



# WABASH COLLEGE

## *Class Agents Letter*

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## Class of 1995

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Happy Holidays Class of 1995!

- ✓ We'll start off this letter with some great classmate news:
  - From **Patrick Lee** – “Karolyn and I just had our baby girl, Fiona. Seven pounds, eight ounces, and mom and baby doing well. We just recently moved to New Hampshire where I’m working as an emergency physician in Manchester. E-mail is [t74pl@hotmail.com](mailto:t74pl@hotmail.com).”
  - From **Steve Purcell** – “Greetings! I recently finished my second degree, this one in radiologic technology, and landed a job as a cardiac catheterization tech at Elkhart General Hospital. I also moved from Nappanee and now reside in Elkhart, Indiana.”
  - Congrats to you both - here’s hoping everyone had a successful 2005!
- ✓ From technology to teachers, scholarships to scholarly journals, the combined support of over 4,000 alumni, parents, and friends each year helps to complete the Wabash experience for 850 current students.



While the 2005-2006 Annual Fund fiscal year runs through **June 30, 2006**, many alumni 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- <https://www.wabash.edu/alumni/egift>

2. PHONE-877-743-4545

3. MAIL-Wabash College, Annual Fund, P.O. Box 352, Crawfordsville, IN 47933

- ✓ **Lilly Endowment Inc. Matching Opportunity**

Remember that during the 2005-2006 fiscal year, Lilly Endowment Inc. will match alumni gifts to the Annual Fund on a \$1.25 for \$1.00 basis up to \$2 million, for a total match of \$2.5 million.

- ✓ **Indiana Tax Credit**

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. Additional information on the Indiana Tax Credit and the Indiana CC-40 tax form can be found at

<http://www.wabash.edu/alumni/taxcredit>

- ✓ **2006 Indiana License Plate Forms Now Available**

Alumni and friends with vehicles registered in the State of Indiana are 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.

✓ **Admissions**

**Winter Visit Day**

The next admissions visit day is Monday, January 16, a day most high schools are closed in observance of the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday. If you know of any young men who you believe should consider Wabash, please encourage them to visit on the 16th. Students can register online at [www.wabash.edu/admissions/visit/wintervisit](http://www.wabash.edu/admissions/visit/wintervisit).

✓ **Schroeder Center for Career Development**

*Suit Exchange Program* - The Schroeder Center for Career Development has developed a new program that offers students without sufficient financial means to purchase an interview suit an opportunity to borrow all the appropriate attire. The Schroeder Center staff is asking for alumni, faculty, and staff donations of gently used suits, dress pants and shirts, ties, and interview-appropriate shoes (black or brown) of all sizes. Your gift will be tax-deductible - a 'gift-in-kind' to the college - and you'll be given a receipt for your donation. If possible, they would certainly appreciate it if each item was dry-cleaned as well. They will catalog and house the clothing in one of the rooms in the Arnold House. Students needing a suit or dress clothes for career-related purposes will check out the proper attire through our office. They simply need to bring it back dry-cleaned. We hope this program will allow all our students to make a great first impression with employers and graduate schools, regardless of their financial situation. You may ship your items to Career Services at:

Career Services - Suit Exchange  
Wabash College  
502 W. Wabash Avenue  
Crawfordsville, IN 47933

✓ **Lilly Endowment Grant for Career Development:**

Much has been accomplished during the first two years of the five year grant, including the Career Lecture Series, the Indiana Internship Initiative (III), and the summer business capstone immersion experience. This coming spring break the grant administrators will introduce yet another program designed to prepare Wabash graduates for careers in Indiana businesses. Throughout the week of March 6-10, twelve students, selected from a pool of applicants, will spend the week in Indianapolis and participate in a Marketing Immersion Program. They will receive instruction by professionals in the Marketing and Advertising field and have on site visits with several firms in Indiana, including the Indiana Pacers, to get a first hand look at everything involved in marketing and advertising.

✓ **College Archives** (*From the December Issue of The Parents Post*)  
John S. Hougham Manuscript Collection

The history of Wabash is rich with men who have left our small college and gone on to do some pretty amazing things. Among these high achievers I would list John S. Hougham. The second member of Beta Theta Pi, he graduated from Wabash in the Class of 1846. By 1848 Hougham was Professor of Mathematics and Natural Philosophy at Franklin College in Franklin, Indiana. Hougham moved to Kansas in 1868 to assume the Professorship of Agriculture and Agricultural Science at Kansas State College of Agriculture. In 1872 Hougham returned to Indiana and a post on the faculty of the newly founded Purdue University, in 1876 he was Interim President. Following his work at Purdue, Hougham returned to teaching at Kansas State and died there in 1894.

A busy and interesting life, which we will now be able to study in depth, thanks to a thoughtful stranger. It seems the Hougham family migrated to California in the early 1900's. Hougham's letters and papers went with the family and were stored, all together, in a small wooden chest. This chest came to our donor through his father. As he looked through the collection, it became clear that these papers were more than just run of the mill stuff. Through his research it became clear that Wabash might be the best place for the collection. The donor contacted the Archives and asked if we were interested in the collection. We were interested, what a collection!

This group of papers contains student essays from his Wabash days, hand corrected by Edmund O. Hovey. There are copies of the first student publication, *The Oasis*. There are vote tallies from the first student elections, for "Justice of the Peace" in the South and Middle Divisions of the Dormitory. This collection is a treasure trove of student life at Wabash in the 1840's. The John S. Hougham papers now

rest in the Archives and as we process them we will learn even more about the man, his family and our young college.

✓ **Fraternity Partnerships:**

*Phi Gamma Delta* - The new FIJI house, currently under construction in the lot just south of the present FIJI house, is well on its way to completion. The students fully anticipate being able to move into the new digs in August 2006.

*Phi Kappa Psi* - The Phi Psi renovation project is set to begin this coming March after Honors Scholar Weekend. The current undergrads will continue to occupy the house for the remainder of the spring semester during the initial stages of construction, but will be required to vacate the premises following the end of classes in May. Work will continue throughout the summer and fall with plans to be completed when the students return from semester break in January 2007. The Phi Psis will find temporary housing in the form of the old FIJI house during the fall semester of 2006.

*Tau Kappa Epsilon* - The TKE renovation project has hit an unexpected snag, but talks continue between the College and the TKE Housing Corp to seek a solution to the dilemma.

*Kappa Sigma* - The Kappa Sigs are finding it difficult to stay within budget as they review plans for renovation or new construction, but just as with the TKE project, talks will continue and a solution will be found.

- ✓ If you don't already, you should set aside a few minutes each day to check out [www.wabash.edu](http://www.wabash.edu). You can stay up to date on all the College news, check the calendar of events for on campus activities as well as regional events, and read about our students, faculty/staff, and alumni in the "Meet Wabash" section. Plus, you can read the current issue and back issues of **The Bachelor** (<http://bachelor.wabash.edu/>), and the **Wabash Magazine** (<http://www.wabash.edu/magazine/>).
- ✓ Stay up to date on all upcoming **Alumni Activities** on the events calendar at [www.wabash.edu/calendar](http://www.wabash.edu/calendar). Check out the events calendar and coordinate your schedule so you can attend the next Wabash event in your area or on campus.

Drop me an e-mail ([sextonr@oakwood.org](mailto:sextonr@oakwood.org)) if you have news to include in the next letter, or feel free to give me a call at (248) 544-7918. Happy New Year!