

QUARTERLY CONNECTIONS

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Welcome Back!

By Dean Berkwood Farmer

Welcome to the Raj Soin College of Business! This new quarterly newsletter is an effort to get the most current, relevant information to you. Some of our recent student achievements:

- Only four-time winner of the Institute of Management Accountants' Student Case Competition
- First place in the 2003 Society for the Advancement of Management's National Case Competition
- First place in the 2002 National Intercollegiate Ethics Bowl
- Accountancy graduates continue to score at the top on Ohio's CPA exam
- One of three finalists in the \$100,000 Business Plan challenge sponsored by Dayton i-Zone
- Raider Asset Management student investments consistently outpace the S&P 500
- Top three winners in the Ohio Society of CPA's graduate and undergraduate manuscript competition

We are expanding our graduate programs, including an MBA program at WSU with the Shandong Province of the Peoples' Republic of China, as well as conducting MBA programs in Beijing and Shanghai. We are also beginning an MD/MBA program for the medical students. We continue to develop our Institute for Business Integrity, our Small Business Development Center, and Center for Economic Education as we support our mission of service to the Greater Miami Valley area.

It is an exciting time for the college, and we want all of you to join the administration, faculty, and staff in our excitement and enthusiasm! Have a great quarter!

RAJ SOIN
College of Business
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Associate Dean Ramsey, Assistant Dean Brookey, Dean Farmer, and Associate Dean Williams

VISION

To be the best college of business in Ohio

MISSION

To prepare students to be successful and ethical leaders capable of making valued contributions within the global marketplace; to advance knowledge through research; and to provide professional, entrepreneurial, and economic development assistance to individuals, businesses, organizations, and governments in the Greater Miami Valley and the State of Ohio.

VALUES

- Faculty and staff involvement with student achievement and advancement
- Communication skills, analytical skills, information technology, and ethical-decision making as intrinsic parts of the learning process
- Commitment to the liberal arts for a sound education
- Lifelong learning for faculty, staff, students, and alumni
- A quality learning environment
- Global perspective
- Teamwork and respect for each other
- Commitment to innovation
- Commitment to diversity
- Continuous improvement in all we do

Welcome to the 2003–2004 Academic Year!

By Rosemary Ramsey, Associate Dean

I am very excited to be back at Wright State University. I am the new Associate Dean for Graduate Programs, International and Community Relations, after spending two years at Cleveland State University as the Interim Dean. Springfield, Ohio was my home, and I have both my bachelors degree in psychology and my MBA in marketing from Wright State. After my MBA, I spent a few years at NCR Corporation, and then completed my Ph.D. at the University of Cincinnati.

We are looking forward to introducing many new and innovative events in the Raj Soin College of Business. Monica Snow is our new Director of Business and International Relations and is also a WSU MBA alum. We are developing the college's marketing plan and you will soon see some great changes in promotional pieces for the college. Under Dean Farmer's direction, we are heavily promoting the college on a regional and national basis!

Another priority is to re-establish our MBA Association and initiate a WSU MBA Alumni Association. We are establishing a series of Town Hall Meetings so that our students and the college administrators can begin a dialogue.

One of my primary jobs will be to generate more visibility for the college in the Miami Valley area and to work with career services to bring additional recruiters to campus.

I look back on my days as a student at WSU with fond memories, and am honored to be back in an administrative capacity. Stop in and introduce yourselves!

Welcome!

By Richard Williams, Associate Dean

Welcome back for the 2003–04 academic year in the Raj Soin College of Business. When you registered for Fall classes you undoubtedly noticed that the classes were all four credit-hours instead of three credit-hours. Because the four-credit hour General Education courses make up such a large part of the University's course offerings, the move to a four credit-hour base necessitated changing the time blocks for scheduling classes. The existing time blocks were designed for three credit classes with

Check it out!

Having trouble getting computer time in the lab in 152 Rike? Did you know there are ten brand new computers in Rike Hall for your use? We have installed a new quiet space mini-lab near the Management Department outside 270 Rike Hall.

