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Alumni and friends of Shimer College are invited to come celebrate the entering class of students at the 2008 Fall Convocation. Convocation will be held on **Saturday, September 20th at 5pm** in the Atrium of the University Technology Park at IIT located at 10 West 35th Street, adjacent to Shimer College.

Newly appointed Shimer President, Thomas Lindsay, will give the keynote address to the incoming class. John Anderson, President of the Illinois Institute of Technology, will welcome the new students to IIT and Chicago. A reception will follow.

Please RSVP by Friday, September 12th by calling 312-235-3545 or e-mailing convocation@shimer.edu.

One Book, One Chicago

The [One Book, One Chicago](#) program presented by the Chicago Public Library is launched once each spring and fall to cultivate a culture of reading and discussion in Chicago by bringing people together around one great book. As those associated with Shimer already know, reading great literature provokes thought, and discussing great literature brings people together and adds to the depth of the reading experience.

In recognition of the 50th anniversary of NASA, Tom Wolfe's *The Right Stuff* has been selected as this fall's book. The Chicago Public Library has a [resource guide](#) online, including a calendar of citywide events. As part of the program, Shimer will host three events this October.

Visiting the Astronaut's World—The Dry, Fearsome Beauty of Space Monday, October 6, 6:00 p.m.

Using a mix of photographs and interactive exercises, Dr. James Donovan, Professor of Natural Sciences, will give participants a taste of what astronauts experience: that celestial objects (including the earth) are majestically beautiful, while space itself is a fearsomely empty desert.



Book Discussion—Irony as a Journalistic Device in *The Right Stuff*

Monday, October 13, 6:00 p.m.

Barbara Stone, Professor of Humanities, will lead a discussion on “Irony as a Journalistic Device in *The Right Stuff*.”

Another Side of Tom Wolfe—*The Painted Word: From Bauhaus to our House*

Saturday, October 25, 7:00 p.m.

Eileen Buchanan, Professor of Humanities, will direct a theatrical slide presentation on “Another Side of Tom Wolfe—*The Painted Word: From Bauhaus to our House*.”

All programs will take place at Shimer College and are open to the public. For further information, please contact Barbara Stone at 312-235-3510 or b.stone@shimer.edu.

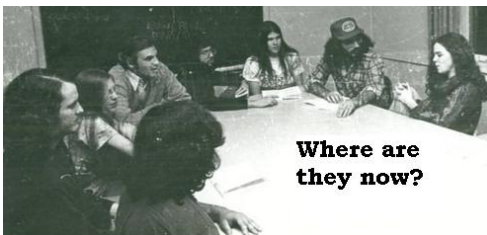
University of Wisconsin Graduate Students Visit Shimer

On Friday, July 11, graduate students from the University of Wisconsin-Madison visited Shimer to find out more about Shimer’s unique curriculum. The visiting class, led by Dr. Clif Conrad, focuses specifically on Academic Policies in Higher Education. All of the students in the class are pursuing graduate degrees, at either the doctoral or master’s level, in higher education administration.

Students Ezra Arreola and Rob Hedberg, interim President Ron Champagne, Assistant Director of Admission Cassie Sherman, and Librarian and Alum Colleen McCarroll spoke with the group about Shimer and its Great Books program. Ezra, Rob, and Colleen in particular spoke about the impact a Shimer education has had on their lives.

The UW students also visited Beloit College and Chicago State University in their exploration of different curricula.

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Let your former classmates and friends know what’s up. Did you get married, celebrate an anniversary, greet a new family member into the world, finish a doctorate, write a book, retire, or just take a great vacation? Your friends want to know. E-mail alumni@shimer.edu with your name, class year, and the information you would like to share. The news notes will be included in a future edition of the *Symposium*.

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