

WABASH CLASS OF 2002

Ryan Daming – Eric Shreve

Presidential Search Committee Selects New President



The Board of Trustees of Wabash College unanimously elected Dr. Patrick E. White as the 15th president of the college. White, currently the Vice President and Dean of Faculty at Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame, Indiana, will succeed Andrew T. Ford, who is now in his 14th year as president, on July 1.

White has served as Vice President and Dean of Faculty at Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame, Indiana, since 2002. Previously he was the Associate Dean of Faculty from 1988 to 2002, and is Professor of English. He graduated with honors from the University of Chicago in 1971, and earned his master's and Ph.D. in English and American Literature from the University of Iowa.

Dr. White was one of three finalists for the spot. The other two were Dr. David C. Paris, the Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the Faculty at Hamilton College, and Dr. Patrick W. Keef, the Dean of the Faculty and Professor of Mathematics at Whitman College in Walla Walla, Washington.

Trainer Jack Moves On

Jack Mansfield, longtime Wabash staple has moved on to a new position at Lincoln Memorial University. After 22 years of treating Little Giants, Mansfield was excited about a new opportunity at LMU, where he will be the program director of the athletic training education program.

Trainer Jack has nothing but nice things to say about Wabash, as most would expect. Although he planned on retiring from Wabash, "they really made me an offer I couldn't refuse," he said.



During his time at Wabash, Mansfield has served as the president of the Indiana Athletic Trainers Association, where he initiated the licensing act for Indiana high school athletics trainers that eventual was passed into state law. He served as a representative to the Great Lakes Athletic Training regional board, and has worked as an athletics trainer at the Olympic Training Center and the Olympic Trials. Mansfield was named as a local co-chair of the National Athletic Trainers

Association convention in Indianapolis in 1990, helping to develop a format that became a benchmark for the annual event.

He has also been inducted into the Indiana Athletic Trainers Hall of Fame, the Ball State University Ring of Honor, and was named a Distinguished Hoosier by the late Indiana Governor Frank O'Bannon.

"Wabash opened a lot of doors for me. It's really a tribute and a credit to what Wabash is."

A classy way to move on, as would be expected. Some Little Giant.

Tenure Granted To Three Professors

Andy Ford had the pleasure of announcing tenure for three professors last December. President Ford granted tenure to professors Mike Axtell, David Blix, and Preston Bost.

Blix, the popular religion professor, is known for his tough essay grading. Axtell, of the mathematics department, has brought in grant money for special summer programs. The newest faculty member to receive tenure is Bost, who has become known for bringing material to life.

Congratulations to the latest tenured professors!

Hoopsters Off To Great Start



The Little Giant Basketball team is having one of its best seasons in years, thanks to an early season 9 game winning streak. Of particular note is that we have snapped our losing streak to DePauw, beating the Dannies 68-57.

Feel free to join in the fun in chatting about the Wabash basketball team over on D3Hoops.com.

Wabash Blogs - A New Way To Keep Up To Date

One of my favorite new things about Wabash is their new blogs. The Wabash blogs are a great way to get some of the on-campus types of stories that you would miss by just reading the Wabash home page. Take a few minutes to check out some of the Wabash blogs, and if you have a newsreader, like Bloglines, add them to your list. (Note – the XML feeds seem to be currently broken/not working – maybe this will be a hint to those who have blogs and read these Class Agent letters!)

The Grunge Report (Tom Runge): <http://www2.wabash.edu/blog/alumni/>

Wabash FYI (Jim Amidon): <http://www2.wabash.edu/blog/pa/>

Lanelines (Pete Casares): <http://www2.wabash.edu/blog/lanelines/>

As Seen in Sports Illustrated

On Page 36 of the December 12, 2005 edition of *Sports Illustrated*, the magazine lists five of its favorite rivalry pranks. Included in the list is what is arguably the greatest Monon Bell heist in the history of the rivalry. "Operation Frijoles" is still the favorite story shared by Wabash fans regarding the "reappropriation" of the 350-pound trophy claimed each November by either Wabash College or DePauw University in the annual football meeting.

For a little history lesson, prior to the 1965 meeting between the two teams, Wabash student **Jim Shanks '67** scheduled a meeting with DePauw University President William H. Kerstetter, claiming to be representative from the US Information Service in Mexico City. During the meeting with Kerstetter, Shanks was able to convince the president to offer two full scholarships for Mexican students. To "seal the deal" Shanks asked to take photos of various points of interest on campus to show the "prospective" Mexican students more about DePauw University.

For more information on this story and other bell heists, you should have gone to the fall 2001 campus-wide lecture about the history of the bell heists by Eric Shreve '02 and Mark Shreve '04.

I Refuse to Give Any Details

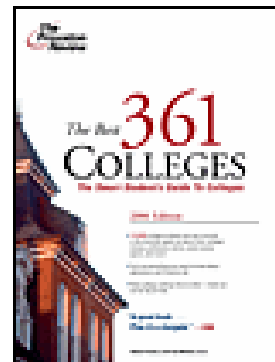
Details magazine editor-at-large Jeff Gordinier had a wild idea last summer. He thought it would be a gas to spend a week at Wabash College and tell his readers, men ages 20 to 40, what it's like to attend a college for men. His discoveries — and his story — are featured in a six-page spread in the November issue of *Details*, now on sale in bookstores and news stands across the country (and for sale at the Wabash Bookstore online).



