

Wabash '91

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Dear Classmates,

Nearly 3 months have passed since our last letter to all of you, many newsworthy items have been reported, and we're approaching the end of another fiscal year at Dear Old Wabash (6/30, by the way). So, it seems like a good time to get off my duff and send another letter. As always, additional details and photographs are available on our class blog at <http://wabash1991.blog.com>.

Speaking of the end of fiscal year, we are currently embroiled in another battle with DePauw. Apparently, DPU has decided to challenge Wabash in Annual Fund giving percentage. As of this letter, 73 classmates have given so far this fiscal year. (<http://www.wabash.edu/alumni/honorroll#class1991>) We'd like 105 to make 40%. So if you have not yet given to Wabash this year, please consider making a last minute donation of any amount to help the cause. We must defeat the Dannies! If you have already given this year, thank you very much.

Remember, you can make a gift to Wabash in one of three easy ways:

- By phone: 877-743-4545
- On the web: www.wabash.edu/alumni/egift
- By mail: Wabash Annual Fund, PO Box 352, Crawfordsville, IN 47933
(Make checks payable to Wabash College.)

In other news:

Athletic Facility Upgrade

Wabash will install new athletic facilities over the next year. The architects are [Hastings+Chivetta](#), who did the Allen Center.

These upgrades are definitely needed for our baseball and soccer teams, and they will also benefit football, track, and intramurals. Here's what's planned:

- New field turf on Hollett Little Giant Stadium.
- Improved press box and restroom facilities for Little Giant Stadium.
- A new field turf soccer field. It will run north-south in Mud Hollow where the current baseball facilities are. Included will be a new scoreboard; restroom, storage, and concession facility; and bleachers along the Lambda Chi side yard. For the first time since we attended Wabash, the College will have a regulation-size soccer field.

Field turf and grass practice fields for football and IMs with areas for field events (hammer, discus, javelin, and shot put). These two fields will take up the remainder of Mud Hollow.



- New (grass?) baseball field. Located west of the Allen Center and Tennis Pavilion, it will measure 400' at center field and 330' at right and left. It will include a new scoreboard, restroom, concession, and a press box facility; bleachers; and parking.
- Lighting of these facilities is an expensive proposition that has yet to be decided.

The bottom line is that these upgrades will allow us to compete, both in athletics themselves and in attracting student-athletes.

Hugh Vandivier - Keynote Speaker

On April 3, our own **Hugh Vandivier** gave the Chapel Talk, titled "It Seems to Me That..." A full transcript is available on our blog. (Part 1: <http://wabash1991.blog.com/2967277/>) (Part 2: <http://wabash1991.blog.com/2968012/>) (Part 3: <http://wabash1991.blog.com/2971931/>)

Track Coach Rob Johnson Retires

From the looks of it, his retirement party was one hell of a shindig. And that should follow. He's been a steady, guiding force in the lives of countless Wabash men. If you've ever had occasion to coach--little league, soccer, sales reps--you'd do wise to follow Coach J's style. You could tell that he was touched when the College named the indoor track after him.

Football News

Along with the rollout of next season's football schedule comes great news. For those of you wanting to watch Wabash home games this fall, but you just can't make it to campus, you can do so from the comfort of your den. An outfit out of Noblesville called Hometown Television (who taped and aired the Wittenberg game last year) will be broadcasting all Wabash home games (except the Bell) live over the Internet. They have a Web site all set up called littlegiants.tv, so check it out.

Schedule: <http://www.wabash.edu/sports/football/schedule>

Mark Your Calendars

The official Class of 1991 Tailgate Party will be on **November 15, 2008** somewhere behind Little Giant Stadium. More details to follow...

Sphinx Club Reunion

A Sphinx Club reunion is set for Homecoming - **October 4, 2008**.

Administration Changes

Effective 5/14, Tom Bambrey '68 has been named Director of Athletics replacing Vernon Mummert. Also, Mike Raters '85 has been promoted to Dean of Students replacing Bambrey.

Now for the ever-popular Classmate updates:



Chris Cotton reports, "I sold my agency to a much larger one in early 2007. I'm still focused on employee benefits but now have much more office support. It's been a great decision. I am also still coaching DBs and Special Teams at my alma mater, Wawasee High School in Syracuse, IN. This will be 4th year as a full-time assistant and 7th overall. It's a great change of pace, and I love working with the kids. My wife recently was appointed the Director of the Syracuse-Wawasee Chamber of Commerce."

Sean Fahey writes, "Leslie and I had another baby on January 30th. A little girl. Kiernan Ann Fahey: 19 and a quarter inches, 7 pounds 3 ounces. That makes 3 under 3 with her brothers Liam (one) and Ayden (age two). She started sleeping through the night just in the last week and we are all adjusting well." Sean is working as a business development manager for Quest Information Systems in Indy.

Kurt Decker says, "I was reading the newsletter and thought I would send a quick update. For the past 2 years I have been an investment advisor with Fifth Third Securities in my old hometown of Princeton. I have 2 daughters, Haley (11), Leah (9), and a future Wally - Jake (3). Oh yeah - I am recently single again. Almost 40 and on the market again! I'd love to hear from any of my Fiji pledge brothers."

The U.S. Supreme Court ruled 6-3 on April 28 in the case of *Crawford v. Marion County Election Board*, upholding Indiana's Voter ID law. Wabash classmate **Tom Fisher** argued the case for the State in January and Wabash contemporary **Todd Rokita** was named as a defendant in the suit.

Sharing expert analysis on the results of the Indiana Primary on local CBS affiliate WISH-TV were classmate and former Indiana legislator **Luke Messer** and former Indianapolis deputy mayor **Steve Campbell '92**. I have to say, both were really good, giving insightful, honest analysis as the precincts began reporting in.

Randy Head won the Republican primary for State Senate in his district. Randy dominated his other three opponents to win a State Senate seat in District 18, which covers the north central counties of Cass, Fulton, Kosciusco, Miami, Pulaski, and Wabash. He'll face democrat Linda Klinck in the fall. Congratulations, Randy!



As for me, I took a new job at the first of the year with ComplianceSigns.com owned by classmate **Paul Sandefer**. Working at an entrepreneurial company provides excitement every day; it's been a great decision. If you ever need OSHA, ANSI, ADA, fire code, etc. compliant signs, check us out.

That's about all for now. The quantity of personal updates seems to be dwindling a bit, so please keep them coming. We'd love to hear about your summer vacations, kid's sports performances, careers, etc. Send us an update; you'd be surprised how many of your classmates would be interested. With any luck our next class agent letter will let you know how badly we beat DePauw in the Annual Fund challenge. Take it easy.

- Kip