

MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW:

HOMECOMING Sat, September 21st (Denison)

WABASH DAY Sat-Sun, October 5th & 6th (Nationwide)

MONON BELL GAME Sat, November 16th (@DPU)

THE LATEST

BEN CUNNINGHAM

I was married to my beautiful wife Jennifer Bennett on December 30th, 2012. We were married at the chapel at Valparaiso University. Benjamin Gonzalez '07, Joshua Paul '07, and Chandler Troy '08 all stood as groomsmen in the wedding. Last year Jenni and I purchased an amazing home in the historic area of downtown Fort Wayne. Jenni teaches at a local private school and I continue to work as a school psychologist for the school corporation. Hope all is well with everyone! WAF!

DREW WEINTRAUT

Kristen and I had our first child, Audrey Marlies Weintraut, born Oct. 5 2012. We live in Lafayette and I'm doing corporate relations for Purdue University.



CHARLIE HOOGLAND

I am in my second year in UK's social psychology PhD program, and am excited to have a paper under review for publication and a few more in short order. I've got my fingers crossed for landing a summer instructor position. My wife Aasha is doing great and recently published her first paper, which is on prescription drug safety in older adults.

TIM SCHIRACK

I got married last October in Michigan where my wife, Erin, grew up. We continue to live in Chicago just north of downtown (walking distance for me to get into work). I am still working with Willis Re although I just took a new position on April 1. While I remain a reinsurance broker the new position involves a much different sales structure. I now handle less volume and have larger deals with a longer gestation period.

MATT FEIPEL

My wife and I had a little boy - Tyler Matthew Feipel, 7lbs 2oz, 21 inches, born at 10:45 on 11/27/2012.



DAN FOX

Both my wife and I are attorneys in Florida. I work for Bank of America and take away people's houses. My wife works for the State and takes away people's kids. I've got one on the way too. Due: Oct 14.



PROFILES

DENNIS FRAZEE ON STARTING AND GROWING A FAMILY & DENTISTRY BUSINESS



07R: We've been out of school (Wabash) for about six years now. Give us a little background on what you've done since graduation leading up to your decision to start a business.

Wow! Almost 6 years...thanks for reminding me! Since graduation my (now) wife Kristina and I got married shortly after graduation and moved to Indianapolis. We bought our home on the south side of town during the last few months at Wabash and moved in the day after graduation. My wife began working at Methodist Hospital and has stayed since and I pursued a Master's Degree in Biology at IUPUI while working at the Indiana Blood Center. During that year I applied to dental school for the second time and got accepted. During dental school my wife and I welcomed our first son, Tyler Anthony Frazee on June 10, 2010 and our second son, Tyson John Frazee shortly after graduation, December 18, 2012. Its hard to believe it's been six years because for almost all of those years I have still been in school!

07R: Tell us about your business - where it's located, when it's opening, etc.

Frazee Family Dentistry will be a technology based, family focused dental practice located at 100 S. Town Center Road, Mooresville, IN 46158. We have a vision to have one of the most technologically advanced practices in the area, which will aid in our diagnostic capabilities and provide faster and better treatment for our patients. The game plan is to have the practice open in Summer (June/July) 2013 barring no huge set backs! (fingers crossed!) The digital presence will also be found at www.frazeefamilydentistry.com. (the site is still under construction)

07R: Starting your own business seems risky enough that most people shy away from ever doing it. What factors led up to your decision to take the plunge?

Yea, most people I talk to think I'm crazy starting my own practice in the economy that we are currently dealing with, but I am lucky enough to be in a profession where the default rate for dental offices is less than 2%. So while there is a risk to it, seeing that 98% of people that do it succeed makes me feel pretty confident about my chances of having a successful dental practice. In the process many people asked me, "why don't you join an office," or "why don't you buy an existing office," and both were feasible options, however I never found a practice that fit me and the way I want to practice. I wanted to be able to mold a practice into something great. I became frustrated with the process and my supply rep asked me one day, "well then why don't you do what I knew you would do 2 years ago?" Of course, she was referring to opening my own practice...she knew it would happen before I did. From there she introduced me to the current team that I am working with, and with the team that I have in place I am extremely confident that we will have a successful, thriving dental practice.

