September, 2006

Dear Classmates,

It is the beginning of another academic year at dear old Wabash. As always, there is a great deal of activity on campus.

· **Homecoming 2006! - It's Wabash Football and much more!**
  We hope you can return to campus for all of the Homecoming activities (October 5-7) including a Welcome Reception, the Alumni Chapel, a Community Discussion and, of course, great soccer and football. Homecoming details will be mailed during the last week of August, plus the entire schedule of events can be found online at [www.wabash.edu/alumni/homecoming](http://www.wabash.edu/alumni/homecoming).

· **The Wabash College Annual Fund Opening Doors for 270 New Students!**
  That is how many new students were rung in by President White this past Saturday, August 19, 2006. Just as we open our doors and ring in a new class of students each year, we also begin a new Annual Fund year.

  And Annual Fund gifts enable Wabash to open doors for students to opportunities that would be otherwise unimaginable. Many of the new students sitting in the chapel balcony on freshman Saturday benefited by receiving scholarships and financial aid, they will learn in top-rate facilities, and they will be taught by some of the best liberal arts faculty in the nation. As we commit to teaching these young men to think critically, act responsibly, lead effectively, and live humanely we also need all alumni to commit to opening doors for Wabash students by making a gift to the Annual Fund.

  Please consider making a gift online at [https://www.wabash.edu/alumni/egift](https://www.wabash.edu/alumni/egift) or by phone at 877-743-4545. The 2006-2007 fiscal year runs from July 1, 2006-June 30, 2007.

**Double or Triple the Value of your Annual Contribution**

You might be able to double or triple the value of your gift to Wabash if you or your spouse works for a company with a matching gift program. Use the online searchable database ([http://www.wabash.edu/alumni/matching](http://www.wabash.edu/alumni/matching)) to learn about companies with matching gift programs.

**Indiana Wabash License Plates** 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 of $25 or more to the Annual Fund. Visit [www.wabash.edu/alumni/plates](http://www.wabash.edu/alumni/plates) for more information.
Admissions

Freshman Saturday 270 freshmen reported to campus on August 19 and 37 of those were legacies. You can read more about the freshman class at www.wabash.edu/news/3725 and view the photo album of this year's legacies at www.wabash.edu/photo_album/home.cfm?photo_album_id=379.

US News Rankings and the Princeton Review
The 2007 US News and World Report college rankings were released late last week and Wabash ranks 51st among all national liberal arts colleges. Also, the Princeton Review's 2007 college guide, "The Best 361 Colleges" is out and Wabash ranks near the top in several categories. You can read more about both at www.wabash.edu/news/3720 and www.wabash.edu/news/3736.

Colleges That Change Lives Tour
The Admissions Office will hit to road to take part in two legs of the Colleges That Change Lives college fair tour. Listed here are the dates and cities for this year's tour.

August 26: Houston, TX and Austin, TX  
August 27: Atlanta, GA  
August 28: Nashville, TN  
August 29: Raleigh-Durham, NC  
August 30: Columbus, OH  
September 9: Minneapolis, MN  
September 10: Chicago, IL  
September 11: St. Louis, MO  
September 12: Denver, CO  
September 13: Phoenix, AZ

Times and locations for all events can be found on the Admissions Calendar found at www.wabash.edu/admissions. If you would like to join us at the fair or plan to bring some prospective students with you, contact Chip Timmons at timmonsc@wabash.edu or give him a call at 800-345-5385.

Student Blogs
If you're a regular visitor to the Wabash College web site, you've noticed blogs have become a very popular medium for sharing the stories of Wabash students, faculty, and staff. We're featuring three freshman blogs this year. These freshmen will chronicle their first year on campus through their blogs and provide prospective students a window through which they can see what it's like to be a Wabash man. If you know of any young men considering Wabash, you will want to direct them to these blogs. They can be found on the Future Students page at www.wabash.edu/news/3731.

Schroeder Center for Career Development

From Director Scott Crawford - I know some of you get questions, or wonder, about what happens to our students once they graduate, so I thought I'd share some stats with you from the Class of 2006.

