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

**2005-2006 Academic Calendar**

**Spring Semester**
- March 23-30: Registration for fall semester
- April 28: Classes end
- May 1-6: Final exams
- May 14: Commencement

**Future Dates**
- Homecoming: October 7, 2006
- Commencement: May 14, 2006
- Family Day: October 28, 2006
- September 29, 2007
- May 13, 2007
- September 20, 2008
- 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.

**Putting Parents In Their Place: Outside Class**
Too Much Involvement Can Hinder Students’ Independence, Experts Say
*By Valerie Strauss*

They are needy, overanxious and sometimes plain pesky -- and schools at every level are trying to find ways to deal with them.

No, not students. Parents -- specifically parents of today’s "millennial generation" who, many educators are discovering, can’t let their kids go.

"Many young adults entering college have the academic skills they will need to succeed but are somewhat lacking in life skills like self-reliance, sharing and conflict resolution," said Linda Walter, an administrator at Seton Hall University in New Jersey and co-chairman of the family portion of new-student orientation.

Educators say the shift in parental engagement coincides with the rise of the millennial generation, kids born after 1982. "They have been the most protected and programmed children ever -- car seats and safety helmets, play groups and soccer leagues, cell phones and e-mail," said Mark McCarthy, assistant vice president and dean of student development at Marquette University in Milwaukee. "The parents of
this generation are used to close and constant contact with their children and vice versa."

If you would like to read the entire article that appeared in the Washington Post go to:
http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2006/03/20/AR2006032001167_pf.html

WABASH WOMEN
March, 2006

Dear Parents, Family, and Special Friends of Wabash Students:

Wabash students are hard at work completing projects and writing papers, and final exams loom just weeks away. The Wabash Women organization is once again offering you an opportunity to let your son or your favorite Wabash friend know that you are thinking of him.

For $10.00 you can surprise a Little Giant with a Study Care Bag filled with goodies, along with your encouraging words of support as he prepares for final exams. The bags will be delivered to the living units on Sunday evening, April 30, 2006, and will then be distributed by the RA or members of the fraternity. Each Study Care Bag contains snack items such as chips, crackers, cookies, candy, a packaged drink, and other goodies, as well as your message (on the form below or in a note of your own).

Last May, Wabash Women donated $2,500 to a fund administered by the Dean of Students for Wabash students’ personal needs and emergencies, $550 to the Even Start Family Literacy Program, and $550 to the Youth Service Bureau. With the monies from the Study Care Bag Project we hope to continue to help as we have in the past.

Please send (1) your check for $10.00 made payable to Wabash College; (2) the form below, filled out with your message; and (3) mail check and completed form so that we receive it by April 10, 2006 to:

Study Care Bag Project
Attn: Sherry Ross
Wabash College
P.O. Box 352
Crawfordsville, IN 47933-0352

Thank you,

WABASH WOMEN STUDENT STUDY BAG COMMITTEE
765-361-6310 phone

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(Please cut off and return bottom section only)

(Print student’s full name)

(Print Residence Hall and room number OR Fraternity)

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Current Student News

**Wabash Mourns Han Jiang.** Wabash College is sad to report the loss of Han Jiang, who was killed in an automobile accident Thursday, March 9th. Jiang, a junior from Beijing, China, was a passenger in the car driven by his Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity brother, Benyam Alemneh. Jiang’s countryman and fraternity brother, Feng Mai, was also a passenger in the car.

“All of us at Wabash are deeply saddened by the tragic loss of Han Jiang," said Wabash President Andrew T. Ford. "We extend our sympathies to his family in China and to his classmates and fraternity brothers here at Wabash." Read the entire story by Jim Amidon at [www.wabash.edu/news/3329](http://www.wabash.edu/news/3329)

**Wabash Junior Wins Prestigious NEH Internship.** A Wabash College junior has won a prestigious National Endowment for the Humanities summer internship in Washington D.C. Greg Strodtman ‘07, Indianapolis, has been selected as one of 15 summer interns from a national pool of candidates. Strodtman will spend his summer reviewing grants. Read more at [www.wabash.edu/news/3350](http://www.wabash.edu/news/3350)

**Immersion Learning Groups.** Four student groups set out on immersion trips over the College’s Mar. 6-10 spring break. All four student groups documented their daily experiences with blogs.

