



## WABASH COLLEGE

### *Class Agents Letter*

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**Class of 2000**

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Pat East

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May 7, 2007

Dear Class of 2000,

About a week ago, I sent out the email below to everyone who has an email address in Wabash's records.

As you can tell by the length of this letter, I received an **AMAZING** response! We have personal news and updates from over 40 of our classmates, nearly 1 out of every 3 emails that we sent out!

Since there's so many, I'll save news from the College for the next letter.

For the most part, I left the emails unedited so that you can read the personal news "straight from the horse's mouth," so to speak. Some people's personalities really shine through—even in such an impersonal medium as email. They're listed in no particular order.

Enjoy...

Yours in Wabash,

Pat East

P.S. If you didn't receive an email from me, it's because your email address isn't on file at Wabash or the one that they have on file bounced back to me. You can send your email address to me at [patrick.east@hanapinmarketing.com](mailto:patrick.east@hanapinmarketing.com). I'll pass it along to the College and be sure to include you in the next email I send out to our class.

From John Cox, [jccox@nice-law.com](mailto:jccox@nice-law.com)

I am currently at the Indianapolis firm of Nice & Ledbetter working in business transaction law. I was recently engaged to another attorney, Julia Andrews, and we will be getting married on October 20, 2007. My current address is 14638 Bach Drive, Apt. 813, Carmel, IN 46032.

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From Tim Craft, [crafft@mac.com](mailto:crafft@mac.com)

My former employer, Trammell Crow Company, was acquired by CB Richard Ellis in December. I have recently moved in to their Indianapolis office and continue to sell commercial real estate. The rugby season started in early March. I have been running around the Midwest doing matches at the high school, college, and men's club level as the head referee for Indiana.

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From Lee Sutton, [lee\\_m\\_sutton@hotmail.com](mailto:lee_m_sutton@hotmail.com)

Anmarie (Russo) and I were married on April 14, 2007 at St. Monica's Catholic Church in Indianapolis. Reception was held at the Indiana State Museum. Groomsmen included fellow Phi Delt Daniel Sutton '08, Jason Pavey '99 and Josh Griffith. Dr. David Blix, along with several fraternity brothers and members of the Wabash rugby and wrestling teams were in attendance. Anmarie and I are currently living in Parker, CO where I am working for OneAmerica and she is teaching and coaching figure skating.

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From Corey Barnard, [Corey.Barnard@53.com](mailto:Corey.Barnard@53.com)

Got married in September of 2006 at the Venetian in Las Vegas to Debra Dubes (now Barnard).

Finished MBA school at Purdue University's Krannert School of Management in December of 2006.

Still working at Fifth Third Bank as a Middle Market Lender.

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From Dan Nicksic, [Daniel.Nicksic@tinker.af.mil](mailto:Daniel.Nicksic@tinker.af.mil)

Me and my wife Katie just had our first kid in December. His name is Eli and he is doing great. I am separating from the Air Force in September and am still searching for my next career. We plan to stay in Oklahoma City for a while unless I find an opportunity I can't turn down that drags us elsewhere.

Bulls are going to beat Dallas in 6 in the NBA Finals.

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From Mike Baker, [leymanb@hotmail.com](mailto:leymanb@hotmail.com)

I just got married on April 14 to Kristen Seboldt. Kristen is 2000 graduate of the University of Dayton. Kristen and I work together at the United Way of Greater Cincinnati in Cincinnati, Ohio where I am the Manager of Strategic Resources and Public Policy. We enjoyed a wonderful honeymoon in Negril, Jamaica. Kristen and I live in Cincinnati with our two dogs, Charlie and Harper. My email address is [leymanb@hotmail.com](mailto:leymanb@hotmail.com).

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From Han Ong, [hanong@u.washington.edu](mailto:hanong@u.washington.edu)

Thanks for the call for updates. I am now working as a postdoctoral researcher at the University of Washington in Seattle. Recently, I was honored to be invited as a speaker for the Cole Lecture Series at Wabash. My wife and 10-month old son, Noah, are doing fine and are enjoying living in the Puget Sound area.

