

THE PARENTS POST

A Newsletter for Wabash College Parents



October 2005

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

- **2005-2006 Academic Calendar**

Fall Semester

November 5

November 10-17

November 12

November 19-27

November 28

December 12-17

December 18-Jan 8

Family Day

Registration for Spring Semester

112th Monon Bell Classic @ DePauw

Thanksgiving Recess

Classes Resume

Final Exams

Christmas Recess

Future Dates

Homecoming

October 7, 2006

September 29, 2007

September 20, 2008

Commencement

May 14, 2006

May 13, 2007

May 11, 2008

Family Day

November 5, 2005

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.

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 Family Day 2005 Saturday, November 5, 2005

9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Open Reception for Parents and Families

Caleb Mills House – Food and Refreshments Provided

(Be sure to stop by to pick up your FREE tickets to the football game and 10% coupon for the Wabash Bookstore!)

9:00 am

Campus Tour

Tour will be led by the Sons of Wabash and will depart from the Caleb Mills House

10:00 am – 10:45 am

Information session on the Off-Campus Studies Program by David L. Clapp – Baxter Hall, Room 101

Find out how many Wabash students study off-campus, what the rules are for who can go, where they go and hear from the students themselves about their experiences and get the opportunity to ask questions. They will also discuss the International Studies Area of Concentration. For more information check out our website at http://www.wabash.edu/academics/overview.cfm?dept_ID=16

11:00 am – 11:45 am

How *WabashWorks!* for Students: Connecting Students with Alumni Mentors, Internships, Job Search Strategies, and Pre-Health Advising

New and exciting changes are happening in the Schroeder Center for Career Development. Learn how the new Alumni Mentor program allows student to network with alumni through *WabashWorks!*. Become connected through the new bi-weekly *Outcomes* e-Newsletter that features internship information, highlights alumni success stories, answers career questions, and includes a calendar of events. Explore and learn about Pre-Health fields from the Pre-Health Advisor. Also, meet the new Director, new Assistant Director, new Pre-Health Advisor, and new Internship Coordinator. For more information check out our website at http://www.wabash.edu/career_services

12:00 pm

Lunch on your own (***Be sure to check with your son about lunch in his fraternity or in the Great Hall, Sparks Center for the Independent students***)

1:00 pm

Football Game: Wabash vs. Denison – Byron P. Hollett Little Giant Stadium

1:00 pm

Swimming: Wabash vs. Rose-Hulman – Class of 1950 Natatorium, Allen Athletics Center

4:00 pm

Wrestling-Alumni/Red-White Meet – Chadwick Court, Allen Athletics Center

8:00 pm

Family Day Concert, Fine Arts Center, Salter Hall

Please RSVP by Wednesday, October 26, 2005

Simply contact Michele Tatar in the Alumni and Parent Relations Office at parents@wabash.edu or tatarm@wabash.edu or by phone at 765-361-6369 to RSVP.

Semester Exam Goody Bags Available From Wabash Women

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, December 11, 2005, 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, with your message from home; and (3) mail check and completed form so that we receive it by

November 18, 2005 to:

Study Care Bag Project
Attn: Sherry Ross
Wabash College
P.O. Box 352
Crawfordsville, IN 47933-0352
765-361-6310 Phone

Thank you,
WABASH WOMEN STUDENT STUDY BAG PROJECT COMMITTEE



PLEASE CUT OFF AND RETURN BOTTOM SECTION ONLY

(Print student's full name)

(Print Residence Hall and room number or Fraternity)

MESSAGE FROM _____ :

National Public Radio to air on WNDY

Wabash has partnered with WFYI Radio out of Indianapolis to simulcast National Public Radio on the student-run college station WNDY (91.3 FM). The simulcast will occur between the hours of 3:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. which means you can hear Morning Edition, All Things Considered, etc. by tuning in. The normal Wabash student-run programming will then air during the remaining time. In addition, Wabash (WNDY) will continue to broadcast Little Giant sporting events on evenings and weekends as it always has.

Current Student News

Wabash Men Preparing for Hurricane Relief Trip

As many as 50 Wabash students will load on buses that will carry them to Moss Point, Mississippi Wednesday, where they will help clean up and rebuild after hurricane Katrina.

