

1991 NOTES

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Where's Hugh Again?

If you missed his note, Hugh Vandivier has become Wabash's Assistant Director of Engagement. More than one member of '91 has said, "Finally, Hugh's getting paid for the job he's had for 25 years." Erik and Mike will work hard to fill the void left by the Noid as our loyal class agent.

Giving Update

It's never a bad time to give to the College, but now is a great time if you want to contribute to the current fiscal year before summer. The College's fiscal year ends on June 30.

Who Knows?

There has been no official word so far, but don't be surprised if Wabash College has another Day of Giving this year. The last few have been successful from multiple perspectives. If we hear anything, we'll let you know via the Class of 1991 Facebook page and probably other ways too.

On Campus



What Happened to Honor Scholars Weekend?

For 120 years, Wabash hosted prospective students in the spring of their senior year for a weekend of test-taking, socializing, and getting to know the campus. Because the federal government changed the deadline for federal aid applications, Wabash had no choice but to move this weekend back to the prior December.

Now called Scarlet Honors Weekend, the list of activities are a blend of old and new traditions, including a "classroom" scenario for prospective students and less bluebook essay testing than we remember. If you hear more references to "Scarlet Honors" and fewer references to "Honor Scholars Weekend," this is why.

By the Numbers

Wabash Statistics, as of February 2018:

- Living alumni: **14,145**
- 2017 graduates: **189**
- Enrollment, Fall 2017: **864**
- Endowment: **\$321,480,000**
- Total gifts in FY 2017: **\$14,736,386**
- Alumni donors: **5132**
- Total donors: **6512**
- Annual tuition and fees:
 - Tuition: **\$41,600**
 - Room & board: **\$9450**
 - Activity fee: **\$450**
 - Student health fee: **\$200**

Recent Princeton Review Rankings:

Best Alumni Network: **#2**
 Best Schools for Internships: **#2**
 Most Accessible Professors: **#4**
 Everyone Plays Intramurals: **#6**
 Best Athletic Facilities: **#6**
 Best Career Services: **#8**
 Best-Run Colleges: **#16**
 Best Classroom Experience: **#17**
 Colleges that Pay You Back: **#18**

Career Services

Do you have *any idea* how much more effective Wabash is at helping its graduates get jobs after graduation than it was in our era? Significantly better. Further, did you know that one of the reasons for its success is your own classmate?

Roland Morin manages the day-to-day operations of the Center for Innovation, Business & Entrepreneurship (CIBE) and the Schroeder Center for Career Development, which is the current version of what we called the “Office of Career Services.”



According to a recent National Association of Wabash Men board meeting, our Career Services team, under Roland’s leadership (as well as that of Dean for Professional Development Steven Jones ’87), reports that 98% of the Class of 2017 were “settled” in a career or continued education within six months of graduation -- versus a 64% average among peers.

To keep this percentage high, Roland wants to hear from you and your company. If you know your company’s HR rep and could introduce him or her to Roland, that would help his job -- and our young graduates -- immensely. You can contact Roland directly at morinr@wabash.edu.

Et Cetera: #INSen

It’s very likely you’ve already heard, but classmate Luke Messer is one of three Wabash alums in contention for the Indiana Senate seat currently held by Joe Donnelly. Donnelly’s seat is consistently called one of the most vulnerable in the Senate.

As of this writing, Luke is planning to face off in the Indiana Republican primary against Todd Rokita ‘92 and Mike Braun ‘76, the winner of which will attempt to unseat the Democrat Donnelly in November. The Indiana primary is Tuesday, May 8.

Class Member Notes

Jeff Insko, Associate Professor & Coordinator of American Studies at Oakland University (Rochester, MI), recently took part in the C19 Conference held by The Society of Nineteenth-Century Americanists. Jeff serves on the Society's Executive Committee. The theme of this year's conference was "Climate." In addition to conference planning, Jeff presented on pipeline infrastructure, literary form, and "broken world thinking."

Jeff specializes in 19th-century US literature and culture. He won Oakland's 2012 Teaching Excellence Award and in March of 2018 was awarded his department's Judd Faculty Achievement Award for excellence in research. He is also on the Advisory Board of the West Virginia Press book series "Salvaging the Anthropocene." He's currently working on a book about oil pipelines, social media activism, and narrative-as-action. His first book, *The Ever-Present Now: Time, History, and Antebellum American Writing*, will be published this fall by Oxford University Press.

David Stone was recently selected to be the new Chair of the Strategy & Policy Department at the Naval War College in Newport, RI. NWC's mission "is to educate and develop future leaders by building strategic and cultural perspective, and enhancing the capability to advise senior leaders and policy-makers." The selection occurred in January and he officially assumes the role in July. Dave has been at the College since 2015 and taught history at Kansas State University prior. His wife, Kristin Mulready-Stone, serves as an Associate Professor and Director of the Naval War College Writing Center. The oldest of their three daughters will head to college this fall.

Chris Cotton and his wife, Tammy, recently welcomed their third grandchild. Indiana Brown, recipient of one of the cooler baby names we've seen recently, was born on February 3rd. Chris and Tammy live in Leesburg, IN on Tippecanoe Lake. In addition, Chris and Tammy have recently waded into the world of alpaca farming. According to Chris, the three things you need to know about alpacas is that their fleece is a terrific, multi-purpose natural fiber; their manure is a nitrogen-rich fertilizer; and most important, that they "are not the same thing as llamas."

Rob Vega and his wife, Sharon Schneider, recently added to their family. In late December, they adopted Rocco, a nine-year-old Chihuahua-terrier mix. Inside information hints that Rocco is headed for a life of being spoiled quite rotten, and father and son are often seen resting comfortably.

Have a good spring! We'll be back with more news this summer.

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