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Class of '92,

News you can Use:

The Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion recently moved into a new facility situated on the southeast end of the Wabash College campus on South Grant Avenue directly across from the Fine Arts Center. See picture to the right



The MXI recently celebrated the opening of the Eiteljorg Permanent Collection of African Art. The collection is considered one of the best private African art collections in North America. MXI also opened the Wabash chapter of the [Africa Network](#), a national consortium whose mission is to develop and promote the study of Africa in liberal arts institutions.

'Bash has been recognized as one of the ten best liberal arts colleges in the nation by the Center for College Affordability & Productivity (CCAP). Wabash high rank was based upon the postgraduate success of its alumni.

Good Bye and Thanks:

Rob Johnson retired after 37 years as the cross country and track coach. His many accomplishments included a national coach of the year award, assistant Olympic coach (only Div III coach to be so honored), several top 10 NCAA finishes, and guiding 23 All-Americans. Equally impressive was the admiration his players had for him. Few people were as respected on campus as much as Coach Johnson as evidenced by the 400 people who attended his retirement banquet. The indoor track has been named in his honor.

Coach Creighton, one of Wabash's most successful football coaches, assumed the head coach position at Div 1-AA Drake University. He lifted the Wabash football program to national prominence by guiding the Wallies to a seven year record of 63-15, by winning 4 conference titles, by obtaining three Div. III playoff invitations, by producing 75 All-Conference players, 7 Conference Players of the Year, and 13 All-Americans. Creighton was named the Conference Coach of the Year three times and the AFCA District II Coach of the Year once. Despite losing an All-American quarterback in the first game of the season, the 2007 Little Giants were nationally ranked every week of the season and advanced to the Elite Eight of the NCAA Division III playoffs, losing to eventual national champion Wisconsin-Whitewater, and finished seventh in the final AFCA poll.

Wallies in the News:

Tom Fisher '91, Indiana Solicitor General, successfully argued before The United States Supreme Court regarding Indiana's voter identification law. **Todd Rokita '92**, Indiana Secretary of State, was instrumental in formulating the law.

Dan Simmons '70, authored *The Terror* which was rated by *Entertainment Weekly* and Amazon.com as one of the Top 10 fiction/fantasy books of 2007. I have read two of his books, (Wabash usually gets a mention in the plot), and ask that you consider supporting a fellow Wally by reading one.

Class Notes:

Charlie White announced his engagement to Krista Miller. The two plan to wed next month. Charlie lives in Fishers with his son William and serves as the Assistant Director-Special Counsel for the Indiana Department of Natural Resources. Other titles include Chairman of the Hamilton County Republican Party and three term Fishers Town Council member.

Jim Ziegler writes: "I am still employed with Eastman Chemical Company. We relocated to Shanghai, China in Nov. 2007. Renee and I have 3 children to share the adventure with: Kyle (9), Kaitlyn (5) and Kennedy (1)."

Kenyatta Brame was elected to the National Association of Wabash Men.

Annual Fund

Thanks to the following classmates who have donated between July 1, 2007 and June 30, 2008:

Frank Amidon, Eric Anderson, Jeffrey Anderson, Saunak Basu, Andrew Bauccho, Ted Berry, Andrew Bieberich, Kenyatta Brame, Pablo Bukata, Jonathan Burke, Chris Caldwell, Jordan Church, Robert Clancy, Gregory Coy, Brent Embrey, Joseph Emmick, Michael Gaby, Terry Green, James Herr, Mitchell Horoho, Peter Horvath, Jonathan Hunt, Christian Kelleher, James Kerr, Brad Lambert, Mark Lapierre, Jason (\$ 1,000,000 donor) Little, J. Michael Lohorn, Michael Martin, Chris Monroe, John Moore, William Padgett, Robert Penrod, Scott Perkins, William Rakoczy, Anthony Ridolfo, Robert Rudicel, Gregory Simmons, Mark Sutton, Gregg Theobald, Keith Veal, J. Robert Vegter, Paul Wainman, Jeremy Walker, Alonzo Weems, Robert Weiss, Jason Wendel, Kevin Wild, Daniel Witte, and James Ziegler.

The college is looking to you to increase alumni donations. Last fiscal year the overall alumni participation rate was 37%, while this year's goal is 40%. Unfortunately, the class of '92 is behind both benchmarks.

There are several reasons to consider making a donation before the fiscal year ends June 30th:

Donations are eligible for a state tax credit. For example, a \$400 donation to the college will get you \$200 off of your state taxes!

Alumni donations drive rankings such as those by *U.S. News and World Report* and other college guides. Additionally, alumni donations are utilized by foundations to determine grants.

If by the end of the 2009 fiscal year, Wabash can grown the annual fund to \$3 million in unrestricted support, alumnus Tom Hays '55 will make an additional gift of \$1.1 million for the College's endowed scholarships.

DePauw has challenged their alumni to beat Wabash. DePauw's giving last year was 37% as well so they are shooting for 39%. Thus, our 40%.

Donations can be made at www.wabash.edu/alumni/egift or by mail at Wabash Annual Fund/PO Box 352/Crawfordsville, IN 47933 (checks payable to Wabash College) or by calling 877-743-4545.

Regards,

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