



WABASH COLLEGE

Class Agents Letter

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Dear Classmates:

It has been a while since Mark or I have written you. Wabash football reached the elite eight; Chris Creighton left Wabash for Drake University; Erik Raeburn is the new football coach; students decorated the Mall with an "arch;" legendary professor Paul Mielke died; Professor Barreto will leave Wabash; the basketball team is 15-8; the swim team placed 3rd at the NCAC Championships. We hope you have been following along online. Wabash has the same excitement as when we were there, albeit with new faces.

The faces of Shreve and Pactor have stayed the same, if in different locations and directions. Mark has moved back to Italy for work; he should be back around May. I am looking for new employment come May 29, when I officially become unemployed. It has been three great years teaching at North Central, but I am ready to explore more. It sure is an exciting time for both of us.

Neither of us plans on running for president, though we are holding out for those coveted VP selection. However, we both were witnesses in the Roger Clemens - Brian McNamee kaffuffle in Congress. We presented clear evidence that HGH is not always effective.

Speaking of steroids, Wabash buffed its teaching faculty by awarding tenure to Professors Rick Warner (history), William Turner (math), Jennifer Abbott (rhetoric), and Michelle Rhoades (history). A hearty congratulations to them all.

In terms of Admissions, Advancement, and Buildings, as of the January 2008 Board of Trustees meeting, the number of applicants to Wabash is down slightly from last year (though it does boast one of my students; he only applied to Wabash, so phew). By December 31, 2007, gifts to the Annual Fund were the highest in eight years. The Hays Challenge will add \$1.4 million to the College's scholarship program if alumni contributions to the Annual Fund in fiscal 2009 (ending June 30, 2009) equal at least \$3 million.

But why wait? Wabash offers a quick and secure method for you to support Wabash students on an annual basis. The recurring credit card gift program allows you to make a meaningful gift in support of Wabash students, without having a large impact on your monthly budget. It is an easy way to increase your annual gift because you can spread out your gift over 12 months, four quarters, or twice a year. And while these gifts have a direct impact on Wabash students, you can also benefit if you have a card that accumulates rewards, points, or miles.

By clicking on www.wabash.edu/alumni/egift and selecting Option D, you can establish a recurring credit card gift and directly impact Wabash students.

But why wait, even more? It is hard to believe, but we have a **REUNION** upcoming in June 5-7, 2009. That's right: not only will we have a new president; we have reason to get together and CELEBRATE! Mark your calendars now: June 2009. If you are interested in working on the reunion team as Class Gift Chairman or a Living Unit Representative, please let Tom Runge know: runget@wabash.edu. We cannot make this reunion happen without your help and attendance.



A big Thank You to Mark Abid for volunteering to serve as Reunion Chairman. *Who's next?*

And by the way ... Last year, the Class of 1967 set a record of returning 66 alumni. With offense to all of them and their old age, we can have more.

We are that class. Be a part of it.

Besides Mark and I, some other classmates are in the midst of change, too (we believe more of you are as well, so share with us).

Matt Abid (tsdiba@gmail.com) got married June 16, 2007 to Laura Potes from Rockford Michigan. She is a nurse at Spectrum Health in Grand Rapids Michigan. We were married at Saints Peter and Paul Church in Grand Rapids. Chris Jones, Rob Giesting, Zac White and Joe Heller were all groomsmen in the wedding. I am currently getting my teachers certification at Grand Valley State University in Grand Rapids, and varsity football coach at Grand Rapids Central.

Chris Anderson (andersoc@gmail.com) is getting married sometime soon.

Sean Baylor reports the following:

My Wife Stephanie and I have had quite an exciting year in 2007. I took a new job with Roche Diagnostics in Indianapolis managing their SAP HRIS system. Not long after I accepted this new position we purchased our first house in Fishers, IN. We love our new neighborhood and the pleasure of being a homeowner. However, we quickly found that after living in an apartment for several years that we did not have anything to fill this new space. Fortunately, we will no longer have this problem after this April as we will be welcoming Nathan Everett Michael Baylor, our first baby, into our lives.

Steve Birrer (sbirrer@iupui.edu) will be graduating from med school in May and will start an anesthesia residency in Indy. On March 22 of this year, he will marry Michelle Robinson in Indianapolis.

Tony Quandt (tony.quandt@gmail.com) recently moved to Lawrence, KS to work for a fundraising and PR firm, Pennington & Company. He will be moving to Kansas City soon.

Finally, as some of you may know, **Spc. James Weber** passed away on November 20 at a hospital outside of Fort Drum, NY. James and I spent much time together even if it all wasn't pleasant. James and I were fraternity brothers; he served as President. He was the first TKE, in recent memory, to join the Sphinx Club. James and I were both political science majors even if we never agreed on any set issue. James loved Ronald Reagan, Johnny Cash, *Field of Dreams*, and Notre Dame Football. After graduating from Wabash, James meandered.

At the 2007 Monon Bell Classic, we caught up. And James proudly told me he had joined the Army. He beamed with purpose. We made peace over the past and promised to keep in touch. I never had the chance to get back in touch, and James never had the chance to make good on his dedication to this country he proudly cared about. May his memory be a blessing.

As always, Mark and I enjoy serving as your Class Agents. We look forward to hearing from you, and your commitment to making our Reunion kick ass!

Wabash Always Fights,

Jacob Pactor & Mark Shreve