Wabash has about nine students from Mississippi and Louisiana, most of whom have gotten home at least once since the hurricane came ashore six weeks ago. Nikeland Cooper, a senior from Moss Point, has gotten in touch with his hometown mayor and the city is excited Wabash men are on their way. To read the full story by Jim Amidon go to: www.wabash.edu/news/2837

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.

Wyman Plans to Bring Enthusiasm to Classroom

by Howard Hewitt

Aaron Wyman is a Visiting Assistant Professor of Chemistry who brings unbridled enthusiasm and energy to the classroom.

Wyman, who will at times refer to himself as introverted and other times as a circus clown, thinks his energy level is a valuable asset.



"For me teaching is all about energy and enthusiasm," the Alma College graduate said. "There are people who would probably argue that's not accurate, but for me it works. If I'm excited and giving everything I got, the students know that and typically they'll give me a little bit more as well. There's no greater thrill than that."

Wyman got his masters in biology at the University of North Carolina and his doctorate at the University of Michigan. But he was struck by what was available to him at Wabash College.

"I was immediately struck by this building (Hays Hall), the technology, and what was available at a really small college," the sports enthusiast said. "The equipment here is on par with anything I've been using in my graduate experience."

"The undergraduates here are phenomenal students and they're excited about being here. I love coming to work every morning. I look forward to the next day. I have the opportunity to not just teach classes but to create a course for spring semester."

Wyman plans on teaching a class in bio-chemistry he's designing now. He's looking forward to taking on a research assistant sometime soon as well.

"I had a wonderful mentor as an undergraduate. I really enjoyed that experience of working with her and learning what science is and how it's actually practiced, the history behind it and the idea, the thought process."

"I want to let students do science as undergrads so when they get to grad school they're sitting there saying I have learned all these things; I know the basics. So when they get there they can just go crazy and actually be two or three steps ahead of the next party."

Wyman grew up on a small Michigan farm but was heavily influenced by his mother and her siblings, who were all teachers. "I get no greater thrill than sitting down one-on-one or one on 500 and providing information, knowledge, and a thought process. I'm big on making students come to me – it doesn't do any good to just give them information; they must understand why two plus two equals four. When they make that connection it becomes permanent and makes all the other connections come so much faster."

He admits to being curious about his classes at an all-male school. "I did my interview lecture and I'm looking out at 25 guys," he recalled. "I thought, 'They're happy with this; I'm not a guy who says they should change.'"

He found irony in that experience because his first teaching experience at North Carolina was with a class of 24 women. "I thought that was the greatest place ever," he recalled with a chuckle.

Wyman and his wife live in West Lafayette. He is an avid reader and loves to participate in and watch sports. "I feel like I've found nirvana learning that 40 to 50 percent of the students here play a sport."

Fall sports schedules

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

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

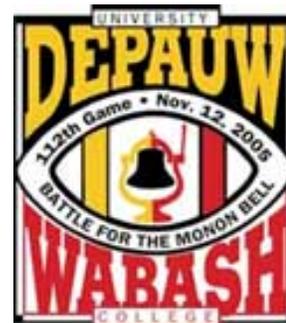
http://www.wabash.edu/sports/cross_country/sched

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

112th Monon Bell Classic - November 12, 2005

Tickets to the 112th Monon Bell Classic went on sale on Monday, October 17 on a first come, first served basis. The Wabash College Bookstore will be handling all sales of tickets this year.

All tickets are priced at **\$10** for the game, which kicks off at 1 p.m. from Greencastle's Blackstock Stadium. Tickets for the annual battle between Wabash and DePauw will be sold in the Bookstore during normal hours, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and on home football Saturdays.



Tickets are also available online using the Bookstore's Yahoo Store account which is <http://store.yahoo.com/wabashbookstore/>. There will be a \$1 postage and handling charge for all online VISA and Mastercard orders. Orders will be mailed via First Class U.S. Postal Service to arrive before the game on November 12.

To expedite processing of your electronic ticket order, please use the online Bookstore rather than calling or emailing Bookstore staff.

The Monon Bell Game will be on **DirecTV (Channel 321)** again this year at several locations across the country. To see if there is one in your area go to: www.wabash.edu/alumni/mononbell/

Campus Building Profile



BAXTER HALL is the home of the Social Sciences Division, where Wabash men study economics, history, political science and psychology. Made possible through gifts from the Baxter Foundation and other friends of Wabash, the building was constructed in 1964. Lovell Lecture Hall is a popular speaking venue for guest lecturers. Baxter Hall also is home to the [Department of Computer Services](#).

