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This summer I volunteered to help Shreve and Daming out as our class' 3rd class agent. This document marks my first attempt at an official communication to you, the class. Let's hope I don't screw it up too badly. Please let me know what you like, don't like, and anything else you care to share. - Rick Strasser

Young Alumni Symposium

During the weekend of August 10-11, the College Alumni Affairs office convened the 2nd Young Alumni Symposium. The group included members from the last eight graduating classes (2000-2007) and I served as the representative for 2002. The College is constantly trying to improve the services it provides to students and alumni and sought input from the group of 10 alums in four areas: Public Affairs, Career Services, Annual Fund, and Alumni Services.

Some of the topics we discussed include:

- Establishing permanent "@wabash.edu" email accounts for all alumni – not just the permanent forwarding option currently available
- Complementing the Class Agent Letters with Class Blogs for the class agents to update more frequently with smaller pieces of information
- Focusing issues around specific areas, such as Washington, D.C. or Chicago, similar to this year's *Wabash Magazine* which focused on alumni in California
- Increasing the presence of young alumni on the website and in the publications
- Identifying ways to get young alumni more involved in the regional associations
- Increasing young alumni involvement with the Career Services office
- Raising young alumni awareness of the resources available from the Career Services office

It was a worthwhile weekend for me, as I was able to see some of the tangible improvements made to the Career Services office since we left (we can still use all of their resources). It was also interesting to hear some of the challenges facing the Public Affairs and Alumni offices in fostering relationships with young alumni. Several members of the College participated in the weekend, including President White and Chris White, Tom Runge, Mike Warren, Joe Klen, Jim Amidon, Joe Emmick, and Kyle Dunaway. They, among others, are making a conscious effort to continue to provide us with benefits after handing us the sheepskin. The best example of improvement since our time on campus is the new Director of the Schroeder Career Center, Scott Crawford. Scott has done some amazing things with the Career Services office and expects to help us out with graduate school applications and interviews, and career guidance and information.

If you have any thoughts on any of the topics above or any other ways that Wabash can better serve its alumni, please let me know so that I can communicate your concerns.



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Wabash Shines in National Rankings

Everyone in the admissions office deserves a pay raise. Seriously. They keep kicking ass, getting great students to Wabash, and are the big reason why the college continues to excel in the national rankings.

This year, we dominated the *Princeton Review*, receiving an academic rating of 98 and a quality of life score of 93. We also killed in the top 20 categories, including:

- #2 - Best Classroom Experience
- #3 - Everyone Plays Intramural Sports
- #4 - School Runs Like Butter
- #5 - Jock Schools
- #7 - Professors Make Themselves Accessible
- #7 - Students Happy with Financial Aid
- #7 - Their Students Never Stop Studying
- #8 - Major Frat and Sorority Scene
- #8 - Professors Get High Marks
- #17 - Happiest Students

Wabash also ranks 52nd on the *US News and World Report* list of America's Best Colleges, just one painful spot behind the Dannies. Then again, we don't know what DePauw's co-eds do when the *US News* research team come to town, do we?

Other notable schools on the *US News* list:

- 20. Oberlin College (OH)
- 32. Kenyon College (OH)
- 69. Earlham College (IN)
- 71. College of Wooster (OH)
- 85. Allegheny College (PA)
- 91. Hanover College (IN)
- 97. Ohio Wesleyan University
- 106. Hampden - Sydney College (VA)
- 118. Wittenberg University (OH)



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Message from the Faculty – Dr. Tobey Herzog

"As I start my 32nd year teaching at Wabash, I have been thinking about my arrival on campus in the fall of 1976. I had just completed one year as a visiting professor at Purdue and came to Crawfordsville with a wife, a four-year-old son, and another child on the way. The Herzogs didn't know quite what to expect from the town or the college. Now, years later, we all know how fortunate we have been. Crawfordsville turned out to be a great place to raise a family, and Wabash has been for me the ideal place to teach. I can't imagine being this happy at any other institution. I thoroughly enjoy the traditions, the size, the students, noon basketball, and the academic rigor. But if pressed to identify what I value the most, I would say my relationships with Wabash alumni--my former students who stay in touch. It's great to hear from an alum telling me about a career change, a re-location, a book he has read, or a piece of wisdom picked up in one of my writing classes that he has used in the real world. So, on behalf of my colleagues, let me remind you that our interest in your life does not end with your graduation. That's an important Wabash tradition. Keep us informed."