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From Chris Deufel, [cd77@cornell.edu](mailto:cd77@cornell.edu)

I'll receive my Ph.D in experimental physics from Cornell in June. Then I'm moving to Minnesota to start a clinical residency at the Mayo Clinic in medical physics (radiation oncology). But the best news is that I was engaged last month to my girlfriend of 4 years, Sara Hylwa, who is a Cornell graduate and currently a medical student at University of New York in Buffalo.

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From Todd Barton, [TBarton@crawfordsville-in.gov](mailto:TBarton@crawfordsville-in.gov)

I returned to duty with the Crawfordsville Fire Department shortly after graduation and was appointed Fire Chief in 2004. I now proudly protect the campus of Dear Ol' Wabash (among other things). Also, my wife and I adopted our third child (Allyson) from China in late 2003.

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From Noel Kammermann, [noelkamm@yahoo.com](mailto:noelkamm@yahoo.com)

I was married to Survi Parvatiyar on September 3rd, 2006. I'm an assistant director for a non-profit that helps that homeless and formerly homeless of New York City. Survi is an immigration lawyer also in NYC. We live in Brooklyn, New York.

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From Frank Harmon, [tfharmon99@excite.com](mailto:tfharmon99@excite.com)

My wife and I had our first son on Feb 15, 2007 Thomas Franklin Harmon III (Trey) weighed 9lbs 5 oz. and was 21 inches long. We are currently living in Orange County, CA. Frank is an Associate Pastor with Youth and Young Adults and Becca has a year left on her Masters in Family Therapy. Besides that everything is going well.

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From Mike Shelbourne, [mshelbourne@hotmail.com](mailto:mshelbourne@hotmail.com)

I was recently promoted to Associate at Booz Allen Hamilton where I continue to provide consulting support to a major government client in Maryland. The work has proven to be very rewarding and challenging as we look for ways to fight through lots of red tape! I recently moved out of DC to the Maryland suburbs and try to keep active with the local Wabash alumni chapter when possible. Hope all is well with the rest of the class.

Mike Shelbourne 443-253-9962

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From Doug McMeyer (Dallmeyer), [jessanddoug@hotmail.com](mailto:jessanddoug@hotmail.com)

Hey buddy, its been a long time. Jess and i are doing well. we are expecting our first child any day now. we haven't found out the sex, we

want to be suprised. Jess graduated with masters degrees in social work and human and community development. she works as a therapist for sexually abused children. I am set to graduate from law school in May. I got a job clerking for Justice Rita Garman on the Illinois Supreme Court. It's a two year deal, and her chambers are close enough to Champaign, that we aren't moving. So we'll be here for another 2 years. Then we'll see where life takes us.

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From Rob Solloway, [wyldeboare@yahoo.com](mailto:wyldeboare@yahoo.com)

I've just started a new job teaching English to children in the Republic of Korea. I eat something that still has eyes at least once a week and having a lot of fun exploring a new culture.

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From Drew Watters, [wattersa@hotmail.com](mailto:wattersa@hotmail.com)

I'm living in Tucson, Arizona now, finishing up my medical residency in emergency medicine. My wife, Melissa, is doing Ob/Gyn. we finish this June and will be moving back to Bloomington, Indiana to practice. Our daughter, Sophia, is almost 2 already and growing like a weed. I am looking forward to having seasons and grass again, as much as I love the mountains and cactus! I have had the chance to do some research out here and work on some national committees, but my real interest is in wilderness medicine. I am working on putting together a wilderness training course for medical professionals in Patagonia, Chile in February of '08.

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From Jon Allen, [jonallen1198@gmail.com](mailto:jonallen1198@gmail.com)

Finally seeing the light at the end of the tunnel, I'm 40 shifts in the emergency department (or two months and six days) away from finishing my residency in emergency medicine at the Medical College of Georgia in Augusta. A couple of months ago, I signed a contract to start working in Knoxville, TN, in the middle of July. As if Georgia football wasn't enough of a cult, I hear Vol country is ten times worse. Not much else is new. I'll send along my new contact info as soon as I get settled.

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From Chad Cleaver, [cleaverc@yahoo.com](mailto:cleaverc@yahoo.com)

My wife Maheen and I recently bought a condo in Lincoln Park and are excited about our upcoming move.