07R: What's the most surprising thing you've discovered along the way as you've put your plans into motion?

I've realized through this process to follow the motto, "Expect the worst, hope for the best." I started this process mid 3rd year of dental school and was assured I would have no problem getting financing, well 18 months later, lets say we had a slight problem getting the financing due to my period of licensure, and then when I was approved my legs are getting tired from all the hoops we have to jump through.

07R: Any advice for someone else who might be thinking about starting a business?

The advice that I would give anyone thinking about starting a business is to use the 3 D's that Coach Johnson taught me; Desire, Dedication and Determination. If you have the desire to start a business go after it and do it, but realize that it is going to take a large amount of dedication to take it from a conceptual idea to a feasible business. Even after it becomes a feasible business the determination that it takes to make it a successful business is the most important aspect of the 3 D's. Nothing worth having ever comes without a little hard work. Don't expect things to happen for you, you have to go out and make them happen.

If anyone ever wants to contact me please feel free to do so at any of the following contacts: dfrunning@gmail.com, drfrazee@frazeefamilydentistry.com, (219)614-9687.



GEOFF WALKER

My wife, Meghan, and I are expecting baby Walker in early October. Clearly, we are more excited about the new edition than our furry friend. We feel very blessed and continue to prepare ourselves for the next stage in our life out here in Boston.

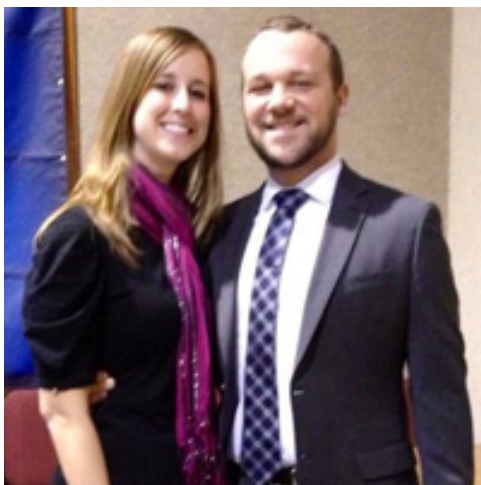


ASHLEY STEPHEN

Promoted to the position of Director in November, Ashley Stephen is currently managing the day-to-day operations of Community Action of East Central Indiana, Inc., Early Head Start, a federally-funded program providing services to pregnant women, infants, and toddlers in Richmond, Indiana. He is also in the final stages of his master's degree program, conducting research into the inclusion of microfinance as a topic in high school economics curricula throughout the state of Indiana.

ZACH FOUGHTY

I got engaged on April 1 to Dana Barnes, who did Teach for America with me in the Rio Grande Valley. We hope to get married in December 2013. I'll also be starting medical school this fall at Indiana University, so Dana will be moving to Indiana from San Antonio this summer.



JOSH COONS

Josh has a new job as Special Services Analyst with Angell Pension Group. His second child is due July 5. His wife Tracey just passed the Illinois bar. He will probably be moving (staying in the region) before the year's out.

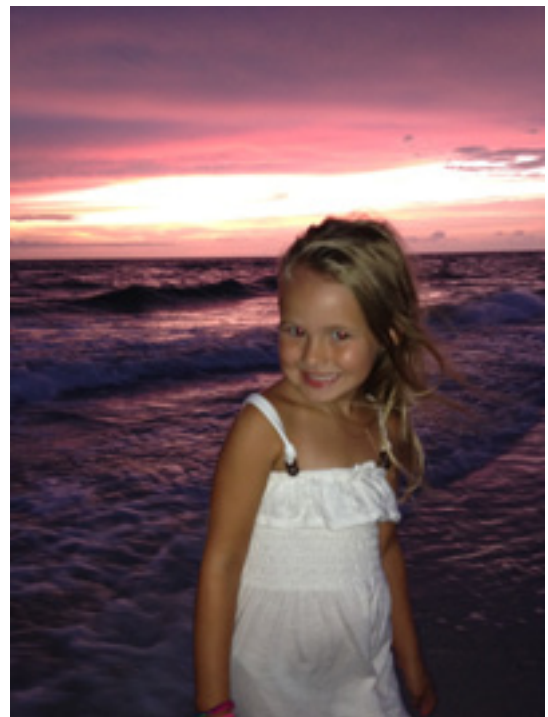
FRANK KNEZ

My wife Lindsay and I will celebrate our 4th year of marriage this June and continue to enjoy working together. It is great to see others growing their family and achieving individual success! We are still living on the NW side of Indy.