Class of 2002 Members on the gridiron (or right next to it)

A few of our classmates are currently head coaches for high school football teams and appear to be doing well.



Coach Kramer preparing the troops

Bucky Kramer has the Logansport Berries 2-0 headed into week 3, having beaten Twin Lakes and Peru in their first two games. Here's an article about their 28-0 win over Peru:

http://www.pharostribune.com/archivesearch/local_story_237003325.html

After spending 5 years as an assistant at Logansport, including a year under Bucky, **Desson Hannum** was handed the keys to the South Montgomery High School football program. Desson should do well in turning around the struggling program.



Coach Hannum



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Monon Bell Game Telecast & Charity Competition

Every year in conjunction with the Monon Bell weekend, Wabash competes with DePauw in a fundraising battle for the Julian Center in Indianapolis. Alison Kothe, from the Office of Advancement, is hoping to take this battle nation-wide this year and incorporate all of the telecast parties. If you are active in your regional/local alumni group &/or intend on watching the Monon Bell game at a telecast party, please let the telecast organizers know that you'd like to support this fundraising mission and help spread the word. If you have questions, you can email Alison at kothea@wabash.edu.

Upcoming Wabash College Football Season

It's early September and that means it's the best time of year. Not only are we close to the time when the frost is on the pumpkin, but more importantly football is kicking off. ESPN.com hasn't launched an NCAA Fantasy Football league just yet. Until then, get your fix by following the Fighting Chris Creighton's this fall on the field.

Date	Opponent	Time
Sep 08	Youth Day - Franklin	1:00 PM
Sep 15	at Millikin	2:00 PM
Sep 22	at Ohio Wesleyan *	1:00 PM
Sep 29	Homecoming - Earlham *	2:00 PM
Oct 06	at Allegheny *	2:00 PM
Oct 13	Wittenberg *	1:00 PM
Oct 20	Oberlin *	1:00 PM
Oct 27	at Wooster *	1:00 PM
Nov 03	Denison *	1:00 PM
Nov 10	114th Monon Bell Classic - at DePauw	1:05 PM

* denotes an NCAC opponent



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Daming's Wabash Tailgating Food & Brew Crew

Want to join in on some Wabash football tailgating? Daming will be hosting tailgate events for all Wabash home games. He would love to see fellow 2002 alums and will even open it up for all your friends. The menu is below. Please e-mail and RSVP by Wednesday at noon of game week if you're coming so he'll have enough food and brew. If you want Miller Lite, you'll have to bring that yourself. Cost will depend on the menu. Probably around \$10-\$20 a person – He will let you know when you e-mail him. He hopes to see more people this year!

2002 Football Home Game Tailgating Menu Schedule:

Franklin – September 8th (Mexican)

Salsa & Chips, Quesadillas, Margaritas, Anchor Steam Beer, Stone IPA

Earlham – Homecoming – September 29th (Caribbean)

Cajun Wings, Island Pork Skewers, Hurricanes, Three Floyd's Gumballhead

Wittenberg – October 13th (American)

Beer Brats, Philly Cheesesteaks, Jack & Coke, Paulaner Oktoberfest-Märzen, Brooklyn Oktoberfest Beer

Oberlin – October 20th (Halloween Weenie Roast)

Hot Dogs, Pumpkin Roll, Carmel Apples, Dogfish Head Punkin Ale, Three Floyds Alpha King

Denison – November 3rd (Tex Mex)

Hot Wings, Texas Chili, Whiskey Sours, Anchor Liberty Ale, Dogfish Head 60 Minute IPA

Monon Bell – November 10th

BBQ Nachos, Pulled Pork Extravaganza, Bell's Two-Hearted Ale Mini Keg(s), Bell's Java Stout, Bell's Double Cream Stout, Bell's Amber

Giving update

During the 2006-2007 fiscal year, 20.8% of our class gave a gift to the College. The College appreciates those of you that gave last year, as well as those that have given this year. As always, you should not be ashamed by what you can give because size doesn't matter; it's not how much you give, but that act of giving that truly counts. So please, take a few minutes and give a couple of dollars to Wabash. If you're reading this letter, you clearly have some pleasant memories of the time you spent on campus, so take the time to help Wabash provide those same pleasant memories to future generations.