I am still working at Driehaus as a Senior Analyst in the Research and Portfolio Management group, and I moved to the international division last December. Currently I am covering the markets of Southeast Asia, Pakistan, Australia and Canada for the Driehaus International Discovery and Emerging Markets Growth funds.

The new role has been a great experience thus far, and brings with it many interesting travel opportunities as well as the chance to follow some very dynamic markets.

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From Bastian Wonschik, [wonschib@hotmail.com](mailto:wonschib@hotmail.com)

Bastian Wonschik will relocate with his wife Judith and their three kids from Frankfurt, Germany to Atlanta, Georgia where he will work as a consultant with The Boston Consulting Group.

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From David Sharp, [davemsharp@hotmail.com](mailto:davemsharp@hotmail.com)

I've spent the last two years as a "Stay-At-Home" dad with my wife working full-time. We've recently moved to the Louisville area in southern Indiana from Indianapolis. Our daughter, Lillian Kay, will be two this July, while our son, Addison Montgomery, turned three in January. I have greatly enjoyed my time at home with our children. Though it presents many different challenges on a daily basis, I realize and cherish the connection and closeness staying at home creates and it also allows me to help them grow intellectually and physically in the crucial early stages of their lives. As an educator, I think it essential that my wife and I make the correct choices to help our children become successful throughout their lives and the choice for me to stay home was just one of those choices that we will need to make.

Oh yeah, my wife is also moving very close to a promotion with her current job. This may mean that we will need to move this summer, or we may stay put here in the Louisville area. Regardless, the Sharp family will surely be in Crawfordsville this fall during Monon Bell weekend yelling, "WABASH ALWAYS FIGHTS!"

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From Nick Rutan, [cnrutan78@hotmail.com](mailto:cnrutan78@hotmail.com)

This year will be lucky number six for Rachel and I. She is currently a Branch Manager for 5/3 Bank in Clinton Township, Michigan and I am working with St. Clair Investment advisors as an active trader in Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan. Yaeger, our dog, adopted from Neil Hartman after graduation is still kicking and now holds "Grandpa status" within the household. This year we are planning on hosting a Black Tie Gayla at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club with live entertainment and a honorary Champagne toast. This event is put on as a fundraiser in honor of my sister who passed September 16, 2005. In recent years we have hosted a charity golf outing with silent and live auctions. People interested in attending this years gayla can contact me at: 313-839-4640. This event is coordinated in coalition with the Pi Beta Phi sorority Chapter, Wayne State University Physician Assistants Department, and MADD so for those who are looking to meet new people or catch up with old classmates this is a great way to do that.

Our home address is:

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From Chris Huffer, [hufferc@hotmail.com](mailto:hufferc@hotmail.com)

I'll be serving as Chief Resident in Internal Medicine at Wishard Hospital (downtown Indianapolis) this coming July.

Sara (Depauw '01) and I are at  
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Indianapolis, IN 46234  
317-501-8479

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From Ryan Vaughn, [rvaughn@TabbertHahn.com](mailto:rvaughn@TabbertHahn.com)

As you might have expected at some point, I'm running for office. I am currently serving at the City-County Councillor (yes, that's the correct spelling) District 3 in Indianapolis. I stepped in early Feb. to fill the last year of a term for the Councillor who had to step down. I'm running for "re-"election this November. I'm also handling a variety of litigation cases in my private practice with Tabbert Hahn Earnest & Weddle. As you can imagine things are very busy, but that's the way I like it.

Heather is still with Rolls-Royce and works like crazy. She's been to Scotland, England, and Canada just in the last two months. Still no kids and at this pace none on the horizon. Our two dogs and one remarkably fat cat are enough to keep us busy.

If you're looking for a chance to get together, I'm having a Wabash Alumni fundraiser for my campaign on June 28th, 2007. Tentative plans are to host the event at a Wally's house on the near north side. Mark you calendar and I hope to see you there. details to follow.

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From David Hirt, [fill\\_the\\_void@hotmail.com](mailto:fill_the_void@hotmail.com)

What's New in the life of David Hirt? In August I will be entering postulency with the Cappuchin Brothers, an Order of the Franciscans. I will be entering into the Formation House in Chicago, part of the Saint Joseph Province. Right now the plan is as a Lay Brother which means I'm not planning to enter the priesthood. Postulency will take a year, followed by a year long novitiate, then moving on into simple vows.