The only international trip was J.D. Phillips’ mathematics excursion to Prague. Read the blogs at: [http://www2.wabash.edu/blog/prague2006](http://www2.wabash.edu/blog/prague2006)

English Professor Warren Rosenberg lead a group of students to New York City as part of his ‘English 350: New York City in Literature and Film’ class. Read the blogs at: [http://www2.wabash.edu/blog/newyork2006](http://www2.wabash.edu/blog/newyork2006)

Political Science Professor David Hadley lead a group of students to the nation’s capital. Read the blogs at: [http://www2.wabash.edu/blog/washington2006](http://www2.wabash.edu/blog/washington2006)

This year’s new immersion experience leaned heavily on Wabash alum teaching students about marketing. Ken Turchi ’80 lead the group, which based itself out of Indianapolis. Read the blogs at: [http://www2.wabash.edu/blog/marketing2006](http://www2.wabash.edu/blog/marketing2006)
Professors lead the immersion learning trips which are funded, in part, by the Campaign for Leadership. There are no costs to the students except for a few meals and spending money. The students on all trips usually have their evenings free to explore the cities they’re visiting on their own.

**Congratulations to “The Over Coates,” the 2006 Wabash College Bowl Champions.** The team consisted of Alex Coates ’08, Zach Wheeler ’08, Will Rendfeld ’08, and Dan Petrie ’07. On Friday, February 24 and Saturday the 25th the team represented Wabash at the Regional Competition held at the University of Illinois. Wabash posted several wins and made it all the way to the final four before eventually losing to Notre Dame. Professor Dan Rogers coached the team at the Regionals.

**Campus News**

**John Lamborn Named New Wabash Librarian.** Wabash College Dean Raymond B. Williams has announced the appointment of John Lamborn as the new head librarian at Wabash’s Lilly Library. Lamborn will replace Larry Frye, who came to Wabash in 1980 and is retiring at the end of the academic year. To learn more about John please see the story by Jim Amidon on the Wabash web site at: [www.wabash.edu/news/3311](http://www.wabash.edu/news/3311)

**Dr. Gary A. Phillips is the New Dean of the College.**

by Jim Amidon

March 15, 2006

Wabash College President Andrew T. Ford is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Gary A. Phillips as Dean of the College effective July 1.

Phillips is currently Professor of Religion and Chair of the Religion Department at The University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee.

"We conducted a national search for the Dean of the College position, and we were pleased at the breadth and depth of the candidate pool. It was really quite remarkable. Even in that company,” Ford commented, "Dr. Phillips stood out."

Dr. Phillips is a 1971 *magna cum laude* graduate of Lynchburg College and graduated from the Vanderbilt Divinity School, also *magna cum laude*. After studying for a year in Paris, he returned to Vanderbilt to earn his Ph.D. with highest distinction in New Testament Studies with a focus on linguistics.

Dr. Phillips will succeed Dean Raymond B. Williams, who has served as Dean of the College during the 2005-2006 academic year. The Dean of the College is Wabash’s chief academic officer responsible for leading the faculty, as well as supervision of information technology, international studies, Lilly Library, and Wabash’s Center of Inquiry in the Liberal Arts and Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion.

"Wabash College honors me in asking me to serve as its next Dean of the College," said Phillips. "I am energized by the collegiality, the sense of community, the commitment to liberal arts education, the care it gives to the young men who come to be part of the Wabash community. Alice and I can’t wait to get settled in and begin this new chapter of our lives."

Beginning in 1979, Dr. Phillips spent 19 years on the faculty at the College of the Holy Cross, where he taught Religious Studies. He held a range of administrative appointments at Holy Cross, including directing the First Year Program, the Office of Grants and Research, and the Interdisciplinary Studies Program. He also chaired the Faculty Compensation Committee.
In 1998, Dr. Phillips was named to his current post at Sewanee, where in addition to chairing his department, he also directs the First Year Program and chairs the Faculty Budget Priorities Committee.

Dr. Phillips has written or edited six books primarily on the topic of linguistics and the ethical reading of the Bible. He is presently working on another four book projects as editor, co-editor, or author. In addition, Dr. Phillips has written dozens of book chapters and journal articles, translations, and book reviews. He has received individual grants or procured grant funding for his institutions from Lilly Endowment Inc., the Mellon Foundation, the American Academy of Religion, National Endowment for the Humanities, National Science Foundation, Pew Memorial Trust, and the Dana Foundation.

Dr. Patrick E. White, who will become Wabash’s 15th president on July 1, assisted in the search for Phillips.

