

# Wabash '91

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Dear Fellow Classmates,

The school year has ended at Dear Ol' Wabash, and summer is upon us. Here's what's been happening...

**Razing the Roof at Tommies.** The Silver Dollar, a.k.a. Tommies, a.k.a. Tommy's, was destroyed May 8 as the entire building on the northwest corner of Pike Street and US 231 went up in flames at about 3:30 a.m. One body was found in the rubble. True to form, the Wabash Public Affairs Department had the best information on the fire from [Jim Amidon's story](#) to [Tom Runge's blog](#).

The sketchy but popular C'ville watering hole inevitably holds many memories for us as we worked hard and played hard in our years at Wabash. I remember (barely) how most of us ended up there after completing our Comps in the January of our senior year. I'm sure many of us can also remember when the bar was just on the one side when we snuck in through the back door behind of-age upperclassmen. About a year ago, in preparation for our Reunion, I posted a [Memory Jog](#) about Tommies (<http://wabash1991.blog.com/692032/>).



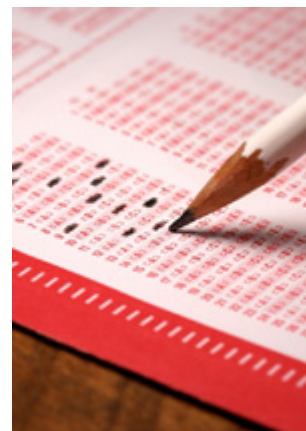
*What memories do you have (or can you remember) about Tommies?* Share them with us. So, next time you crack open a beer, spill a little for dear, departed Tommies.

**Are You on the List?** There are only about 30 days left in the College's fiscal year 2006-2007. The Wabash Development folks have begun posting an online Honor Roll of Alumni donors, which lists alumni who have made gifts to the College in "real-time," reflecting gifts processed through the previous business day. Our check of the list at <http://www.wabash.edu/alumni/honorroll#class1991> shows that 66 members of our class have given to Wabash so far this year. This means we'll need "35 for 40": 35 more of you to reach 40% giving for the class. (If we achieve this, by the way, we will eclipse the highest number of total donors from last year.)

Each time Kip and I have the opportunity to make contact with the Wabash community, we see the tremendous influence it has on its students, faculty, administration, parents, and yes, definitely in its alumni. Wabash not only opens that doors to dream big, but it also facilitates the connections to make those dreams happen. We very heartily thank those 61 of you who have already contributed to ensuring that Wabash. For the rest of you who have not yet given, visit [www.wabash.edu/alumni/egift](http://www.wabash.edu/alumni/egift) or call 877-743-4545 to make your Annual Fund gift today. The 2006-2007 fiscal year ends on June 30, 2007.

**Legal Aid.** The NAWM has spearheaded a new College initiative, the LSAT Boot Camp, designed to help Wabash students perform their best on the LSAT so they can better attend the law school of their choice. Here's a report of the first session:

After classes ended and finals were complete, a group of approximately 35 students stayed on campus to take part in the LSAT Boot Camp. This three-day prep session was the first for students wishing to take the LSAT test. While we are collecting quantitative results of the Boot Camp's effectiveness, early responses from students are very positive! The LSAT Boot Camp could serve as the model for future preparatory programs for other graduate programs and post-graduate vocations for students.



**A Sod Sight.** Alumni Director Tom Runge reports that our beloved Hollett Little Giant Stadium will be receiving a much-needed new blanket of sod this summer in preparation for the upcoming football season this fall. It's about time. When I attended the Bell game in November, I had never seen the field so torn up. Chick Clements must have been beside himself. Runge tells me that the fall deluge of rain rotted the grass roots.



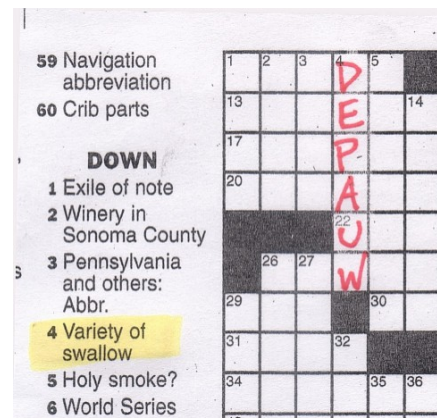
Nevertheless, the field should be ready for the September 8 rematch against the "evil" Franklin Grizzlies who stole a victory from us in overtime last year. Who can forget the Homecoming our junior year (unless you were drunk at the time)? The shootout between our Brett Butler against Franklin's Reece Mann. The banner on the press box that proclaimed, "The only thing Grizzly about Franklin is their women." (I found this particularly funny hailing from Franklin and having my brother and father in attendance, both Franklin alumni!) The Dannie Game is in the putrid depths of the Fourth Bolgia of Hell (Greencastle) this year (Nov. 10), so that means...

## The Official Class of '91 Tailgate Party September 29, 2007 in a parking lot somewhere behind Hollett Little Giant Stadium

...is set for Homecoming. Mark your calendars!

**Our Voices & Hearts Combine.** Speaking of Homecoming (September 28-29), the weekend will feature a Glee Club Alumni Reunion. Practice will begin Friday night, and the weekend will conclude with a concert Saturday night after the big game against Earlham. This weekend provides an exciting opportunity to sing with current students and alumni from all eras. It will also be an occasion to witness the wonderful commitments made by the current students and the Glee Club Director, Dr. Richard Bowen. Save the date and let the song echo loud and long!