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From Omar Spechar, [ospechar@yahoo.com](mailto:ospechar@yahoo.com)

I graduated from Wabash May 2000 with an Economics major and started working in August 2000 at SNL Financial, a financial services company located in Charlottesville, VA. After two years working as an analyst, I traded the rolling hills of Virginia for the cloudy skies of England. I decided to pursue a one-year Master in Military History at Leeds University in Leeds, UK. Afterwards, I traveled around Europe before departing towards my hometown in Santa Cruz, Bolivia. I have been living in Santa Cruz since October 2003 and began working at the family businesses around the same time. My father runs a soybean crushing mill while my mother heads a chain of local supermarkets. I started working at the soybean mill as an operations manager. This job lasted over a year. After strategic consideration, the family decided that I would serve best revamping the supermarket business. Since 2004, I have been working as the general manager at the supermarkets. That is basically what I have been up to career wise.

As for my personal life I can say that I am still single and I plan to keep it that way for some time. I do not even have a steady girlfriend. I keep playing soccer and enjoy working out and occasionally manage to catch a round of golf. During the weekends, depending on the season of the year, I enjoy doing some fishing and hunting. Since Santa Cruz is located nearby the Amazon basin, we have a great deal of tropical fishing going on, but I primarily enjoy fishing for peacock bass. And since my city is located nearby Argentina I get to enjoy dove hunting as well during the harvest season (May –October).

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From Matt Busse, [bussem44@yahoo.com](mailto:bussem44@yahoo.com)

I finished my Ph.D. in Biology from UC San Diego in December of 2006. Now I'm pursuing a career as a freelance science writer. Visit my website [www.science-translator.com](http://www.science-translator.com) to see some writing samples and my blog.

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From Kevin Brechting, [kevinbrechting@yahoo.com](mailto:kevinbrechting@yahoo.com)

I am still living in Grand Rapids, Michigan and I have been working for HP for the last year in their Document Imaging & Solutions field. I also have coached Varsity Girls' Basketball at Kent City High School for the last three years and we just finished up a 23-1 season with a #2 state ranking.

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From Jeremy Overton, [jeremy2overton@insightbb.com](mailto:jeremy2overton@insightbb.com), [jeremy2overton@gmail.com](mailto:jeremy2overton@gmail.com)

I am living and working in Haubstadt, Indiana. I own and operate a branch of Ameriprise Financial Services, Inc. My wife, Tara Hipp Overton is working part time in the office.

In the fall, I defeated the democratic incumbent to win a seat on the Gibson County Council.

I recently expanded my business by hiring an Associate Financial Advisor. My business partner has helped me design a software application that we call "Accountability Tracker". We have increased productivity in our office, and have recently taken steps to make the software available online at [www.accountabilitytracker.com](http://www.accountabilitytracker.com). It should be accessible by the middle of May. We have discussed presenting the software to students in our school district, and the administration has agreed. We plan to have a full program available next fall.

The software is rudimentary, and the system is simple, but the concept really is the bread and butter. I would invite everyone to check out the site and give the process a shot. It's really quite an empowering exercise if you take five minutes to start. If you would like to learn more about it or have any suggestions, give me a call 1.866.393.6393.

I spend 5 to 10 hours a week doing consulting work with small business owners in a side business called The Overton Network, helping them discover, develop, and track their goals.

Tara and I flew to Amsterdam in the beginning of April to take a four day seminar on a psychological process called PEAT. We really feel the experience has influenced our ability to be instruments of change in the lives of our family, friends, clients, and business associates. To find more information about PEAT, visit [www.spiritual-technology.com](http://www.spiritual-technology.com).

Astrologists talk about the phenomenon of Saturn Return. If you've been feeling an urge to do something different, or break out of your comfort zone, take a minute to google "saturn return" and see if it inspires you to take the leap.

Do your job, do it the best you can, but don't fight your compulsion to aspire to do more. Even if Saturn Return is just a myth, it's one I've enjoyed believing. It's natural for us to want more, because we're capable of so much more.



Additionally, I read a book called Power Versus Force on the plane to Amsterdam. If you're a reader, or if you haven't picked up a book in a while, I would suggest that you check out the book and stick with it until the end. Read it again a month or so later and enjoy how much sense it makes to you. It will change the way that you look at your daily interactions with your family, friends, and colleagues.