GARRETT PINO

My little girl Isabella turned 5 this year! And now she is paying me back for everything I've ever done. She flips over tables and slaps her muscles demanding milk!! Hope all is well.



TONY LEWIS

On May 11th, I will earn a masters degree in Guidance and Counseling from UT-Pan American. I'm trying to get into a phd program but haven't had any luck.

DON JUAN BROWN

Family seems to be a very fitting theme for our class as it looks as though many of us are growing in that area. I'm probably one of the few that started a family even before graduation. I didn't stop there. My wife, Sherrie, and I now have a total of 4 very beautiful and impressive children.

My step son, Isaiah (10) is the oldest of the bunch, with Caedence (6), Kingston (2), and Princeton (7 months) following. Having 4 kids at a young age has definitely worked to humble me and put my view of life in an unselfish, sacrificial perspective. The responsibilities and demands I feel obligated to perform for my family do make life very busy and tiresome at times, but I wouldn't have it any other way. I'm also guessing it is a great benefit that I get to do it as a young man, as I don't know how I would keep up with volunteering as head coach for various sports, family vacations, daddy time with the toddlers after work, and all that comes with trying to be a good dad to my daughter, all while holding my day job, if I was not young and full of energy. Of course my wife is a life saver in all of this and carries the brunt of the load.

Without boring you with too many additional details, life as a family man is but a dream for me at this time. I hear this stage of life, where you have babies and younger children in the house filling it with joy and laughter, goes by in the blink of an eye, so my wife and I are focused on enjoying every minute of it while it is before us.

Hope all of my fellow Wallies are enjoying life as much as I am.



DARRYL KENNON

I am indeed living in a different country. I'm in Norway now. Working at a gym as a personal trainer and playing football. Life's pretty great out here. Besides missing the comforts of home, I love it. Making good money and just living the dream.

COLE MCGUFFEY

Still working on a Ph.D. in Communication & Culture at IU. This is my final semester of coursework.

JAKE LUNDORF

Greetings gentlemen! I hope this message finds you all in good health and high spirits. After two years of nursing school, I will become a RN this summer. Other than school, I've been reading lots, running, playing badminton, brewing, and enjoying our coonhound Zuzia. Laura and I are ready for a change of setting and need to get away from the college town atmosphere of Bloomington. I've applied to numerous hospitals in North Carolina... we are hoping to get to Charlotte. We are currently saving moola to buy a parcel of land somewhere and get a little homestead going. I'd love to settle in the Appalachian region within the next couple years. That's all for now. If you're passing through southern Indiana or North Carolina and looking for a good meal or good conversation, or looking for companionship when hiking through the Smokies or Blue Ridge Mountains, hit me up: (574)-850-2069. Cheers!



MO NOLAN

Still married to Kyleen, she hasn't left me yet. We don't have any kids but a couple of dogs. I am now the Dean of students at Munster High School. I am one week away from completing my masters in educational leadership. Life has been good. I am truly blessed.



WILL CERTAIN

Since Wabash, I have been a program director and youth pastor for a non-profit, serving urban, poor children and teens in three low-income housing units in Kansas City (the organization is the Kansas City Urban Youth Center - see kcurbanyouthcenter.org for more info). I married my amazing wife Nicole on 3/12/2011 (no kids yet, but we are definitely looking forward to those days potentially in the near future...) I graduated from Nazarene Theological Seminary with a M.Div. in May, 2011. Just recently, I accepted a position as co-pastor of a church in rural Missouri called River of Hope Fellowship. Looking forward to seeing and hearing all the other updates from the '07 class!

