



WABASH COLLEGE

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Dear Fellow '82 Classmates,

It's been awhile since I've taken the time to update you on what's been going on with our classmates. I hope you and your families are doing well.

I've talked with several classmates that attended the class reunion last June and all of them said they had a great time. I'm sorry I was unable to be there, as my daughter had her 8th grade graduation that weekend. I'm not sure why that is such a big deal these days. If memory serves, "back in our day" it was only a big deal if you graduated from high school. Anyway, it sounds like our class was well represented and I plan on being at the next one. I hope I see all of you there too.

There have been a few things of note that has happened to fellow classmates:

Dennis Cantrell of Bingham McHale Law Firm was recently awarded the designation of 2008 Indiana Super Lawyer. The "Indiana Super Lawyers" designation is a joint project of *Law & Politics Magazine* and the *Indianapolis Monthly*. The Super Lawyer designation is limited to no greater than 5% of the Bar who represent the very elite according to peers. Congratulations Dennis!!

Rick Butler has found his way back to the flock. He was listed as a "lost alum" on the Wabash website. Rick, you may have been lost, but not forgotten. The good thing is you are found and residing at: 6565 Crescent Part West, # 419, Playa Vista, CA 90094.

I'm going off of memory on this next one, as I lost the email he sent me, but if memory serves, Tim Guiden has retired from his career in the military and is now the Director of Admissions at St. Lawrence Seminary High School in Mount Calvary, Wisconsin. Tim, please correct any misinformation on this.

Tom Page recently took a position as Director of Marketing for OakBrook Investments and is really enjoying his time there.

Personally, I have made an employer change also. For the last three and a half years, I've been working on the employee benefits programs for several smaller size denominational colleges around the country. The constant travel was wearing me out, so after months of looking for the right position, I've found a good home with the Arthur J. Gallagher Company. I'm heading up their downtown Chicago (Gallagher Benefit

Services) employee benefits consulting office and working both the commercial and higher education marketplace.

Having worked very closely with several higher ed Institutions, tragedies such as the one at Virginia Tech and just recently, Northern Illinois really hit me pretty hard. I really enjoyed being on the campuses the past few years and feeling the positive energy of the students. Looking back on our time at Wabash, it is unthinkable that something like this could have happened. Probably the rowdiest thing I ever remember is when we stormed the Depauw campus our freshman year looking to retrieve the bell, and the state police were called in. After that, we went to Toppers, hoisted a few and life resumed. Unfortunately, for many students on the Va. Tech and NIU's campus, a beer at a local bar won't heal the wounds from these horrible incidents. I know many of you have already sent kids off to college and many of us will be soon. Don't hesitate to ask the administration tough questions about their emergency preparedness plans. They all have had appropriate time to put programs in place and they should be able to give you good, responsible answers. I hope none of you were directly affected by events of the past, and that none of us will in the future.

I know the last paragraph is a bit sobering but I am very troubled by two things. One, the senseless loss of life that some families have to deal with; and two, based on the wonderful memories I had from my time at Wabash College, I'd hate to see that experienced wiped out for some students and replaced by one of anxiety and fear.

So cherish the friends and families you have. And remember, "Long in our hearts we'll bear the sweetest mem'ries of thee, Long shall we sing thy praises, OLD WA-BASH!

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