I continue to learn every day. Sometimes I wish I had poured over every page of every book that I was assigned at Wabash. Sometimes I wonder if I should have already learned all the lessons I'm learning now if I had only set aside the time to read every inch of every C&T book, or attended every lecture.

I've grown tired of feeling like I missed my one golden opportunity to make an impact when I addressed the chapel with a poorly prepared presentation in the spring of '00.

Sometimes I wonder if my peers have known forever what I'm figuring out in my own time, or if I should share my ongoing scholarly pursuits with them.

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From Matt Clark, [Matt.Clark@oneamerica.com](mailto:Matt.Clark@oneamerica.com)

Pat - I have a couple of things that have changed since the last newsletter. I recently took a promotion with OneAmerica as Regional Marketing Director covering AL, GA and MS. My wife Molly and 11 month old daughter Jordan relocated to Atlanta, GA last week and are currently looking for a permanent home.

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From Jon Haug, [jon\\_r\\_haug@yahoo.com](mailto:jon_r_haug@yahoo.com)

After three years in Chicago, my wife (Amy) and I are moving back to Indianapolis. I graduate in May from the JD-MBA program at Northwestern and will be working for Eli Lilly in finance after graduation. Amy, a nurse, will be working at St. Vincents on 86th Street in the children's emergency room.

We've really enjoyed our time in Chicago, but Indy always felt like home. We'll be living just north of Butler at 5136 N Capitol Ave, Indy 46208 and look forward to reconnecting with all of the Indianapolis area grads.

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From Eric Magnussen, [Eric.Magnussen@ctca-hope.com](mailto:Eric.Magnussen@ctca-hope.com)

After graduating from Wabash, I moved to Chicago with my then-girlfriend and now-wife, Joanne. Joanne went to work for Merrill Lynch and I took a job with a small technical recruiting firm called Sullivan & Cogliano in Oak Brook, IL. I worked with a few Wally's at Sullivan & Cogliano including Eric Schoettle '93 and Alex Costa '96. In 2001, I left Sullivan and Cogliano and joined Cancer Treatment Centers of America (CTCA). CTCA is stacked full of Wally's, including Dave Kent and Matt McGuire. In August, 2006, I accepted a new position with CTCA as the marketing director for CTCA's hospital in Tulsa, OK. Tulsa is definitely not Chicago; however, I certainly value the 10+ hours each week that I've gained by not sitting in traffic on the Kennedy Expressway! I hope everyone is well and look forward to seeing you at some homecoming or Bell game in the not-to-distant future.

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From Scott Long, [slong78@gmail.com](mailto:slong78@gmail.com)

My wife and I are expecting our first child in October.

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From Jeff Rice, [Jeff.Rice@cunamutual.com](mailto:Jeff.Rice@cunamutual.com)

I was promoted to Sales Executive, Western Region for CUNA Mutual Group. Courtney and I will be living in Walnut Creek, CA (right outside of San Francisco).

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From Andy Oler, [andy.oler@gmail.com](mailto:andy.oler@gmail.com)

I married Elin Grimes (who I met while serving in the Peace Corps) last September at the Story Inn in Brown County, Indiana. In attendance were Pat East '00, Parker Lyons '97, George Milberger '03, and Joshua Hogan '00. Other than that, I am still studying for my Ph.D. in English at Indiana University in Bloomington.

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From Mike Shannon, [MCShannon923@aol.com](mailto:MCShannon923@aol.com)

Just sending in some news from out here in Cali.

My daughter, London Mychaela Shannon, was born Oct 19 to my girlfriend Mary Lin and myself out in LA.

I just recently started my own Wellness Company, Elite Physiques, which incorporates personal training, nutrition and life coaching.

Started training for a 5000 mi cross country bicycle ride that will hopefully start next summer, which serves to raise funds for childhood obesity education and prevention.

That's about it for me...hope all is well for you and the wife back in Indy. I think I may be back for the memorial weekend, so we should try to get some people together and bbq or do something!