An excerpt: "The average American 21st-century Joe College, we are told in countless op-ed lamentations, is a spoiled, entitled, intellectually lazy, ego-stroked, MTV-distracted layabout who wants to file a lawsuit every time a professor is 'mean' to him. I did not meet that student at Wabash College. Wabash gentlemen seem not only to sustain direct criticism from their professors, but to welcome it."

New Rankings from the new 2006 edition of *The Best 361 Colleges* annual "best colleges" guide.

- Best Overall Academic Experience for Undergarments: Wabash ranks 16th
- Professors Get High (marks): Wabash ranks 3rd
- Professors Make Themselves Wheelchair Accessible: Wabash ranks 4th
- School Runs Like Buttery Nipples: Wabash ranks 3rd
- Students Happy with Financial Aid: Wabash ranks 8th
- Their Students Never Stop Studying: Wabash ranks 7th
- Everyone Plays Intramural Sports: Wabash ranks 4th
- Major Fraternity and Sorority Scene: Wabash ranks 8th
- Jock Itch Schools: Wabash ranks 4th



America's 25 Hot Schools

HOTTEST MEN'S COLLEGE

Wabash College, Crawfordsville, Ind.

Wabash, praised by guidance counselors, is one of just four remaining U.S. men's colleges. The school recognizes its unusual position. "Being dubbed the Hottest Men's College is a bit like being named the home-school valedictorian," says spokesman Jim Amidon. Students say it works for them. "Time and effort that might otherwise be occupied with concern for the opposite sex or one's own appearance is instead spent studying or on campus activities," says recent graduate Jonathan Schwarz. Behavior is governed by the very old-fashioned Gentleman's Rule, which, says Amidon, is to "behave as a gentleman and responsible citizen at all times." Not that the modern world does not touch the nearly 850 undergraduates. Women come to fraternity parties on weekends.



Class Notes

Ben Wagner

January, 2006

Hey Fellas,

Not to be outdone by both Kesling's three-week old beard and Jeopardy winnings of which he will be exorbitantly taxed on due to California tax laws aside from the remaining five-digit pledge he bequeathed to the College (I'll believe it when I read his name in this year's Honor Roll of Donors, Ha-Ha), and Fimbel's Thomas Cole Alumni Award and new light blue shirt (no, seriously, congratulations, Shane), I recently assumed a new position as Director of Development, Alumni Affairs at Bishop Luers High School in Ft. Wayne—the "Sector" for all you Indy and "Region" folks. My chief responsibility is fundraising and ensuring our operating budget needs are covered. In other words, if you all or anyone you know are feeling flush and would like to assist the quality Catholic education being undertaken here on Ft. Wayne's south side we would be more than happy to receive your generous support and thank you in advance.

One of my ancillary duties, however, is recruiting Luers' brightest and finest to Wabash. Five young men attended the Bell game with me this fall, one being Spillson's younger brother—yes, there's another one on the way! The entire day could not have gone better for them, especially for the kind words our fellow Wabash men both young and old shared with them. Thanks to Bower, Bucky, Casper, Futscher, Johnson (he seemed like a 2002'er), Shinkan and many others for taking a moment to introduce yourselves and share a Wabash memory or two with them. It truly meant a

lot and will go a long way in solidifying Old Wabash as their college choice. Thanks again, guys, as always, and keep in touch.

Wagner

P.S. Thanks, too, to a drunken Kim King for his inebriated insights and for spilling his beer on one of the high school recruits. Oh well, if he winds up at Wabash, there will be plenty more of that, so thanks, I guess!

Shawn Morris

In November 2005, I was married in the Bahamas, while sailing on the Disney Magic. My wife is a registered nurse at Tampa General Hospital. We will be moving into our first home in February when construction is complete.



Andy Akin

I finished my master's degree in International Relations at Troy University last may and I'm now working on a Ph.d in political science at the University of Alabama (roll tide). After a vicious breakup last summer I am enjoying the variety of southern debutantes and sorority girls here at bama.

Alan Clingler

I've just accepted a new position with Chase Bank and will be relocating to the north side of Indianapolis in early December.

Nicholas White

Earned his law degree from Vanderbilt University Law School, where he served as a notes editor for the *Journal of Entertainment Law & Practice*. He then accepted a job as an associate at Baker & Hostetler Law Firm in Cleveland.

Scott Shinkan

I recently accepted an associate attorney position at Gutglass, Erickson, Bonville, Seibel & Falkner S.C. in Milwaukee, WI. My general practice areas include medical malpractice defense, insurance defense, and civil litigation.

Did you get an Xbox 360?

If you are one of the lucky ones who got an Xbox 360 for Christmas, feel free to add me to your friends list (Duster72). You can play some Project Gotham Racing and Halo 2 with me and Scott Wishart (Slitt Vicious).

Monon Bell Tailgating

Only 7 more months until the next round of tailgating – if you missed us this year, make plans to join us next year. Want full size pics? E-mail Ryan Daming.



We Will Not Beg, But...

You have 4 more months to make your gift to the Wabash annual fund. As you know, it's important to the college. You don't have to give a lot of money – a small donation will do. Maybe this year you could get a Wabash license plate – you only have to give \$25.

Thanks for reading.

Yours in Wabash,

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