Faculty, Staff, and Student Profiles

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

Professor Placher Writes about Callings
by Susan Cantrell

The Scriptural examples in Professor Bill Placher’s book, Callings, make it very clear that for thousands of years men and women have often found it difficult to let their faith determine the course of their lives. Even when the definition of a religious calling was amended 500 years ago by Martin Luther to include a father’s diapering his baby, answering the call remained problematic.

It is no less so today. The Christian churches’ need for clergy is so profound it drove the Indianapolis-based Lilly Endowment to ask Placher to put together a book that will help clarify the idea of a calling particularly for college students, but for anyone else, as well. He assembled Biblical and historic references illustrating the ways individuals have responded affirmatively to the calling to faith-centered lives.

Placher was the right person for the task. The author or editor of 11 previous books and a nationally respected scholar, Placher, a 1970 Wabash graduate, has been teaching at Wabash since 1974. He has been chair of the Department of Philosophy and Religion and is the La Follette Distinguished Professor in the Humanities. If you would like to read Professor Placher’s complete profile go to: http://www.wabash.edu/profiles/home.cfm?profile_id=74

Sports Schedules

Campus Building Profile

Chapel

At the south end of the mall, the Pioneer Chapel is a focal point of campus life. It was built in 1928 as a memorial to the pioneers of Indiana. Although the era of mandatory chapel period is over, the Chapel remains the place where members of the Wabash community gather to hear speeches by faculty and other distinguished guests.
College Archives

Wabash and the West Wing
by Beth Swift for Wabash College

Drive, or walk, onto the Mall at Wabash College and one of the buildings that you will notice right away is the Sparks Center. It sits at the heart of the Mall and is named for Frank Hugh Sparks, President of Wabash from 1941-1956. Named for Sparks following his death, this building is the creation of Eric Gugler, a national figure in the world of architecture. Gugler’s work includes the Business Systems and Insurance Building for the 1939 New York World’s Fair, the Theodore Roosevelt Memorial in Washington D.C. on an island in the Potomac, the World War II Sicily-Rome American Cemetery and Monument among dozens of other commissions. He was also instrumental in establishing the National Trust for Historic Preservation and worked very closely with both Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt on various projects. The most notable of these projects is his reconstruction of the West Wing of the White House.

The West Wing has undergone a number of changes which are clearly described on the website of the National Building Museum, “In 1902, architect Charles F. McKim designed a plain, unobtrusive two-story office wing attached to the west side of the White House by an L-shaped terrace. The President's office was placed in the southeast corner of the wing next to the terrace for quick access from the house. The President's secretary was assigned the central room, whose bow window echoed the bow behind the South Portico. In 1909, Washington architect Nathan C. Wyeth extended the west wing to the south, creating a central oval room inspired by the Blue Room to be William Howard Taft's office. Architect Eric Gugler expanded the west wing again in 1934, designing the present Oval Office for Franklin D. Roosevelt. This new office was again located in the wing’s southeast corner just a few steps from where Theodore Roosevelt's 1902 office had been.”

From the website of the White House Historical Association we learn of the depth of Gugler’s work there, “Gugler worked closely with Roosevelt and his staff on the project, constructing a second floor addition, extending office space in the basement, and moving and situating the president’s Oval Office and the Cabinet Room to their current locations on the east side of the building. In addition to his work on the West Wing, Gugler was appointed by Roosevelt to the White House advisory committee for the state rooms and advised on several room projects. His work for the Roosevelts included the design of a grand piano for the East Room, which is still used today, and, at Roosevelt’s request, designing a quotation by John Adams on his hopes for future presidents for inscription into the State Dining Room mantel.” The piano referred to in the quote is known as the “Gugler Steinway” and can be seen on the pages of the White House website.

As I mentioned above, Gugler also designed a number of other high-profile projects. The memorial for the World War II cemetery in Italy is striking because it is a near duplicate of the Sparks Center. The memorial is of marble, not brick and does not have the mezzanine level which Sparks has; still the two buildings are strikingly similar. It is not known which came first but the Wabash building was dedicated in 1954 while the memorial was dedicated in 1956.

Gugler came to work at Wabash through the efforts of the President of the Board of Trustees of Wabash, Lee McCanliss (W1907). McCanliss was a lawyer who lived and worked in New York, where Gugler had
his offices. Among the other buildings on campus by Gugler are the Lilly Library, Baxter Hall, Wolcott and Morris dormitories and portions of the Allen Athletic Center.