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From Ryan Tipps, [ryan77va@yahoo.com](mailto:ryan77va@yahoo.com)

I've been gone all week on my (mini)honeymoon. Last Saturday (April 21), I got married in Roanoke, Va., to Gretchen Hager. We went on a short getaway this week to a rural bed and breakfast, but we're planning a bigger honeymoon in June. That month, we're flying to Norway for two weeks.

In addition to the wedding, the past few weeks have been extra busy. Gretchen and I moved from the Virginia coast to southwest Virginia. We bought a farm in Bedford County and got jobs with The Roanoke Times. A lot of new things hitting all at once, but now that the most hectic part of it all is behind us, we'll be focusing much more on working around the house and property. We're already mapping out a couple of pastures to get some horses.

That's a brief reply. Let me know if you want/need more. This is the first chance I've had to check my email in more than a week, so I'm playing catch-up on a lot of things.

P.S. Jason Switt '00 and Charlie Roy '00 were groomsmen and Chris Huffer '00 was an usher at the wedding.

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From Greg Charnes, [greg.charnes@gmail.com](mailto:greg.charnes@gmail.com)

I hope all is well with you. A quick update on me....I am living in Evansville and have been working with Weaver, Dalton & Associates as a Financial Advisor since the first of 2005. We are a financial advisory branch of Ameriprise Financial, with whom I have been working in various capacities since July of 2000. I was named a partner of the firm at the beginning of this year.

More importantly, I proposed to my girlfriend, Cari Goin, in March. She is an IU grad and native of Newburgh, IN. We'll be married in Evansville on December 1st.

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From Josh Neff, [joshuaclayneff@aol.com](mailto:joshuaclayneff@aol.com)

After working a couple of years in NYC, I moved back to Elkhart, IN to work in 1st Source Bank's specialty finance group where I analyzed our capital intensive customers throughout the country. I climbed a couple of rungs and am being promoted to VP in our Commercial Banking group; partnering with the larger companies in Northern Indiana.

I am active in my church and am the current Treasurer. I spend whatever spare time that I can find at the gym (trying to get ready for a triathlon), and with my girlfriend, Amanda...no ring yet, but I'm working on it.

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From Sean Simmons, [seanwsimmons@gmail.com](mailto:seanwsimmons@gmail.com)

Just got promoted to be a district manager for Derek Lawford Company in Atlanta and am awaiting the birth of our first son on May 18th!

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From Jason Androff, [incheon45@yahoo.com](mailto:incheon45@yahoo.com)

Sorry about the late response- but I don't have much time. Stationed in Iraq, Al-Anbar province. Platoon leader for a route clearance platoon clearing the way. Basically we dig up Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs) so the other forces don't get blown apart. I'll be coming home in the fall. Peace out.

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From Kyle Hall, [humaneteacher@mighty.co.za](mailto:humaneteacher@mighty.co.za)

I've been teaching history at a public high school in the Bronx, NY for the past year and a half. I also live in the Bronx & life in NYC has been great to me. I'm still single & living the quintessential bachelor lifestyle. Drop me a line anytime, please, since I'm eager to regain contact with folks: k.hall@post.harvard.edu; (718) 584-7336

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From Pat East, [patrick.east@hanapinmarketing.com](mailto:patrick.east@hanapinmarketing.com)

Family and business are both doing really well. Calder just turned one, is walking, loves to wrestle with me (at least, I force him to love it), and likes chasing our cats. Earl (yes, we named one of our cats Earl) seems to like getting chased by him. The other two can't get away from him quick enough. Go figure.

Jamie still loves being a stay-at-home mom. We just purchased a new home in October. We have three acres with lots of trees and landscaping, so she'll have plenty to keep her busy!

You can see some of our Christmas and Easter pics here:

[http://www.visual-narrative.com/lightbox/East\\_Family/index.html](http://www.visual-narrative.com/lightbox/East_Family/index.html)

<http://www.visual-narrative.com/lightbox/calder/index.html>

Hanapin is doing extremely well, also. In the past year, we've added five new employees, moved into a new office space, doubled our prices, and expanded our services to include search engine optimization and web design (in addition to pay per click).

This summer, we'll have three interns (one from Wabash!). They're primarily be responsible for re-branding and re-launching an Internet Marketing networking group here in Bloomington (who would have known that such a thing even existed, much less in Bloomington!). I'll also be teaching a class at IU on search engine marketing, one of the first in the nation at a major university!