Grad School vs. Job vs. whatever - The split between those students going directly to grad school and those going directly into the job market is about 50/50. That does not account for all students however. Of the others, 17% indicated they would be working for a year, then going to grad school (this seems to be a popular option for those going to law school), and 5% were just 'taking time off'. I hear from my colleagues in Career Services at other schools that the number of students 'taking time off' is growing universally.

Average Salary - 50 students reported their starting salary to our office. The average starting salary was right at $40,000. This is just a simple average. Quite a few students received sign-on bonuses and/or bonuses as part of their salary package, and benefits included cell phones, laptops, company cars, etc. Salaries ranged from $22,000 to $63,000 (many of these salaries simply amazed me). To see a list of where students have been employed or accepted grad school admission, go to www.wabash.edu/careers/employers/results.

19% of the 2006 grads are still seeking a job. Almost without exception, this group of young men did not darken the door of our office until April-ish or until they filled out our survey at graduation.
The **113th Monon Bell Game** scheduled for **November 11, 2006** in Crawfordsville will air nationally on HDNet just as it did in 2003. If you cannot return for the game, plan now to attend a telecast party in your area. A list of locations and hosts can be found on our website at [www.wabash.edu/alumni/home.cfm?pages_id=178](http://www.wabash.edu/alumni/home.cfm?pages_id=178).

**Tailgates** are being planned for Wabash football fans for every away game this year including the one sponsored by the Indianapolis Association of Wabash Men prior to the season opener at Franklin College on September 9. Check out the calendar of events on the College website at [www.wabash.edu/calendar](http://www.wabash.edu/calendar) for details.

The 2nd Annual **Wabash Day** (national day of community service) will be held on the weekend of October 14-15. Wabash Day: Wabash Alumni Benefiting And Serving Humanity; is a specified day (actually a weekend - you choose which day) for Wabash regional associations and other alumni to organize and perform acts of community service under the auspices of the NAWM. Please mark these dates on your calendar and watch for more information. If you would like to know if anything is happening in your area or would like to volunteer to organize the efforts in your area, please contact the alumni office at [alumni@wabash.edu](mailto:alumni@wabash.edu).

**From The Archives**

The **Gentleman's Rule** is a part of the fabric of Wabash. It is the only rule that we have for our students at Wabash. As the catalog states, "The student is expected to conduct himself at all times, both on and off the campus, as a gentleman and a responsible citizen."

In his memoir **Wabash On My Mind** Byron Trippet discusses the evolution of this unique approach to student affairs. "It was a philosophy which presupposed that students were adults, not children, that they were able to distinguish between right and wrong, and that they were aware of their responsibility for the consequences of their behavior.” Trippet was very familiar with the traditions of the College as he was a Wabash man, a member of the Faculty, the Dean of the College, a much beloved President and a member of the Board of Trustees. When Trippet discussed the Gentleman’s Rule, as he often did, it was always with pride. He felt that it was a “distinctive source of strength of Wabash.” He credits Dean George Kendall as the “principal architect” of this innovative approach to student life.

“The Dean” as he was always known, was at the very heart of Wabash for four decades, first as Dean of the College and then as Dean of the Faculty. From the time he arrived at Wabash in 1923 until his retirement in 1957, Dean Kendall held the respect of the entire college. It was his view that students were gentlemen and he always treated them as such. He felt no need to wrap the students in layers of rules. If there was a problem, he went right to the heart of the matter. At the daily Chapel he would read the announcements and end with this statement, “Would the following gentlemen please come by my office at their earliest convenience and in any case by not later than noon tomorrow.” If a serious incident occurred, there was only one disciplinary action to be taken, suspension. It was tough, but it was fair and not subject to appeal. As an example of this genuine affection and respect, a lively young man who attended in the mid-1920’s and later became the President of the National Association of Wabash Men said, “I’d rather be kicked out of Wabash by Dean Kendall than admitted by another dean to any college I can think of!”