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<https://www.wabash.edu/alumni/egift>.

Those of you that gave last year and have given this year, thank you for your gifts.

2006-2007

Adam Christman
Benjamin Seib
Bernard Manker IV
Blake Harness
Bradley Berkemeier
Brooks Cannon
Christopher
Alexander
Craig Demaree
Daniel McAfee
Danny Galic
David Brown
Derek Jones
Eric Shreve
Eriks Janelins
Grant Goshorn
James Ford
James Johnson
Jeffery Stines
Jeremy Herrmann
Jeremy Ott

2006-2007

John Russell
Jon-Myckle Price
Joseph Hisch
Joshua Banks
Merrell Johnson
Michael Owens
Michael West
Nicholas Guzik
Nicholas White
Nicolae Cristea
Richard Strasser
Ryan Clougherty
Ryan Daming
Ryan Moore
Samuel Short
Scott Bowersock
Scott Wishart
Shane Fimbel
Shawn Morris
Todd Bower

2007-2008

Stephen K. Renfro
Jeffrey E. Stines

Class Updates

Derek Jones - Independent:

In March of 2007, I accepted a position as Assistant Vice President of Commercial Lending with Ameriana Bank to help launch a new Commercial Loan Center in Carmel, IN. My wife, Kari, and I still reside in Fishers, IN.

Matt Richardson – FIJI:

Congratulations to Matt and his lovely wife, Souhaila, on the new addition to their family. Elijah James Richardson was born on March 28th at 4:55PM, weighing 7lbs. 13 oz. and measuring 21 inches long. Mom and Elijah are doing well. You can contact Matt by email at matrrich@yahoo.com.





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David Seabeck – FIJI:

Dave is back from Japan and getting married to Allison Yoder on October 6. You can get in touch with him by email at seabeckd@yahoo.com or through the mail at 2533 Park, Laramie, WY, 82070. Congrats, Dave!!

Personal Update

For those of you that care and haven't heard what I'm up to, here's a brief update. In August 2003, I left my job at Union Planters Bank in Lafayette and moved to the DC-area for a job with IBM. I've been with IBM Global Business Services for about four years – three years working on the Army's quarterly and annual financial statements and one-year full-time at Syracuse University, where I recently received my MBA and EMPA. Now that I'm back at work in the DC-area, I will be helping manage the Army's CFO Strategic Plan, which is their roadmap to an unqualified audit opinion on their financial statements.

I've also been married for 2 years to the former Kristin Geller, who graduated from Purdue in 2002, and is a 7th & 8th grade English teacher in McLean, VA. We live in Arlington, VA, just a stones throw from DC, so if you make it out please look us up.

Missing Classmates

We're trying to re-establish lines of communication with the following members of our class. If you know their email, please send us a note and pass this letter along to them.

Banerjee, Vasabjit
Blankenship, Scot
Case, Kyle
Elmore, Joshua
Gullion, David
Hamilton, James
Hendrickson, Peter
Hunt, Joel
Kaiser, Andrew
Lakes, John

Martinez, Allan
May, Anthony
McAllister, Drew
McGinley, Sean
Spreen, Aron
Stanley, Thomas
Stepleton, Luke
Street, Chad
Van Ham, John
Wolfe, Adam



Random information

I try to read a fair amount of books, so I'll share them with you occasionally, as well as my thoughts & ratings.

Can I Keep My Jersey? By Paul Shirley

If you don't know Shirley, he has been a marginal NBA player for the last 5 or 6 years, spending time in training camp with at least 4 teams and half a season with the Phoenix Suns, as well as stints with several European teams. While he was with the Suns he wrote a blog for NBA.com that received a lot of attention, largely from Bill Simmons' (ESPN.com's The Sports Guy) readers. Shirley's sarcastic take on life in the NBA has likely hurt his chances at an extended career, but his writing allows us to know what a normal person thinks as he sits on the end of the bench in the NBA.

My rating: 4 Shreve's (out of 5)



Request for information

Please send us personal updates or updates on your friends. There are plenty of people that would like to know about what you're up to, so let us share your story.

Keep in touch.

Cheers,
Shreve, Daming, and Strasser

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Daming - rdaming@hotmail.com

Strasser - jester4010@hotmail.com