly basis with several weighing their options over the winter break. If your son is a senior and returning to campus early to prepare for comprehensive exams, please encourage him to visit our office. We will be here!

In the last month, we had two well-attended events that are worth highlighting. In late November, we had our *Real World, Part I – Finances* program for seniors. Dave Knott '69 and Steve Marcou '93, both financial planners, were on campus dispensing advice to seniors about saving for their retirement. In early December, we took a group of 50 students to a Pacers game for the opportunity to meet with an executive of the Pacer organization. Chris Denari '83 was our guest speaker, and really encouraged the group to start their career search early and seek the help of mentors. We couldn't have said it better ourselves!

The spring semester will be an active one in the Schroeder Career Center. Here is a brief sampling of events you should encourage your son to attend:

- January 13: Welcome Back Chili Dinner
- January 21-25: Internship Week
- February 4-8: Marketing & Sales Week
- February 8: Corporate Site Visit – Eli Lilly Company
- February 20: College Talent Recruitment Day
- March 17-21: Government/Non-Profit Week
- April 7: Real World, Part II – How to Make a Great Start
- April 8: Non-Profit Career Fair

Underclassmen are strongly encouraged to get involved and active with our office as soon as possible.

The Career Services Staff:

Scott Crawford
Betsy Knott
Kyle Dunaway
Toni McKinney
Jill Rogers
Lu Hamilton
and our 9 Peer Career Advisors

Admissions

Mark Your Calendar

I know its December, but March will be here before you know it. The 115th Honor Scholarship Weekend will be held March 14-15. On the Friday morning of Honor Scholarship Weekend, we host a reception in the Allen Center for the parents of prospective students from 9 AM until Noon. We would like to have 12-15 parents of current students available to greet and visit with our guests. If you would like to volunteer to help at the reception, contact Chip Timmons at timmonsc@wabash.edu.

If you know of any potential Wabash men, particularly seniors send their names and contact info to Audra Abney, Coordinator of Volunteers, at abneya@wabash.edu.

The Wabash College Annual Fund

Best wishes to all parents for the holiday season and New Year! Thank you also to all Wabash parents who have supported the College in so many ways during the fall semester—especially those parents who have supported Wabash students with a gift to the Annual Fund!



At Wabash there is strength in numbers. The combined annual support of over 4,500 alumni, parents, and friends adds up to provide an unparalleled liberal arts teaching and learning experience for the students and faculty who work together on campus daily.

While the 2007-2008 Annual Fund fiscal year runs through **June 30, 2008**, many parents make their gifts by **December 31st** to take advantage of potential state and federal tax benefits. Gifts can be made in three easy ways:

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

Indiana Tax Credit

Remember 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.

Example:	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 www.wabash.edu/alumni/taxcredit

2008 Indiana Wabash License Plates Now Available

Parents and current students with vehicles registered in the State of Indiana are eligible to participate in the Indiana Wabash College license plate program with a gift of \$25 or more to the Annual Fund. Visit www.wabash.edu/alumni/plates for more information.

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

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