



WABASH COLLEGE

Class Agents Letter

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Gentlemen,

A lot has happened at the college and in all of our lives since our last letter. Purpose of this letter is to give you some updates and prepare you for Wabash events in the future.

Again on Mother's Day, the college graduated 186 seniors. The weather forced the ceremony in to Chadwick Court. An Honorary Doctor of Laws was given to Joe Barnette, a '61 graduate who has served the Board of Trustees since 1986, nine as chairman. An Honorary Doctor of Laws was also given to Major General Earl Johnson who graduated in 1938. In his 31 year military career, he earned many honors including the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Bronze Star. Tim O'Brien was given an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters. I remember reading his Pulitzer Prize nominated novel The Things They Carried in one of Tobey Herzog's (one of O'Brien's biographers) English classes.

In the month following graduation, the school hosted the annual Big Bash Reunion Weekend. As you may remember from 2005, this is when all of the classes with a reunion (5 year, ten year, etc.) come back to the school at one time for joint reunion. I thought it was a good program in 2005, but unfortunately, we did not have a lot of guys from our class in attendance. See pictures of this year's reunion classes at:

http://www.wabash.edu/photo_album/home.cfm?photo_album_id=1565. Other albums are found here: http://www.wabash.edu/photo_album/



It may be 2008 now, but our ten year reunion in 2010 (June 4-6) will be here before we know it. In talking to other Class Agents, it works well to have a House Captain to contact people from his living unit to increase interest. I will be responsible for the FIJI house, Pat East will be responsible for Phi Psi and Bibs will be the captain for the Sig Chis. Please contact me (crafft@mac.com, 317-418-2019) if you are interested in helping out. I am planning on hosting a party the night before the start of the reunion at my house for my classmates who come in for the reunion as well as other guys from my house who live in the area. Other Class Agents have said that that model was very successful.

I was recently back on campus for the first annual rugby alumni game. The class of 2000 was well represented on the team. Lee Sutton, whose brother is on the current team, worked hard to contact as many alumni as possible to come play the current team. From our class, we had Patrick McGinley, Graham Boyd, Pete Riordon, Kris Schnur and Lee Sutton. I couldn't play, so I refereed the match. Unfortunately, the alumni had age working against them. We scored first,

but the current team came back for a big win. If you were on the team, or you play rugby today, please keep your eyes open for the date and time of this event next year.



Congratulations are an order for Tom Bailey. He has been featured on the college's webpage as a '39 Under 39.' You can read about Tom's role in Indiana's economic development while working for Vectren Energy at http://www.wabash.edu/magazine/39/news.cfm?profile_id=5877.

We are still very light on Class Notes. Carey Richey is the only person who has updated the college since our last letter. Please send updates on your family life, career, etc. to me (crafft@mac.com) or the alumni office (alumni@wabash.edu).

Cary Richey writes: "My wife (Syndy) and I were recently blessed with the birth of our second child. Andrew Scott Richey was born on Tuesday, October 30 at 9:17 PM weighing 6 lbs. 8 oz. and measuring 20.5 inches long. Not wanting a devil baby, my wife was very happy he was not born on Halloween. Both mother and son are doing very well."



I too have had an addition to my family. My wife Buffy and I brought our first daughter, Ana Fernanda Craft, home on May 3rd. This was a very happy ending to an adoption process that had my wife living in Antigua, Guatemala for four and a half months. Ana was born October 15th 2007 in Guatemala and has been in our foster care since December 22nd. I continue to work for CB Richard Ellis in Indianapolis. I recently have changed focus from corporate service to healthcare services. I was recognized in February by the Indianapolis Business Journal as one of the 40 Indy business leaders under the age of 40, IBJ's 40 Under 40. With the exception of the Wabash event, my rugby refereeing career has slowed down a bit for child care, but I hope to do a number of matches again this Fall.



I hope this finds each of you happy and healthy. Please consider being a House Captain for the Big Bash in 2010 and send any updates to me or the Alumni Office at alumni@wabash.edu.

Wabash Always Fights!

Tim