As with so many traditions at Wabash, the Gentleman’s Rule lives on and guides the students of today. In another bit of continuity, the current Dean of Students, Tom Bambrey, lives in the Kendall House, home of “The Dean”.
Save-These-Dates
Homecoming '06 - October 7, 2006
Family Day '06 - October 28, 2006
Monon Bell '06 - November 11, 2006
Commencement '07 - May 13, 2007
Big Bash Weekend '07 - June 1-3, 2007

CLASS NOTES

JAMIE LaFOLLETTE ADDED TO GUILFORD ATHLETICS STAFF
July 7, 2006, Greensboro, NC -- Guilford College Director of Athletics Marion Kirby announced the appointment Jamie LaFollette as Guilford's head men's and women's cross country coach. LaFollette becomes the third head coach in Guilford's brief cross country history, replacing Scott Smith, who directed the team in its first two seasons. LaFollette spent the past five years as a cross country and track coach at the Greensboro Day School. He directed the varsity track and field squads from 2003-2006 and won the inaugural Frank M. Brenner Coach's Award in 2005. LaFollette also coached the middle school and junior varsity cross country teams and assisted the Bengals' varsity harriers. Greensboro Day's Jordan Orr clocked North Carolina's 13th-fastest scholastic time in the 800 meters under LaFollette's tutelage in 2004. LaFollette worked two years with the Raleigh Junior Striders and helped multiple youngsters qualify for USA Track and Field (USATF) national competitions. A native of Bloomington, Ind. and 1990 graduate of Bloomington South High School, LaFollette started his college career at Cornell University, but finished at Wabash College. He earned three varsity letters under coach Robert Johnson and helped the Little Giants to top-16 NCAA Division III Cross Country Championships finishes in 1991 and 1992. Wabash captured the Indiana Collegiate Athletic Conference cross country title in each of LaFollette's three seasons. LaFollette graduated magna cum laude with a bachelor's degree in biology and earned a master's degree in genetics from North Carolina State University in 1997. He received his USATF Level I coaching certification in 2004.

JASON HOLLINGSWORTH ANNOUNCES NEWEST LITTLE GIANT
Jason Hollingsworth and his wife, Teresa, announce the birth of their son, Samuel Charles Hollinsworth, born March 29, 2006. Samuel is already excited to become a little giant! Congratulations!

JOSEPH M. BLASTICK HAS CHANGED EMPLOYMENT
June 25, 2006 - Joseph's new employer is Osman Construction Corporation, located in Arlington Heights, IL. His work/cell phone number has also changed, it is now (219) 381-7001. Congratulations, Joseph! Good luck in your new job!
WIESEHAN NAMED JMU FOOTBALL ASSISTANT COACH
HARRISONBURG, Va., April 4, 2006 – Chris Wiesehan (WEEZ-ah-hann), who has coaching experience in the National Football League and in four Division I college programs, has been named wide receivers coach at James Madison University, JMU coach Mickey Matthews has announced.

Wiesehan has joined the Dukes' staff and currently is working with the team during its spring practice period. He came to JMU after working during the 2005 season with the NFL's Tampa Bay Buccaneers, and he previously coached at Northern Arizona University, the University of Buffalo, the University of Notre Dame, Purdue University and Fort Hayes (Kan.) State University.

"We are very pleased to add Chris to our staff," said Matthews, who has coached at JMU for seven seasons. "He comes very highly recommended as one of the bright young coaches in the country. We're excited about having him."

Wiesehan received his bachelor's degree in English from Wabash (Ind.) College in 1994 and a master's degree in athletic administration from Fort Hayes State in 1996. He received 1993 All-America honors as a wide receiver/returner at Wabash and was the team's receiver of the year for three straight seasons.

Wiesehan received all-conference recognition three times at Wabash and in 1993 set a national record for all-purpose yards per play.

He worked as an offensive assistant last season at Tampa Bay and was at Northern Arizona the previous four seasons, serving as offensive coordinator, assistant head coach, offensive line coach and wide receivers coach at different times.

Wiesehan coached the offensive line in 2000 and the wide receivers and tight ends in 1999 at Buffalo, and he coached the tight ends and offensive tackles at Notre Dame in 1997 and 1998. He was tight ends coach at Purdue in 1996 and wide receivers coach at Fort Hays State in 1994 and 1995.

Congratulations, Chris. We hope you have a great season!

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