FYI – Winter 2004 Registration & Advising

- October 23 Registration Begins – Check ROX for registration scheduling and class offerings
- December 7 Deadline for applying for March 2004 graduation

Advising appointments may be scheduled by stopping in 110 Rike Hall or calling 775–2437. If you have any questions or problems, please stop in and talk to one of our advisors.



Raj Soin College of Business Learning Philosophy

- ❖ Students learn from faculty
- ❖ Faculty learn from students
- ❖ Students learn from each other
- ❖ Students and faculty learn from the business community

classes meeting for 50 minutes three times a week or 75 minutes twice a week. New time blocks to accommodate four credit classes now meet for 65 minutes three times a week or 100 minutes two times a week.

All four credit evening classes in the Raj Soin College of Business meet for 200 minutes once a week, from 6:05 to 9:25 p.m. The time blocks also permit evening classes to meet twice a week with classes starting at 6:05 p.m. or at 8:00 p.m.

Most schools will accept a four credit quarter course as equivalent to a three credit semester course which means that you should lose fewer credit hours if you transfer credits from Wright State to another school or if you are transferring credits to Wright State. And, as an added bonus, it takes fewer courses to graduate!

We are interested to know your reaction to this scheduling change. What do you like? What don't you like? Let us know by dropping off a note at the Receptionist's desk in 110 Rike. Your comments will be passed on to the appropriate faculty programs committee to help inform their ongoing discussions about how to improve our academic programs.

Chair's Corner

By James Greenspan, Accountancy



There is a lot going on in the Department of Accountancy for its students this Fall. Students met representatives from potential employers like Deloitte & Touche, PricewaterhouseCoopers, Battelle & Battelle, Brady Ware, Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Clark, Schaefer, Hackett, Flagel, Huber, Flagel, and others at the Fall Social in September. Beta Alpha Psi will host additional opportunities for their members and pledges to meet with many of these potential employers. The Accounting Club will also sponsor different events. Opportunities also abound at Career Services so make sure you keep up with the many companies coming to campus to interview students for full-time, part-time, and internship jobs. We in the Department of Accountancy care a great deal about you, and want to see you succeed. Please feel free to contact either myself (James.Greenspan@wright.edu) or any of the faculty members of the Department. Take advantage of these opportunities, and also make the effort to get to know myself and my fellow faculty colleagues. It helps to make life here in the Raj Soin College of Business more enjoyable for both you and us. Good luck! *(A different chair will be featured each issue)*

Club News

Want to be active in the Raj Soin College of Business? Join one of our many clubs! We have something for everyone from the Accounting Club to the International Business Club. Enrich your college experience...get involved!

Accountancy	Dr. James Greenspan
Assoc. of Black Business Students	Dr. Joseph Coleman
Economics	Dr. Thomas Traynor
Finance	Dr. Marlina Akhbari
International Business	Ms. Monica Snow
Human Resource Management	Ms. Lisa Crawford
Marketing	Dr. Paula Saunders
Management Information Systems	Ms. Barbara Denison
MBA Association	Dr. Rosemary Ramsey
Operations Management/APICS	Dr. Larry Weinstein



International Business Club members during Welcome Week festivities

Student Government

By Ryan Newman

As Senator of the Raj Soin College of Business, I have been very active in working for the business students this year. One of my primary campaign goals was to help improve communications between the student body and the administration and faculty. Dean Farmer felt that the idea of a newsletter would be a great instrument in improving communications for the business students.

As this year's Senator of the Raj Soin College of Business, I am looking forward to serving the student body. I welcome your comments and concerns, and invite you to stop in at the Student Government Office. You can also contact me through e-mail at newman.22@wright.edu. My office hours are: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 11 a.m. to noon and Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

I hope my fellow students find this newsletter to be an important step toward improving communications between the student body and the administration and faculty.

Ryan Newman
RSCOB Senator 2003–2004
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Why This Place Is special

By Bud Baker, Professor of Management
Outstanding Teaching Award Winner

People who fly airplanes for a living see themselves as the luckiest folks in the world. They even have a saying for it, words that sum up the way they see their profession: "I can't believe they pay me to do this..."

Long after my flying career was over, I came to teach at Wright State University, and I found myself recapturing those old feelings: being back to work in an environment where work felt like, well, fun...