College Archives

Senior Bench

Among the student traditions at Wabash is the painting of the Senior Bench. The stone bench, which sits in front of Center Hall, has been painted by virtually every campus group. Fraternities scuffle over it as pledges paint and then protect it. The Bench serves as a canvas upon which students project their message. Recently, the Bench has also served as a memorial to lost friends.

A look at the history of this monument shows that the bench is a memorial to a family that gave a great deal to the early college. The Senior Bench is really the Thomson Bench. The Thomsons were a

family dedicated to education and to the young Wabash College. James and John Steele Thomson were two of the founders “kneeling in the snow” in 1832. John Steele was the third member of the faculty behind Caleb Mills and Edmund O. Hovey. The Thomson family helped to build and then sustain the Wabash College and are worthy of remembrance.

The Bench almost immediately became the sole province of the Senior Class. Woe to the lowly who dared to sit on the sacred bench. The photo below shows members of the Class of 1916 enjoying the privileges of their recent elevation. Also shown are the inscriptions now lost beneath hundreds of layers of paint. The Senior Bench sits at the center of the campus and painting it is a key tradition for generations of Wabash Men.



Three seniors enjoy a leisurely read on the Thomson Bench, known to generations of Wabash men as the Senior Bench. The two men on the right are reading the November, 1916 issue of the Wabash Magazine.

Schroeder Career Center

In the last month, we have been busy preparing students for upcoming Career Fairs. Students are learning that these opportunities allow them to network with employers and alumni, which in turn is a great way to build connections to utilize when they are searching for internships and full-time employment. This fall, Career Services is providing students opportunities to attend the following career fairs:

- Indiana Multicultural Job Fair**- Over 80 Employers with Opportunities in Every Field
- Public Interest Career Fair**- Make the world a better place; work in service/non-profit sector
- Midwest Financial Institute**- Interviews On-the-Spot for internships and full-time employment
- Chicago Networking\Career Fair**- Wabash students meet Chicago Alumni in the Windy City
- Wabash Career, Internship and Graduate School Fair**- Organizations Visit Campus

On November 17th, the College will host organizations and graduate schools at our Wabash Career, Internship, and Graduate School Fair. Students will have the opportunity to speak with organizations

about full-time employment, internships, and graduate schools. Everyday we receive new registrations and update our list of attendees. As of October 19th, the registration list included:

Graduate Schools:	Organizations:	
Notre Dame Law School	Accenture	Woodbury Financial Services
University of Cincinnati –College of Law	Aerotek	John Hancock Financial Network
University of Indianapolis–MBA	AFLAC	State Farms Insurance Co.
Xavier University – Psychology and Health Services	RCA Championships	Wishard Health Services
Earlham College – Master of Arts in Teaching	FBI	Social Security Administration
	Eli Lilly	U.S. Marine Corps
	Key Broadcasting	Horizon House (AmeriCorps VISTA)
		AMI Investors

Would your organization like to recruit at the Wabash Career, Internship and Graduate School Fair? We would be happy to send you a registration form and more information. Please contact us at mckinnet@wabash.edu or (765) 361-6414 and reserve your space today!

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

Admissions

New Face in Admissions:

On October 3, the Admissions Office welcomed Audra Abney to our team and she will serve as our Coordinator of Volunteers. If you're interested in representing Wabash at a local college night or have students to refer to the College, Audra is your primary contact. You can reach Audra at abneya@wabash.edu or (765)361-6041.

Family Day:

If you're planning to be on campus for Family Day and are interested in becoming an admissions volunteer, contact Chip Timmons (timmonsc@wabash.edu) or Rudy Cope (coper@wabash.edu) and we'll arrange a time to speak with you while you're on campus.

Fall Visit Days:

With our first fall visit day nearly upon us, we're gearing up for what promises to be a busy month. The Admissions Office will host a Class Visit Day on November 4 and our Top Ten Scholarship Visit Day on November 11. If you know of any potential Wabash men, encourage them and their families to make visit to campus this fall. Information for both visit days can be found at www.wabash.edu/admissions.

The Wabash College Annual Fund

Thank you to the many parents who have supported 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. Wabash applies Annual Fund gifts to student areas with the greatest need including:

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

We hope you will consider making a gift to the Annual Fund during the 2005-2006 fiscal year which 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>

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 or **765-361-6369** with questions or comments.

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