JOHN MEARA

All is well in Lil' Rhodey! My girlfriend and I have settled into our jobs and are now actively practicing law. As to my golden retriever, she is still lazy as can be and really doesn't contribute much. Beyond that, not too much is going on out on the East Coast. It is my hope that I will be a homeowner relatively soon so I can quit paying my landlord's mortgage. Hope all is well for all the fellow '07 Wally's out there. If you find yourself in Rhode Island or Boston feel free to get in touch.

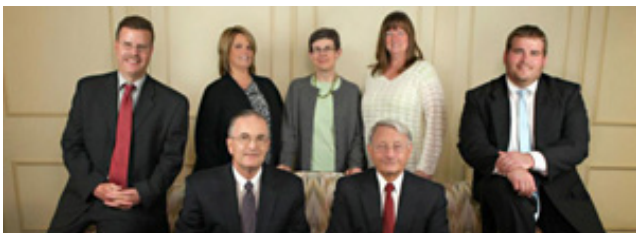


SHANE KEFFER

My wife, Lori, and I are living in Phoenix with our soon to be two year old daughter, Charlotte, and have another little girl due at the end of May. I am in my sixth year working for a software company owned by Thomson Reuters, ScholarOne, as a software analyst while Lori works for a civil litigation firm as an attorney.

DANIEL PETRIE

Dan and his wife Emily are expecting their first child in September. Dan is a lawyer at Henthorn, Harris & Weliever P.C. in Crawfordsville.



RYAN STEPHENS

I recently accepted a new position at Roche and my wife Kate and I will be relocating to Ann Arbor, MI. We will be moving in June and are looking forward to the new chapter of our lives.

TONY CALDWELL AND THE PHI PSIS

The 2007 Phi Psi's gathered in December 2012 at the Blackstone Hotel in downtown Chicago to celebrate John Porch's marriage to Jae Hodsdon. John Meara was the best man and Jay Leatherman was a groomsman. Also attending were: Kairazad Daruwala, Zac Benedict, Jake Lundorf, James Jared, Tim Dodge, Daniel Albrecht, Andrew McKone, Gabe Smith, Zac Simpson '09, and Matthew Rushton '09. A great time was had by all.



KIEL HANSEN

Kiel Hansen attended the Chicago NAWM reception earlier this year. Seen here chatting with former president Andy Ford H'03 and Jim Rendel '71.



SETH NUNAN

We live in Rancho Cucamonga, CA, and I am at the tail end of semester #2 of my PhD in religion at Claremont Graduate University. Elizabeth turned 2 in December. Jenny and I will both soon be working at a mental health hospital in Covina, CA. We sure can't beat a mountain view about a mile away every morning!

PROFILES

07R: When and where did you get your PhD and what are you doing now?

I received my PhD from the University of Georgia in December 2012. I am currently a postdoctoral associate in Toby Kellogg's lab at the University of Missouri-St. Louis.

07R: What got you interested in Plant Biology?

Do you credit a particular Wabash class or professor?

*I have always had an appreciation for plants, but I never thought I would do research on them. I took BIO 224 with Amanda Ingram my junior year, which was my first introduction to plants and their amazing evolutionary history. After that semester, I knew I wanted to go to graduate school, but I was teetering between virology and plant biology. That summer, I worked a job with Ryne Gorsuch ('07) and Garrett Thiel ('08) at Midwest Bio-Products Inc. in Covington, IN. It had to do with virology application, and I quickly realized that this was not for me. I asked Amanda, who was my adviser at the time, if I could work in her lab my senior year. She allowed me to design a project investigating hybridization in bonesets (*Eupatorium*), which we eventually published. It was a great experience and cemented my interest in plant evolutionary biology.*

07R: Explain your particular area of research.

I am a plant evolutionary biologist, who focuses on phylogenomics and genome duplication. Essentially, I am interested in understanding the relationships of plants at different taxonomic levels (e.g., species, genus, family). I do this on a genomic scale, looking at genes from chloroplast and nuclear genomes to resolve relationships. Once we understand the relationships of organisms, we can then ask questions about their biology and discern trends that lead to a better understanding of life. Whole genome duplication (or polyploidy) is an important aspect of the evolution of plants, especially angiosperms, and much of my work focuses the consequences of polyploidy on genome composition and evolution.