What makes teaching here so special? For me, it all comes down to my students: I firmly believe that my students are the best anywhere.

That's a pretty bold claim, you say? Well, I have my students write autobiographies, so I learn their life stories. I see the ones that struggle against disabilities, to achieve more than anyone ever told them they could. I learn how many are first in their families to even attend college, much less graduate. I read how many are holding down not one job but two or three, just to pay tuition and make ends meet. And I see how many of my students are so highly motivated: they want to find success in careers and in life, and it is my great privilege to help them in that search.

So here I am again, with that old "can't believe they pay me to do this" feeling. Just don't tell Dean Farmer that I'd do this teaching stuff for free – he just might take me up on it!!!

2003 Scholarship Winners

Scholarships Awarded

<i>College</i>	<i>Winner</i>
Sutton	Patricia Howell
Sutton	Amy Marie Ballard
Sutton	Elizabeth Mack
Robbins & Myers	Kelli Schisler
Business Administration	Matthew Lubbers
Business Administration	Eric Hodac
Business Administration	Joseph Stevens
Business Alumni	Amanda Sims
Wadell	Jonida Prifti
Wadell	Christopher Bailey
Wadell	Sara Shaffer
Mason	Kevin Rhinehart
Brower Insurance	Jonathan Gauder
American Business Club	Nicole Bauer
American Business Club	Kevin Rhinehart
Oelman	Jonida Prifti
Oelman	Tiffany Kelly
Out-of-state Tuition	Nguyen Khahn
Transfer	Suzanne Summers
Flack	Eric Hodac
<i>Accountancy Department</i>	
Russell H. Hereth	<i>Winners</i>
James W. Blain	Eric Baacke
	Jean Bonifas
	Emily Ernst
	Amanda Sims
	Adam Shultz
Battelle & Battelle	Lori Berger
	Emily Ernst
	Tiffany Hawley
	Beth Hupp
Flagel, Huber, Flagel & Co.	Kendra Newman
	Kelli Schisler
William L. Gans	Ashley Bussen
William I. Schoenfeld	Paula Lake
Ernst & Young	Harmony Humphrey
	Kevin Locker
	Kevin Metz
	Beth Tusing
	Andrew Valerius
Howard L. Manger	Christopher Bailey
	Joseph Stevens
Jacob B. Paperman	Mindi Wallace
	Michelle Brown
	Sheena Lambert
	Lakia Littlejohn
	Sarah Swartzbaugh
Ohio Society of CPAs (Dayton)	Andrew Brown
Sharon Sutton	Patricia Howell
Becker/Conviser CPA Review	Elizabeth Smith
Ohio Society of CPAs	Kristy Sulfridge
CPAexcel	Susan Engle
Sonia A. Brecha	Terri Vanover
Donald F. Pabst	Elizabeth Smith
<i>Economics Department</i>	
Department Scholarships	<i>Winners</i>
	Anthony Bourne
	Benjamin Havens
	Mina Marion
	Justin Ross
	Benjamin Stevens

Finance Department

Finance
Finance Club
Daniel J. Kaufman
Sweeney Family
Kreusch

Winners

Harmony Humphrey
Harmony Humphrey
Amber Sletten
Karen Gaines
Shannon Kaforey

Management Department

Stickney
Department

Amy Beining
Jennifer McFarlane
Michael Reed
Jacqueline Bernstein
Laura Seybold
Rachelle Young

PHR

MSIS Department

Department

Winners

Carol Davis
Khanh Nguyen
Tiffany Kelley
Jeffrey Tigner

Marketing Department

Peggy Rike
Roger Brucker
Outstanding Achievement
International Education
Jo Ann Self
WSU Collegiate Spirit

Winners

Charlotte Perry
Jenny Garringer
Scott Bauer
Panagiotis Linardos
Leslie Bergman
Lisa Webster

Congratulations to all our Scholarship Winners!

Come one! Come all!

Town Hall Meeting

4:30 – 5:30 Tuesday, October 28th

156 Rike Hall

**Join us and start a dialog with the Raj Soin
College of Business Administrative Staff.**



*Next Issue – Meet the Dean's Student
Advisory Board!*