

WABASH '99

Class Agent Letter

September 24, 2009

Gentlemen:

I hope this letter finds you well as summer winds to a close. I was fortunate enough to be back on campus a couple weeks ago for the Class Agent Forum. Aman, Ethan, and I received a nice recognition for the turnout we had to our 10-year reunion, both in terms of attendance at the Big Bash and for the number of donors for the Class of '99. I want to personally thank Dave Coates one more time for chairing the reunion effort; he deserves a lot of credit for the success of the event. Moreover, I want to extend that gratitude to all of you, as it was our entire class that made it possible. We were one of only two classes to increase our number of donors from the previous fiscal year, and we did so to the tune of 29% more donors—far and away the largest increase of any class. So, thank you again to everyone who donated to the College last year:

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With the economy being tough for a lot of people, our class really stepped up to help the College and its current students. I encourage everyone to do the same this year (and several of you already have). Because of the success of the Annual Fund, Wabash was

able to defray \$500,000 that was lost in Indiana state aid cuts to individual students. Not one returning student who lost Indiana grant money had to pay more out of his own pocket or leave Wabash for financial reasons. That's some testament to the College and to the generosity of its alumni, and I'm proud that we were a part of that.

W.A.B.A.S.H Day is coming up on October 3rd/4th. This is the weekend of service projects by Wabash men around the country. For projects and organizers in your area, check out the website <http://www.wabash.edu/news/docs/2009%20Wabash%20Day%20Projects.doc>. Rumor has it, many of these projects are followed by TWR (typical Wabash refreshments). It's a great cause and a great time, so check it out.

The big discussion at our meetings this year surrounded social media. I'm less than qualified to talk much about social networking sites as my wife and I regularly get grief for not being on Facebook (it is a sad day when you learn that your mother and father-in-law have passed you by in terms of terms of computer literacy and Facebook Friends). I do, however, want to get some feedback from you guys about establishing a Class of '99 Facebook page or something of that nature. I'm willing to register and learn if others are interested in using it. Drop me an email (a technology I'm familiar with) if you have any thoughts or ideas.

The College has several Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, etc sites to keep you up to date with sports and news at the College. You can link to them from the icons on the Wabash website. There is also a Wabash Channel on YouTube (which is the only one I've gotten into thus far): <http://www.youtube.com/WabashCollege>. It has sports highlights, Chapel talks, and other interesting video posted regularly. It's really a great way to keep up with the goings-on at the College.

Sports

The football team is off to a great start at 2-0. I watched them throttle Denison for a half. We were up 14-0 in the first 3 minutes and went on to win 56-7. Last week, the Little Giants took the show on the road, beating the University of Chicago 48-7. This weekend's Homecoming game is against Kenyon. Hopefully you get a chance to watch them this weekend or for Bell on November 14th. Also, check the website for tailgates at away games in your area.

Class Notes

Please send updates and/or pictures of Big Bash, weddings, children, jobs, travel, going out for beers with other Wallies, etc. You can send them to me directly via email, post a class note online (<http://www.wabash.edu/alumni/eservices/submitcn>), or send a note through the old, reliable postal service. Thanks!

Mark Cevallos is an attorney with Miller & Bicklein P.C. in San Antonio, TX.

Shawn Clawson is enjoying life and family as an accountant in Carmel, IN.

Vince Druding was ordained just before the Big Bash and is already using his new occupational talents to help fellow Wabash men.

Jared Hall and Nikki Greene were married on December 20, 2008 in Chicago, IL at St. Clement Church. Fellow Wabash classmate Fr. Vince Druding ('99) presided over the ceremony. Wabash men in the wedding party were Ethan Olberding ('99), Matt Rose ('99), Luke Lindsell ('99), and Andrew Arnold ('99) as well as Jared's father Bob Hall ('74) and step-father Chip Olson ('76).

Andrew Jones writes: I'm currently the writer and editor of the Physics Guidesite at About.com, a New York Times company, and I have my first book, *STRING THEORY FOR DUMMIES*, coming out in November from Wiley Publishing, Inc.

Ever the glutton for punishment, **Luke Lindsell** is back in school, actually finishing medical school after several years in optometry practice. According to the Wabash Magazine, fatherhood has also snuck up on him! Actually, I believe he's holding **Chris Gegg's** daughter, Lilly, in the picture.

Alex Radnovich is in his fourth and final year of residency, doing a psychopharmacology fellowship. "After that I'm leaning toward academic psychiatry with the thought of getting onto the faculty here at IU and doing a mixture of teaching, research, and patient care, probably at the state psychiatric hospital here in Indianapolis."

I think I may have lost some verbal/mental note updates from the reunion thanks to meeting the Open Bar Challenge. For some reason eating at the Phi Psi house on a Saturday night like I did ten years ago made me think I should drink like I could ten years ago (a special thanks to my wife, Jessica, for putting up with me that night and the next day, not to mention the months leading up to the reunion). So, if I told you I was going to put something in this letter that I didn't, please send me a harassing email and a reminder about what I was supposed to tell the class (or if it was something embarrassing or something of a drunken rambling that I forgot, you can email me something more appropriate for the next update).

Yours in Wabash,

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