**Wordplay.** I like crossword puzzles. Along with my morning coffee, they help get me ready for the workday. Every once in a while, I tackle the granddaddy of them all, the *New York Times* crossword. When it's not taxing you with clever twists of phrase, it's stumping your complete lack of knowledge about opera or geography or, in this case, ornithology, in the March 19 puzzle. Funny how sometimes the wrong word fits perfectly, like in 4 Down...



And now for our most popular segment: Classmate News...

**W** Regular blog peruser and Morgan County Circuit Court Judge **Matt Hanson** ([mghanson@insightbb.com](mailto:mghanson@insightbb.com)) is heading to the Middle East. Here's the scoop:

My plan is to be done with work in the next week or two and then gear up for military life. I will be going to the Middle East to help run the prison system. We are a small team that was put together for particular skill sets. I like to think of us as the "anti-Abu Ghraib" squad, but who knows what will happen when we are in theater.

While I'm gone, a local attorney will be my pro-tem and will basically get to act like me.

I plan on being gone for a good amount of time, and I'm not sure when I will be back. As you know, the political waves may make it earlier or later.

It feels good to be with a strong group of people, and all are extremely high-speed. My group kind of reminds of me of a bunch of Wabash guys in that they are motivated, aggressive, intelligent, and skilled at what they do. It truly is an honor to serve with them.

I will do my best to send photos from overseas and will try to slip in the red W whenever I can. Enjoy the game next year, smoke a stogie for me, and we'll see you back in 2008.

Captain Matthew G. Hanson  
193 MP BLD



We'll be sure to pass along his cables from overseas as we get them. God Speed, Matt.

**W** According to [Indiana Lawyer](#), along with the Class of '91 Grapevine\*, the seven-member Judicial Nominating Commission completed two hours of deliberation on April 24 to settle on six candidates for the opening on the Indiana Court of Appeals vacated by Judge Patrick D. Sullivan, who will retire on Aug. 1. Among the half dozen was **Randall C. Head**, who is currently working in the Tippecanoe County Prosecutor's Office. The second interviews took place in Indianapolis on May 11. Randy didn't make the cut of the three names the commission chose to forward to Gov. Mitch Daniels, but it's an honor to be nominated, right?



\* The Class of '91 Grapevine includes a reliable cadre of classmates who are diligent in forwarding breaking news about the class or about Wabash. In this case, thanks to Mike Langford for the news tip. Wanna be in the Grapevine? Just forward any juicy bits to us.

**W** Pete Miesel writes:

I just relocated from Indianapolis to Boulder, Colorado, taking a job in the Marketing Department of ValleyLab. Me, Kristin, and the cats are happy and enjoying the new hippie digs.

Pete would like to catch up with **John Martin**.

**W** I received this update in an e-mail from **Vinny Recinto** recently that I thought I'd pass along:

I have a new job at the [Imiloa Astronomy Center of Hawaii](#), so I've been busy putting together the tour and all that for them. Vonda is in massage school, so she has more to do now!

Vinny's been living in Hilo, Hawaii (the Big Island) for a few years now. Aloha, dude!



**W** **David Ricke** and his wife, **Kirsten**, announce the arrival of their new daughter, **Pacific Luna Ricke**, on March 13th, 11:45am in Juneau, Alaska. She's 7lbs 2oz, 20 1/2" with brown hair. Dave reports that she's "healthily breast feeding, and bonding with mom and dad." A year ago they were traveling in Argentina, and soon they will be living down the street from pledge brother **Vinny Recinto** in Hilo, on the Big Island of Hawaii. Congratulations, Tricky!



**W** As Director of Information Technology Services for Wabash, classmate **Brad Weaver** is the guy who helps keep students, faculty, staff, and yes, us alumni connected. He's also keeping people connected in a different way, by setting up a [Tech Notes](http://www2.wabash.edu/blog/technotes/) blog (<http://www2.wabash.edu/blog/technotes/>) in August. In addition to addressing the usual IT needs on campus, the blog contains updates his department has been making to the College Web site, its infrastructure, and the online tools that people can use to more efficiently communicate with each other.



It's time once again to include our infamous "Where Are They Now?" form, so you'll find in on page 5. Send us your updates! We want to know what you guys are doing, and of course, we'll pass it along to your classmates. Also, let me know if you guys are enjoying the blog. I have no idea whether anyone looks at it!

Thanks for your help. Thanks again for your support in the many ways you give it. Keep in touch.

Yours in Wabash,





# “Where Are They Now?”

## Wabash Class of 1991

While you are holding this in your hands, take a moment to fill it out and send it to: Wabash College, Alumni and Parent Relations Office, PO Box 352, Crawfordsville, IN 47933. While you’re at it, why not contact a fellow alum or professor you haven’t talked to in a while? You can also submit class updates online (<http://www.wabash.edu/alumni/eservices/>).

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Interested in helping the College with fundraising? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

### Family Information

Single  Married  Partnered

(Spouse/partner’s name) \_\_\_\_\_ Anniversary (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Divorced  Widowed

Father of (kid’s name/s) \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdays \_\_\_\_\_  
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### Latest Employment and Education Information

Unemployed  Self-employed doing \_\_\_\_\_

Employed (where) \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Looking for work  Retired

In school at (where) \_\_\_\_\_

Working toward a (degree) \_\_\_\_\_ in (field) \_\_\_\_\_

Writing a book on \_\_\_\_\_

I’d really like to hear from (classmate/s) \_\_\_\_\_

Any other interesting news? \_\_\_\_\_  
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Send me some information on: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to help Wabash as an Alumni Volunteer. I wish to volunteer for:

- Career Services
- Admissions
- Fundraising
- Lilly "Jobs" Grant
- Other
- Alumni and Parent Relations
- Teaching and Learning
- Student Life
- Lilly "Experience Indiana" Grant