

Wabash Class of 1974 Bulletin

Spring 2008

Class Agents: Mark Dewart and Paul Tipps

Gentlemen:

It has been far too long since your class agents have sent out a letter. There are three items that we would like to highlight in this letter:

1. **35th REUNION 2009.** Our 25th and 30th reunions were well-attended and a great experience. NOW is the time for us to begin preparing for our 35th on June 5-7, 2009.

Several of our class have already volunteered to represent their living units:

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| Beta | Kurt Homann, Jeff Birk |
| Delt | HELP NEEDED |
| FIJI | Bob Hall |
| Independents | Jim McDaniel |
| Kappa Sig | Terry Gaff |
| Lambda Chi | HELP NEEDED |
| Phi Delt | Mike Eckerle |
| Phi Psi | HELP NEEDED |
| Sig | John Gildea |
| TKE | HELP NEEDED |

If you'd like to help, please contact Mark or Paul.

2. **SUPPORT OUR COLLEGE.** Have you contributed to Wabash lately? Remember that the Fiscal year is over on June 30 - that's this month!

While we cannot pay the College back for what we received during our time at Wabash, we can pay forward and support current students so their experience is as meaningful as our experience was. Every buck helps!

You can contribute by check: Wabash College, Box 352, Crawfordsville IN 47933

You can contribute on-line: www.wabash.edu/alumni/annualgiving

Don't forget to utilize your company's **Matching Gift Program**, or, if you are an Indiana resident, remember that you may be able to get up to a 50% Indiana tax credit for your gift.

3. **CLASS NEWS:**

Tom Bleau had some major health challenges during the last several months and spent a considerable time in the hospital in Detroit. The good news: Tom was released from the hospital on June 6. Congratulations Tom! You can drop him a note at 711 S. Monroe, Bay City, MI 48708

Mike Eckerle was named a 2008 Indiana Super Lawyer by Law & Politics Magazine and Indianapolis Monthly. Mike practices law at the Indianapolis firm of Bingham McHale.

Mark Humbert (Brighton, Colo.) recently celebrated his 10th year as an editor at the Rocky Mountain News in Denver. He and his wife, Allison, also produce a monthly

community magazine, Local Color, and a daily online news sheet, the Daily Post. He wrote that this translates into a lot of 18-hour workdays. He's planning to return to Valpo for the Popcorn Festival this September and hope to see Ben Kessler.

John Gildea's son Brett not only graduated from IU Med School this May, but was recently married. Brett will do his internship in Arizona.

Jack Roudebush's daughter, Kahla, finished her (redshirt) sophomore season as the leading scorer for the University of Cincinnati's women's basketball team averaging 16.6 points/game while starting all 26 games. Must be in the genes or in the jersey. She wore Jack's old number "20."

Steve Eshcoff 'took the leap' and married Karen Zamora on Leap Day, February 29.

At the conclusion of a trip to Indianapolis in late April, **Paul and Mary Tipps** drove out to Plainfield to visit **Phil and Joyce Nysewander**. Phil and Joyce are grandparents to son Matt's step-daughter, and to daughter Theresa's son born in February.

Former Class Agent **Bob Armstrong** died in April after a lengthy illness. Bob came to Wabash after serving with the Army in Vietnam. He retired from the Army Reserve with the rank of colonel. After receiving a PhD from Purdue Bob served with the Army, and held posts with the CIA, the Department of Agriculture and the National Defense University.

Larry Dick passed away in December 2007. Larry, a Sigma Chi, began his Wabash education then took time away to serve in the Navy. He returned to Wabash to complete his studies. You may remember Larry's Scarlet Masque performances.

4. CAMPUS NEWS:

Graduation ceremonies were held on May 11 for 193 Wabash men.

Retirements: Professors **Peter and Brenda Bankart** retired in May. Brenda was the first woman to be granted tenure at Wabash. Phil Mikesell will retire at the end of 2008. **Rob Johnson**, track and cross country coach retired this spring as well.

The Last Professors Standing? **David Hadley** and **Bill Doemel** are the last remaining faculty members who taught during our Wabash years.

Wabash was recognized as one of the ten best liberal arts colleges in the nation by the Center for College Affordability & Productivity (CCAP). The report was released in Forbes Magazine. CCAP ranks colleges based on results and outcomes of its graduates.

The **TKE's** will dedicate their new chapter house (on the site of the old Sig house) and the **Delts** will dedicate their renovations on September 20. The **Kappa Sigs** will move into the old Fiji house while their new house is built on the site of their old house. Here's an architect's rendering of the new TKE house. That's the Beta house in the background.



Wabash selected **Eric Raeburn** as its new Football Coach. He succeeds Chris Creighton who became the head coach at Division I-AA Drake University, Raeburn comes to Wabash after eight years as head football coach at Coe College. Prior to arriving at Coe, he was an assistant coach at his alma mater, Mount Union College, where he helped the Purple Raiders win three national titles.

Tom Bambrey '68 was recently selected to become the College's new Athletic Director. **Mike Raters '85** was promoted to Dean of Students.

The Bachelor marked its 100th anniversary in April.

Remember **Kingery Hall**? It was damaged in a storm a couple of years ago and razed. The Wabash Center for Religion and Theology has relocated to a new building on that site. The Wabash Center has gained an international reputation for its service to theology and religion faculty in colleges, graduate schools, and seminaries.



Your class agent, **Mark**, was elected Vice-President of our Alumni Association. He will become President at the May 2009 meeting. As you might imagine this had nothing to do with his letter-writing skill.

5. ADMISSIONS:

Wabash needs your recommendation of prospective students. Alumni referrals are a major element of recruiting.

Send along the name of a young man who would benefit from a Wabash education! He might be a relative, a son of a friend or business colleague, a high school friend of your son/daughter, etc.

Online: <http://www.wabash.edu/alumni/student/refer>

Or direct: Chip Timmons, Associate Director of Admissions (765.361.6054) or timmonsc@wabash.edu)

That should be a wrap. What started as a one-page concept, quickly expanded in order to share with you what is going on.

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