

Wabash '86

Many men go fishing all of their lives without knowing that it is not fish they are after. ~Henry David Thoreau

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One of the best ways to help Wabash is to refer a prospective student you think would be a great fit. The easiest way is to hit the web.

www.wabash.edu/alumni/student/refer

I need your news

In order to make this a true class newsletter, I need your news. Please drop me a line and let me know what you're up to.

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Wabash Day 2007

Wabash men across the nation came out in record numbers for the third-annual Wabash Day in early October. The men showed their local communities through service work how Wabash educates men to live humanely.

The total volunteers count so far is 331, which represents a 30 percent increase over last year. The number of alumni increased 17 percent. Last year, 183 alumni participated among 253 total volunteers.

"This is a fantastic result for a new undertaking that calls upon grassroots alumni leadership. But it is only the beginning," said Jon Pactor '71, chair of the NAWM's Wabash Day Committee. "The NAWM will be looking to be event bigger next year."

Wabash Day is short for Wabash Alumni Benefiting And Serving Humanity. It is the national day of community service organized by Wabash alumni



Wabash volunteers work with Keep Indianapolis Beautiful to help with landscaping in the Irvington neighborhood

and carried out by alumni, families, friends, and students.

"I think its wise to promote our own community and help do some service here," said Jim Peters '71, who worked on a Habitat home project in Shelbyville, In. "We all live in Shelby County and the camaraderie of Wabash grads is nice. We don't get together all that often but this gives us a chance."

And that's part of the goal, said Director of Alumni affairs Tom Runge. "Wabash Day is all about making a difference. It's a day of responding to communities' needs on a small, personal level.

"It's also a great time to get young and old alumni alike, together with Wabash parents, families, and friends. Nothing makes you feel as good as doing something good for someone else."

Alumni spanning 52 years participated in various projects. Dick Barger '55 worked in South Bend, and members of the 2007 class turned up at sites across the country. Several Wabash students also participated.

"Wabash Day is about alumni connecting by taking three hours a year out of busy lives of career, and family to bond with fellow Wallies," said Davis Hull '04. "Some of us exchanged numbers and will see each other soon, some of them I am sure I will not see until the next Wabash Day. Can't wait till next year!"

And it just wasn't about the old and new friendships, the Wabash men helped make a difference. Nine Knoxville, Tn. area Wabash men

The Voyage of Hakuna Matata

Ever since we can remember, we have had the dream of sailing around the world. And the dream is now a reality. — Jeremy and Pat Cage

One of the funny things about cruising is that it's very easy to lose track of the days. They are always full of activity, maintaining the boat or heading out to explore the local sights, but before you know it, weeks have gone by.

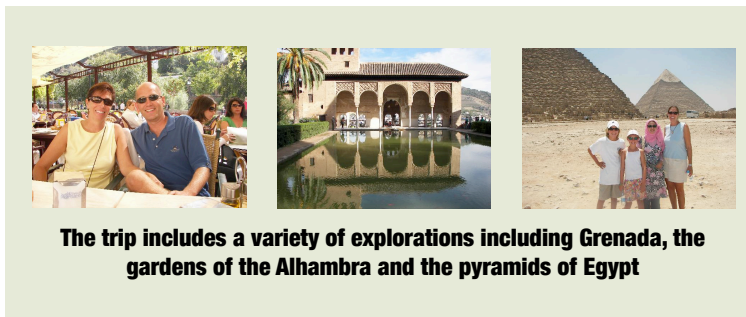
Ever since his days at Wabash, Jeremy Cage has been plotting to sail around the world. He practiced for it during spring break trips to the Florida Keys and the Bahamas with our fraternity brothers. Time has been marching on, but this goal has remained forefront in his mind. Last spring, Jeremy obtained a sabbatical from work, sold most of their worldly possessions, and pulled their kids out of school, so from June 1st 2007 to September 1st 2008 the Cage's will be sailing most of the way around the world on their 43ft catamaran 'Hakuna Matata.'

After some warmup sailing around the Mediterranean Sea to break-in the boat and their sailing skills, they've joined a rally of boats with a common

and is 12 years old. His daughter, Alena, just turned 10.

