

Winter Update

class of 2008

from your class agents

The banner of Crap has been flying these past few months. Jobs are in the crapper. Paychecks are likely equal to crap. The chance of some of us keeping our jobs is a big crapchute.

Still, we hope this letter finds you well. . We understand that you may be jobless and wondering from where in hell your paycheck is coming. Hopefully, you're not in this predicament. Hopefully, you are not trekking across the country looking for a job.

It will be interesting to see where the country heads over the next months and years. May it be an upward path!! Who knows, so we will just wait and see (at the least we can continue to gripe at how bad things are!).



As far as this newsletter, we have some class notes and updates from classmates. We thank those who responded! There is not too much in this letter save a few classmate-specific articles.

As for life, if it throws you a wicked punch, duck and give it one helluva left hook.



Steve's big adventure

turn to page 4 to read about Steve Miller's has to say!



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Kyle Luth

Look for Kyle's entry about his graduate work at Wake Forest in the spring issue!!!

Kyle McClammer

On an average day I get up at least once from slaving away in my Constitutional Law textbook to go down the hall and take a break with pledge brothers, only to realize that I am no longer living in the Beta Theta Pi house at Wabash. I am living with Andy Rodenbarger, but he is usually holed up in the library preparing for his next med school exam. Law school at IU-Indianapolis has been a great experience thus far, and I hope it only gets better in the next two years as I actually get to choose my own classes and professors. My respect for Wabash has grown as I've realized how well the College prepared me for the difficulties of law school. I'll be spending the summer clerking in my hometown of Greenfield for a small five-person law firm. I hope to get a look at small town law to see if it's a good fit for me, while also getting hands on experience.



for John Stout

For those unaware, our Brother, John Stout, was injured in an automobile accident this past March. He sustained serious injuries and was induced in a medical coma. Sadly, John died from complications. We ask that you keep the Stout family in your thoughts or prayers. John was a friend, classmate, and brother. We owe him our due respects. We are floating the idea of creating a fund in John's name. Let us know if you want to proceed with the idea.

from Scott Crawford with love

Career Services at Wabash can still help you, even after you graduate. We know the economy and job market are awful, so if you need help, email Scott or Betsy anytime. You have access to WabashWorks and our resources forever (lots of new ones this year). If your employer or graduate program would be interested in recruiting Wabash talent, or you'd like to get a resume referral for Wabash job and intern candidates, email Scott at crawfors@wabash.edu. We'd love for you to join our online student-alumni networking system. Finally, Wabash is creating a business development program. Wanna participate? Let 'em know! -Scott

RIGHT NOW

the college could use your help. the endowment has taken a pretty big hit. if you have a few bucks left by luck help future wabash men have the opportunities we did. you can hop on the college website and donate electronically

the NEXT EXPERIENCE



⚡ **steve miller**

Adventure is one the most important things in my life, and I'm constantly thinking about that next great experience. It infects my every thought and keeps me researching all the time. Right now, I can't seem to get enough of Kayak.com, 'Let's Go' travel books, ski terrain maps, Nationalgeographic.com, and cycling stores. Whether it's traveling to a new place or finding a new hobby, I love to push myself and take advantage of this beautiful opportunity at life.

Our twenties come just one time, so we need to get out there and make something of it. We can sleep in crappy hostels in Italy with little regard for the 6 foot ceilings, go canyoning in the Swiss Alps without concern for the 35 degree glacial water, party in the streets of Chicago when the Cubs clinch, ski extreme terrain in Breckenridge because it sounds fun, and take on the world because it's at our fingertips.

Adventure brought me back to Europe for three weeks after graduation because I wasn't sure when would be the next time I figured work could wait the extra days. Concerned with little else than being 22, I had the time of my life with my brother and two friends. We ate incredible food, hardly slept, came face-to-face with amazing art, and engaged the natural world. Work came quickly after that trip--a whole 18 hours after a horrible night's sleep in the Zurich airport. But who cares?! we were in Europe making memories learning more about our world. Buckling down and getting to work is important, but I think we need to remember the value doing what makes us happy. For me, that's seeking the next adventure. Europe was fantastic, but was already preparing to go to California to visit my girlfriend for snorkeling at Catalina Island. We swam in the kelp with the garibaldi and ran the beaches of Malibu because it was there for the taking. We didn't stay in great hotels and didn't eat expensive dinners, but we managed to have that experience for the two of us.

Being a little closer to home, Chicago has seen me a couple of times in the last few months partying in Wrigleyville. Sure, why not? Take the weekend and see some friends! Friends are the best way to stay cheap. Breckenridge was absolutely incredible and would not have been possible without my roommate from study abroad. He was ski-bumming out there and invited me to visit him. His employee discount was quite nice: 4 days of premier Colorado skiing with demo ski rentals for 200 bucks. Yeah, I slept on the floor, but it meant I could afford to ski. Extreme terrain was there, and I was there--so, I went for it. I took on moguls for the first time on the very first run and never looked back. That wasn't the end of risky skiing. After taking the highest chairlift in North America and a small climb, I was atop the famed "Peak 8" at 13,000ft. . Being from sea-level Indiana, it's needless to say the altitude kicked my ass. I stopped 3 times on the way to the summit and lost all feeling in my fingers but hey, I pushed through and made it. I proved to myself that I could do it, and I managed to ski down with no problem. The second leg of this trip took me back to LA for whale watching at Dana Point. For those of you who know me, I'm kind of obsessed with wildlife, so this was a real thrill for me. It wasn't dangerous like canyoning in Switzerland, but it was a thrilling adventure all the same--an opportunity to see something that may not be around in the future. It was an experience to appreciate a great natural process. And it's not just travel adventure Did I mention I just bought a road bike? ? Talk about a money pit, but cycling is one of the most freeing and liberating experiences someone can have.

These are just my adventures, which make me happy and help me develop. What adventures do you seek? What excites and drives you? There are all kinds of adventure opportunities out there: intellectual adventures in museums and books, physical adventures in the natural world, social adventures in bar scenes and jazz clubs, cultural adventures in travel, and most of all -- YOUR adventure. Get out there and see the world. Take a risk maybe, but do what moves you! With a little effort and some luck, we'll see each other out there living out our own unique adventures.