Schroeder Center for Career Development

• Career Services is excited to announce our NEW e-newsletter Outcomes. The goal of this newsletter is to keep students, parents, alumni, faculty, staff, and employers connected with our office. Outcomes will feature sections such as Spotlight an Alumni, Calendar of Events, Summer and Employment Opportunities posted on WabashWorks, Little Career Giant’s Advice Column and Congratulations to students who have accepted After Graduation Plans and Summer Internships.

Outcomes is a bi-weekly electronic publication. To subscribe to our newsletter, please send your email address to career@wabash.edu and you will be added to the list.

• On April 24th “Welcome to the Real World” event will feature information sessions focused towards senior students to learn the secrets of 401K’s, health insurance and benefits packages, investing, your first paycheck/budgeting, purchasing a house vs. renting, taxes, surviving the first 90 days at work and ensuring success in graduate school.

• Ten students completed our DC Externship Program over Spring Break, working in the Washington DC metro area with Wabash alumni. The goal of this annual program is to expose students to life in the nation’s capital, help them network with Wabash alumni, and let them try out a potential career field. Below is a picture of this year’s externs at a reception hosted by Greg Castanias ’87, an attorney with Jones Day.

Does your organization want to hire Wabash students and alumni? We can help you recruit at Wabash College, just contact us at career@wabash.edu to find out more.

Admissions

Honor Scholarship Weekend – March 17-18

We had a wonderful turnout for Honor Scholarship Weekend. 346 prospective students were on campus to compete for scholarships, explore housing options, attend rush activities and athletic contests, and really get a feel for life on campus. The Public Affairs Office did a great job covering the weekend and you can read all about it at http://www.wabash.edu/news/3333.

Several parents joined us for lunch Friday and helped welcome our guests to campus. We would like to recognize those parents who helped in that way. They are: Brad Mullendore, Linda and Dale Petrie, Cathy and Rick Wohlhuter, Diana Moore, David Rhodes, Susana and Randy Venis, Robin and Rex McKinney, Chris and David Smith and Carol and Kyle Finley.
Spring Visit Day – Saturday, May 20

We have a lot of work to do to fill the class of 2010, but we also need to get started on the classes of 2011 and 2012. On Saturday, May 20, the Admissions Office will host our Spring Visit Day, a visit day designed especially for underclassmen.

This visit day includes a campus tour, opportunities to meet with Wabash students, faculty and staff, and session on Wabash financial aid and merit-based scholarship programs. If you know of any high school juniors or sophomores who you think are a good match for Wabash, encourage them to attend. Invitations will be mailed in a few weeks and students can register online at www.wabash.edu/admissions/visit/springvisit.

Admissions Blog – Scarlet Banter

The Admissions Office has started a blog to provide all of our constituents with a behind-the-scenes look at our work. The blog is titled Scarlet Banter and can be viewed by either visiting the Future Students homepage (www.wabash.edu/admissions) or the Wally Blogs homepage (http://www2.wabash.edu/blog/)

Referral Reminder

To date, we have the second highest referral total since the program’s inception. As of March 9, we were 32 referrals behind last year’s total. We still have time to break this record. If you know of any high school juniors and sophomores who are Wabash material, refer those young men to Wabash today!

You can refer a student online at www.wabash.edu/alumni/student/refer.

The Wabash College Annual Fund

Thank you to the more than 2,850 alumni, parents, and friends who have made a gift to the Wabash Annual Fund so far this fiscal year.

In March and April of each year the Office of Annual Giving coordinates the Senior Gift Campaign. Each year 65-70% of graduating seniors participate in the Senior Gift Campaign by making a monetary gift to the College. This type of commitment by the graduating class is an important indication that they benefitted from their Wabash experiences and want to ensure that future generations are able to have similar opportunities. If you are a parent of a senior student please encourage your son to participate in the 2006 Senior Gift Campaign.

2006 Indiana License Plate Forms Now Available

Don’t forget that 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 www.wabash.edu/alumni/plates for more information.

If you have yet to make a gift to Wabash during the 2005-2006 fiscal year, then please consider making a gift online today at www.wabash.edu/alumni/egift or by calling 877-743-4545. The Annual Fund fiscal year runs through June 30, 2006.

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

If you want to be removed from our e-mail list, please reply to parents@wabash.edu, type “unsubscribe” and your full name in the subject line.