

**Class of 2002**

**Class Agent Letter  
June 2009**



As summer begins, Wabash students return home and the campus is nearly empty. On May 17, 195 men joined our ranks as proud alumni and just recently, many alumni returned to campus for their respective reunions, which turned out to be the largest Big Bash weekend ever. I heard it was awesome, but I doubt they can beat the weekend we had during our reunion. 10 year reunion in three years, mark your calendars.

I know that for me, it seems like quite a while since I've made a trip to campus and seen many of the guys that made the college experience so great. So although the 10 year reunion was made tongue in cheek, which is probably the dumbest expression ever made, you can mark September 26 on your calendar, which is 2009 Homecoming. As always, I hope to see many of you there and reminders will be made in future letters.

### **Wabash History**

I wouldn't be a very good former vice president and treasurer of the Wabash Historical Society (posts I held from Fall 2001 to Spring 2002, you're welcome) if I didn't include a little Wabash history. So here it is, with classic photograph:

50 years ago in April 1959 the Lilly Library was dedicated.



On a cold January day the moving of the books from Yandes Library commenced. Beer boxes, donated empty I should add, were loaded and the students carried them to the new building. Library staff directed the students to the correct area and the books were loaded on to the shelves. Then the boxes were returned to Yandes for a repeat of the process.

## Donating



The College is trying to raise \$1million in 30 days (June).



### **Double or Triple the Value of your Annual Contribution**

You might be able to double or triple the value of your gift to Wabash if you or your spouse work for a company with a matching gift program. Use the online searchable database

([www.wabash.edu/alumni/matching](http://www.wabash.edu/alumni/matching)) to learn about companies with matching gift programs.

We have collectively reviewed the comments made by the College and by President White. To summarize what is actually quite a lengthy discussion:

As financial markets are down significantly, so too is the College's endowment. Part of the budget is from investment income, which funds over half of the operating budget. Despite investment in trusted and sound investors, the market collapse might unfortunately impact the education and college experience of current and future Wabash men.

As Wabash alumni we need to respond to the current situation. The College is already attempting to cut programs and spending. As class agents we are going to be doing our best to reach out to our fellow classmates individually, both by phone and email. Some of you have already received calls from me, and after leaving several stuttering and nearly incoherent messages, I have decided that my best form of communication might actually be in the written word (I still have the lisp).

For all of you who enjoyed the Wabash experience outside of the classroom, be it from study abroad programs, club and varsity sports, fraternity life, or various clubs and organizations, we need to do our best in giving back so these programs aren't cut and will continue to be enjoyed.

***Please donate what you can. There are only a couple weeks left in the current financial year to make your gift! Rick, Ryan, and I would be happy to assist you in getting this done. Remember, any donation is appreciated, and all you can give is vital to Wabash's future.***

To present to you now, the honor roll so far:

**Brooks L. Cannon, Allen A. Clingler, Ryan K. Clougherty, Nicolae Cristea, Craig W. Demaree, Shane M. Fimbel, James R. Ford, Christopher A. Futscher, Grant F. Goshorn, Jeremy L. Herrmann, Joseph N. Hisch, Eriks E. Janelins, Robert J. Morgan, Michael F. Owens, Stephen K. Renfro, Benjamin J. Seib, Jacob B. Shively, Eric W. Shreve, Maxim A. Sorokin, Jeffrey E. Stines, Richard K. Strasser**

### Class Updates

Well, Wagner was able to pull himself out from under the rock he was hiding and discovered a beautiful 2009!! Jenny and I and our now-17-month-old daughter, Abigail (Abby), are doing just fine. Substantial renovations have been made to our home which is now very nice--not to mention equally as nice as far as mortgage payments go due to timely refinancing (thank you, FED); and received a late Christmas present which will be arriving in late July. Seriously, though, we are truly blessed each and every day of our young married lives; and to all you fellow Class of 2002ers whom are fathers of daughters, it is quite possibly the best feeling I have ever experienced. I trust you will agree.

Wagner

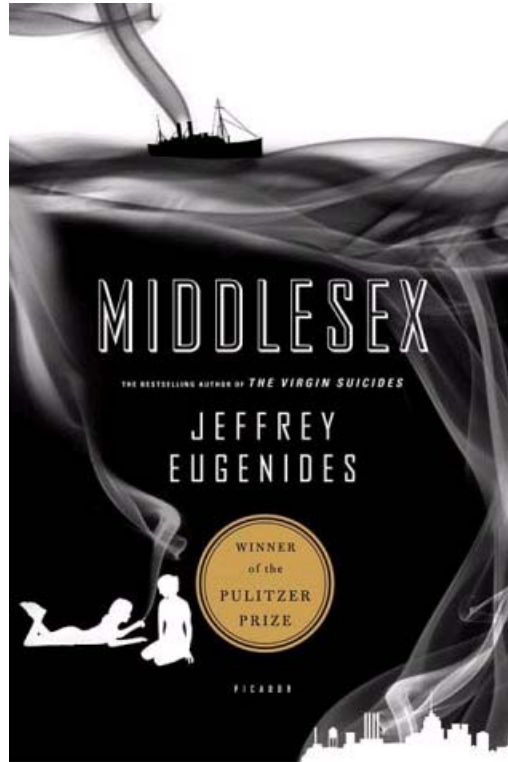


## Book Review

***Middlesex*** by Jeffrey Eugenides

A truly American classic about an intersexed person of Greek descent (two reasons Guzik would love this book) who has 5- $\alpha$  reductase deficiency, the lack of an enzyme which converts testosterone to dihydrotestosterone, the steroid responsible for male sex-specific characteristics. The novel tells his story of growing up a female, the trials and tribulations of his deep secret, and finally his adult life as a male.

Winner of the Pulitzer Prize and the Shreve Book of the Month (both equally prestigious).



Final verdict: **4.5** out of **5** Strassfaces:



## Beer Review

### **Big Daddy IPA** by Speakeasy Brewing Company, San Francisco

From the city that created the steam beer, the ale/lager combination that can truly be called an American invention, comes an India Pale Ale that truly rivals the best in its field. Unusually light colored for an IPA, this brew packs intense hop flavor but leaves a clean finish that takes you back for more. At \$10.99 for a six pack, it's a bit expensive but certainly worth the money for a perfect summer grillout beverage.

**6.5% ABV**



Verdict: **4** out of **5** Guziks



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