Here is an excerpt from their most

each other's boats to share when we returned. There was lots of banter between us all on the radio. Smir itself was an interesting place, especially the Medina market in the town of Tetuan. An absolute labyrinth of alleyways and narrow passages – none of them with street signs or anything. You really got the impression that if you took a wrong turn and got separated from the group, you'd never be seen or heard from again. We held on tightly to the kids! The final of the rugby world cup was the entertainment for the evening after a very pleasant traditionally Moroccan meal. Unfortunately England got rather soundly beaten by South Africa. The sail back to Gibraltar was wonderful, with calm seas and a nice mild breeze.



The trip includes a variety of explorations including Grenada, the gardens of the Alhambra and the pyramids of Egypt

course. Mike Molloy joined them off the coast of Italy to help with the break-in process and to bring the textbooks and teaching supplies. Jeremy and his wife, Pat will use to teach their kids during the trip. His son, Bradley, is well trained in sailing

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We had a really nice weekend sail across to Smir in Morocco with all the other boats in the rally. It was super to sail with all the other boats, and everyone was snapping pictures of

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helped at a Habitat project that was being build by women volunteers.

"But the women in charge agreed to let us do our Wabash thing and enter their turf for a day," said Jerry Blossom '66. "Our guys did a great job, even finding and correcting a couple of previous construction mistakes."

The other members of the NAWM Wabash Day Committee are Greg Birk '77, Greg Estell '85, Thom Liffick '73, Terry Hamilton '89, John Panozzo '89, and Mark Shreve '04.

-- Howard W. Hewitt

**Wabash Week - November 12 - 16**

Remember the 150th? Marking the 175th anniversary of the founding of Wabash College, organizers presented a series of events the week of November 12 - 16.

"In Wabash's history there has been a long tradition of celebrating Founders' Day with speeches, convocations, receptions and other events," said Archivist Beth Swift. "For our 175th anniversary, we began our celebration in January with President Patrick White's inauguration. In April there was a birthday party for Center Hall, which has witnessed 150 of those years. Now as we come to the time of the founding, we will spend a week focusing on the rich history of Wabash."

On Thursday, Professor Bill Placher '70 was the speaker at the Sphinx Club's weekly Chapel talk. He reflected on the College 100 years ago in his lecture,

"Wabash, 1907." Interestingly, Placher kicked off the College's 150th celebration in 1982 with the opening address.

Immediately after Chapel, senior history major Justin Gardiner gave a lunch talk called "Conduct of War: Hidden Treasures from the Archives," in which he discussed the research he's conducted on Wabash's history in wars.

"This College has a rich and proud past and we would like to honor that past with several events over the course of a week that will highlight this special place and the people who have made it what it is today," added Swift.

A full range of fall and winter sporting events capped the Founder's Week celebration, including a winning playoff game in football that took place 30 years after Wabash played in the national championship game.

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Back in Gibraltar we set about working on the boat, getting the rigging checked, getting sailmail to work etc. There was also plenty of time to start to really get to know the tight circle of friends we'll be sailing around the world with. There were plenty of happy hours, formal receptions with the Minister of Tourism and such. The kids and I explored the lower caves of the rock of Gibraltar – a true adventure. We donned our hardhats and took great care absailing down and climbing up wet rock faces and tiptoeing along tiny ledges holding on to ropes for support. The whole cave experience took over four hours, and is something none of us will soon forget. Pat took a sea survival course with several other friends, and I think her biggest learning is that you want to do everything you can to stay with the boat rather than get in the liferaft prematurely! Whilst docked at the marina a sailing school sailboat smacked into our starboard bow causing some damage to the gelcoat. We had a surveyor review the damage to insure there was nothing structural, and now all has been repaired.