07R: What did you cover in your PhD thesis?

My dissertation focused on identifying ancient whole genome duplication (or paleopolyploid) events and placing them in the evolutionary history of the group I was focused on. I did this for the Agavoideae, a subfamily in Asparagaceae which includes agaves (tequila), hostas (common ornamental), and yuccas. Here, I discovered a paleopolyploid event and showed that it occurred on the same lineage as a specific karyotype in the agaves. I also phylogenetically placed two previously known events in the order Poales, which includes grasses, sedges, pineapples, cattails, and a slew of other species (~22,800 in total). One of these is specific to grasses, and may have great implications for agricultural sciences and application.

07R: Are you using or plan to use your degree in academia or the private sector?

My dream job is working as a professor at an R1 institution. I, however, would also be happy at a smaller institution like Wabash. I did a lot of teaching as a graduate student and took courses on how to effectively teach at the college level. I also taught a course on how to teach, which was required for first and second year graduate students. I love teaching and would be quite content doing it.

07R: What do you hope to accomplish in your field over the next few years OR where do you see yourself 5-10 years down the road?

Within 5-10 years, I hope to be working at an institution with my own lab. I also hope to be somewhere on the path to tenure by that time.

MICHAEL McKAIN

**ON EARNING A PhD IN
PLANT BIOLOGY FROM
THE UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA.**



07R: When and where did you get your PhD and what are you doing now?

I got my PhD at Cornell in Organic Materials and Polymer Chemistry. I currently work for 3M in their Safety and Graphics Business Laboratory based in St. Paul, MN.

07R: What got you interested in Chemistry?

Do you credit a particular Wabash class or professor?

I actually started off at Wabash as a pre-med student, but began doing research in Dr. Lon Porter's lab my freshman year. Things changed after my my junior year summer when I had a research fellowship funded by the Dill Grant at UW, Madison - with encouragement from Dr. Porter, Feller, Dallinger and Olsen, I went on to pursue graduate school in physical chemistry. I ended up doing organic chemistry instead, but that's a different story altogether. My advisor was a Wabash alumnus, Geoffrey W. Coates '89.

07R: Explain your particular area of research.

I worked towards developing methods to efficiently prepare biodegradable polymers for commercial applications.

07R: What did you cover in your PhD thesis?

So, different polymers have different properties or uses based on their molecular architecture. My thesis focuses on figuring out methods for controlling the architecture of biodegradable polymers that can be used for commercial applications using abundant resources, which includes carbon dioxide from the air.

07R: Are you using or plan to use your degree in academia or the private sector?

I am working in the private sector right now, and so far it's been good to me. I enjoy it.

07R: What do you hope to accomplish in your field over the next few years OR where do you see yourself 5-10 years down the road?

I haven't really thought that far ahead. Whenever I come up with a plan, something else happens, so wouldn't worry about it. I'm enjoying the adventure called life.

SYUD "TAZ" AHMED
ON EARNING A PhD IN
CHEMISTRY FROM
CORNELL UNIVERSITY.



GIVING UPDATE

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**BACK WHEN '07 RULED THE WABASH CAMPUS
AS THE SENIOR CLASS...**



**...WE WELCOMED PRESIDENT WHITE
TO HIS NEW HOME...**



**...GAVE HIM A "W" AT HIS
FIRST CHAPEL SING...**

**...AND AFTER A TOUGH PLEDGESHIP, RECOGNIZED
HIM AS AN HONORARY SPHINX & GLEE CLUBBER...**



...HE RANG US OUT...

THANK YOU, PRESIDENT WHITE!

**...AND HELPED US WIN THIRD (3RD???)
PLACE AT ALUMNI CHAPEL SING DURING
OUR 5 YEAR REUNION.**



**SO LET IT BE KNOWN THAT
WE'RE CLAIMING YOU,
PRESIDENT WHITE!
'07 DESERVES A PRESIDENT.**

**THANKS FOR ALL YOU HAVE
DONE FOR WABASH!**