Pat's brother Stephen joined us in Gibraltar on the 26th of October and instantly fit right in with the group. I think he had stopped by for cocktails on almost all of the boats prior to our departure. On November 28th we set

out on our longest passage to date – from Gibraltar to Lanzarote in the Canary Islands. Wow. We had really nice winds for the entire 620 mile, 4 day crossing, and although the seas were quite large at times, both boat and crew rose to the occasion and we had a terrific time. The winds were typically 15 to 20 knots, so we used our Genneker most of the way (the big blue downwind sail). Sleep was somewhat challenging at first given the movement of the boat through the water and the accompanying noise over the hulls, but we got used to it, and were tired enough I suppose to finally get some decent rest. The watch schedule we adopted was 3 hours on, 6 hours off, thanks to having Stephen on board. His partner was Bradley, Pat's was Elena, and I was on my own. We ate like kings on board, as Pat had pre-cooked several delicious meals that simply needed to be heated up and served. We had the fishing line out most of the four days, but were unable to land any fish. We did have a big bite as we were cruising along at relatively high speed with the Genneker. It was a big fish, and when we retrieved the lure, the hook had been bent straight – so much bigger than we would have ever wanted to have brought on board. Each day a 10am we had the radio check-in with all the boats – were we all report our position, sea and wind conditions, and any other info. It was fun to track everyone's progress, and

also nice to be able to chat with other boats as we sailed along. So all in all, our first major crossing proved to be a great success. We did well, and also learned several things we need to adjust prior to heading out across 2700 miles of Atlantic Ocean next week.

Here in Lanzarote, we have been spending our time touring and also prepping the boat. Among other things, we ordered a whisker pole to keep the Genoa out for downwind sailing. This will give us a better sail configuration at night, rather than having to keep the Genneker up all the time. We have fixed a minor leak in our diesel lift pump; have had the gelcoat fixed from the bump in Gibraltar; have had the Genneker reinforced in potential chafe spots etc.... We rented a car to explore the island with Stephen. Lanzarote was actually formed by a continuous volcanic eruption and really does seem like a lunar landscape. We went to the national park named Timanfaya (Fire Mountain) with Terri and Lee from the boat Glendora, to see all the craters and volcanoes for as far as the eye can see. The tour was terrific, but perhaps the highlight was the lunch, with all the meat cooked in a firepit fueled by volcanic heat. The marina here is very nice – with plenty of restaurants and bars. There is also a good boatyard here so we had the boat hauled out to check out the underside of the hull. All is in order,

and we were back in the water the same day. Everyone is now gearing up for our big crossing. We will have briefings etc this week to help plan our route. We'll also have time for fun. There are a couple more excursions planned to different spots on the island. We have pulled together a band of guitar players and singers and christened it 'Accidental Jibe'. Our first performance will be Tuesday night after a group dinner. Should be a laugh! My brothers Jonathan and David will be joining us either Tuesday or Wednesday (depending on flight connections) which we are all looking forward to. We'll celebrate Elena's 10th birthday on the 16th, - and then we plan to set sail on or around Nov 17th for what should be about a 3 week crossing. Again, for those of you who have the passwords (which we can't publish on the net), then you will be able to follow our progress on www.yachtplot.com. Keep us in your prayers for this long leg. Cheers for now.

Jeremy and his family left to cross the Atlantic Ocean on November 17th. I'm sure there will be many more interesting stories to come.

Check on his progress at www.hakuna-matata.org and at www.yachtplot.com. The yacht name is: hakuna matata, and the password is: pepsi.



Let's do it again

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An inspired third quarter propelled Wabash College Saturday into the second round of the NCAA Division III playoffs. The Little Giants put up 14 points in the period and hung on to beat Mount St. Joseph, 31-21.

Two short touchdown runs by Brock Graham gave Wabash a 31-14 edge in the third quarter while the defense was shutting the Lions down. See game photo albums No. 1, No. 2, and No. 3.

"We made big plays early in the second half," All-American linebacker Adi Pynenberg said. "We had a different attitude at halftime and we were focused. We bounced back from DePauw. We played much better and played with more confidence and kept our heads up. We made a point at the start of the week to keep our heads up."

The Little Giants (10-1) controlled most of the game after a shaky start, then withstood a Lions' comeback in the fourth quarter.

The shaky start came on the Little Giants' first possession when Alex Harbin tipped a Matt

Hudson pass, caught it himself, then raced 56 yards for a touchdown giving MSJ a 7-0 lead. But much like it has all season, Wabash immediately responded with a 9-play, 65-yard drive that culminated with a Hudson 10-yard touchdown pass to Ray Green, 7-7.

"We threw the interception for a touchdown early but we responded," Wabash Coach Chris Creighton said. "We have had adversity all season and again last week. Our team keeps fighting and we kept fighting after the interception and that's what I'm most proud of."

The Little Giants added 10 points in the second period, the touchdown coming on a 66-yard drive with C.P. Porter gaining the final two yards for the score. A key play in the series was Hudson's 34-yard toss to Gabe Guerrero.

But Mount St. Joe showed its own resiliency after that score. The Lions moved the ball 64 yards on 11 plays, then Vince Palmer hit Bobby Poweski for a 5-yard score making it 14-14.

The Lions had another opportunity to move the ball down field but Pynenberg stepped in front of a pass at the MSJ 30 to set up the Little Giants. Four plays after the pick, Drew Oehler kicked a 29-yard field goal to make it 17-14 at the halftime break.

"I was at the right spot at the right time," Pynenberg said of the interception. "The defense really wanted to get some turnovers today and we did it."



Photos of Adi Pynenberg and Craig Morrison by Jim Amidon



Brock Graham heads up field on this 15-yard reception. Photo by Jim Amidon.



Sophomore quarterback Matt Hudson threw for 263 yards and a touchdown. Photo by Jim Amidon.



Adi Pynenberg, Matt Hudson, Darryl Kennon, and Coach Chris Creighton at the post-game press conference. Photo by Jim Amidon.

The third quarter was the difference when Wabash set the tone early. The Little Giants took the kick and marched 70 yards with a nice mix of the run and pass. Graham caught passes of 5 and 15 yards. Evan Sobecki had an 11-yard run and a pass reception for 12 yards, before Hudson found Mike Russell for a 26-yard gainer. Graham took it in to cap the drive and a 24-14 Wabash lead.

"We made good plays and showed them some things we did not show them in the first half," quarterback Hudson said of the opening second-half drive. "We were disappointed with three three-and-outs later, but our defense was awesome."

The defense flexed its muscle forcing an MSJ three-and-out. Sobecki accounted for 43 yards on the next drive, and then Graham took it in again for a 31-14 bulge.

"The offensive line gets excited about running the ball," Creighton said. "Sobecki really ran hard today." The sophomore back finished with 94 yards on 18 runs.

Defensively, the Little Giants really applied the pressure. They managed to record four quarterback sacks and added 12 tackles for loss. Chad Peterman had seven tackles and an interception.

"Number eleven (Darryl Kennon) caused havoc for us all day," Lions' quarterback Vince Palmer said. "They are a good team with a great defense."

Matt Kraft enjoyed a standout day with nine tackles, Pynenberg added eight. Kennon had just one sack but was credited with 3.5 tackles for loss. He kept pressure on Palmer throughout the day.

"We concentrated on getting pressure at every step," Kennon said. "We can't get too frustrated when he (the quarterback) runs. The key is to keep coming back and making plays and not force too much."

The Little Giants dominated the stat sheet rolling up 410 offensive yards to Mount St. Joe's 256. The rushing yardage was a wash with Wabash gaining 147 to MSJ's 159. But the passing yards made up the big difference in Wabash's favor, 263-97.

Hudson hit on 25-of-46 passes with one touchdown and two interceptions. He had 263 yards connecting with eight different receivers.

Mount St. Joseph finished second to Franklin in the Heartland Collegiate Conference but got a bid to the playoffs.

"We came to win and played at a high level," MSJ Coach Rob Huber said of his team's fourth straight playoff appearance. "We were under estimated. We are as good as Wabash, they just played better. Is Wabash's program better than ours? No. They just played better."

The Lions closed their season with a 9-2 mark while the Little Giants improved to 10-1. Wabash travels Saturday to Case-Western (11-0) at Cleveland for a second round game.



Jeremy Cage and his family atop Mount Etna