

Wabash '91

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Dear Fellow Classmates,

We let waaay too much time elapse since Kip's last letter, so here's what's been happening...

Ring Dat Bell! We're one month away from the 113th pairing of DePauw and Wabash in the annual Monon Bell Classic. That means just one thing:

The Official Class of '91 Monon Bell Reunion Tailgate November 11, 2006

In the parking lot somewhere behind Hollett Little Giant Stadium

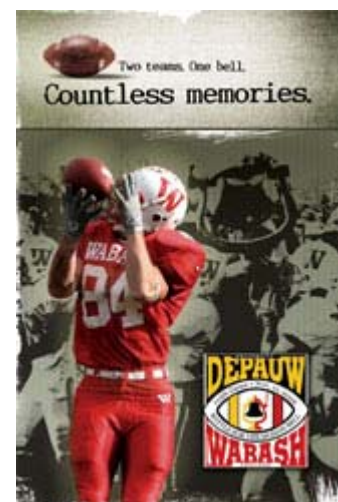
Yes, Mark Kosior, the tailgate is most definitely on for this year, and the Class of '91 will no doubt be out in force. We're looking for an official Tailgate Chairman. Any volunteers? If you're planning on coming to the game, drop me a line so that we can coordinate who's bringing what.

While we're at it, Wabash AD Vernon Mummert will be installing even more stands for this year's game (picture between 12,000 to 13,500 attendance). Even so, tickets are on sale now and will go fast. Click over to http://www.wabash.edu/news/displaystory.cfm?news_ID=3898 for details on how to get yours. Ticket prices has risen to \$15. If you have a W pass, you'll still have to reserve your ticket.

If you can't make the game, it will be covered on HDNet again this year. For a list of Telecast Parties, click over to http://www.wabash.edu/alumni/home.cfm?pages_id=178.

Refer a Student. In my recent e-mail exchanges with Scott Royer, he mentioned that, as a teacher, he had the names of two McCutcheon High School seniors who were interested in Wabash. He was interested in bringing them up for the Bell game this year. He also wondered how he could get them plugged into our Admissions Office.

According to the Admissions Office, referrals remain our best source for prospective students. Students referred by an alumnus are 10 times more likely to apply than any other source they have and twice as likely to enroll. Plus, they are just as strong, if not stronger, academically than other names they receive. At the Class Agents Forum a few weeks ago, Admissions Director Steve Klein reported that the number of referrals they have received for the next freshman class is down by roughly 200 compared to last year. Let's not get complacent here, gang!



You don't need to be a high school teacher like Scott. Even if you read about an outstanding high school junior or senior in the paper or teaching your daughter swim lessons, pass his name along. Your classmates who referred students last year include the following guys:

Jeff Grabill
Dave Stensland
Ross Weatherman

Aaron Kroemer
Matt Stephens
Jeff Wilson

Lance More
Marty Tuohy

Tim Oliver
George Valaika

Let's set a goal of *doubling that* this year. Just surf over to <http://www.wabash.edu/alumni/admissions> to find out more. There's more info about Fall Visit Days and the Top Ten Visit Day on our blog (<http://wabash1991.blog.com/1098148/>).

All the Rage. Question: What's wrong with this picture? Answer: This year, apparently nothing.

When you visit campus this fall, you may think that the Phi Deltas did an especially productive job on rush with all the freshmen wearing pots. Through efforts of the Sphinx Club and a newly formed Senior Council, rhynies in six other fraternities (Betas, Deltas, FIJI, Sig Chi, Theta Deltas, and Tekes) have elected to wear pots this semester. Now, you can even buy pots in the bookstore for about \$10. The Bachelor details how the little green beanies with the red bills and buttons came back in vogue.

(http://www.wabash.edu/alumni/news.cfm?news_ID=3810) For more of the story, log in to our blog (<http://wabash1991.blog.com/1101569/>).



"We Band of Brothers." When I'm back on campus, especially on the occasion of what is now Freshman Saturday, I find myself gravitating toward those places that essentially remain untouched from when we loped across the campus as undergraduates. I'll duck my head into Baxter 101, which looks the same except for the addition of two more presidential portraits above the long, green chalkboard. I'll perchance walk up the steps in Center Hall just to hear the creak of my footfalls. I'll tromp up the wide steps of the Chapel where we sang—or rather, yelled—and fought the school song.

Standing just inside the Chapel, I craned my neck to see the podium from which our new president would carry on the grand tradition of matriculating the new class by the ringing of Caleb Mills' bell. It's been almost 20 years now, but I still remember Lou Salter's words from our Ringing In Ceremony (and I paraphrase from memory):

You parents of our newest Wabash students. I'd like to take a moment to talk to you about your sons. Now, those of you with sons who made mostly B's and maybe a few C's in high school, don't worry. Your sons will do well here. But those of you with sons who made only straight A's, your sons will struggle at Wabash.

A new president presents a chance to hear a new perspective on the school we know so well. Being a *fresh man* himself, Dr. Pat White spoke to his fellow "brothers" about the insecurity of taking those first steps at Wabash. He asked them to greet their fellow classmates, whom he referred to as "your teachers." He built his speech around this concept of brotherhood and the smallness of Wabash. At the crescendo, he quoted Shakespeare's line from *Henry V's* St. Crispin's Day speech, "We few, we happy few, we band of brothers."

It was such an apt interpretation that warmed the heart of this one-time English major.



The campus has been transformed so radically from the dump that Wabash was when we attended. Yeah, you heard me correctly. I called it a dump. But it was *our* dump, and we loved it. What I really mean is that we weren't attracted to Wabash by spacious new fraternity houses or the weight room that rivals any high-

dollar health club. We went to Wabash for the intangibles: the opportunities it provided us and the faculty and fellow students who challenged us.

It's easy to think that high school seniors are drawn to Wabash now because of its buildings. But in talking with some of these incoming freshmen, I get the strong sense that the attraction remains those same opportunities and people. It's still those few, those happy few, that band of brothers who steel themselves to go forth and lead.

So, as we welcome a new president and another new class of Rhynes, we notch one more year but reflect on how the character of our alma mater remains immutable and constant. That's the best tradition we carry on.

Wabash Product Placement. Anyone who manages to catch *The Late Show with David Letterman* knows how the Hoosier talk show host likes to feature "regular people" in his program. Often, his opening sketches feature Rupert Jee, the owner of Hello Deli right next to the Ed Sullivan Theatre where Letterman tapes his show. In a recent sketch, Rupert is wearing a Wabash College t-shirt. (I managed to snap some screenshots with my cell phone camera.) No word on whether CBS exec Rich Calacci had anything to do with it...

...but it actually turns out that a recent graduate gave Rupert the [shirt](#), and apparently he wears it quite often.



And now some news from the guys...

W Kim Jackson (kjackson@hplegal.com) is pleased to report:

I was named a Rising Star in Georgia by Law & Politics Magazine and its Super Lawyers publications. Law & Politics identifies Rising Stars by ballots from the most recent group of Super Lawyers, the top 5 percent of attorneys in the state. Super Lawyers are chosen based on a general survey to all attorneys who have been licensed in the state for five years or more, as well as extensive independent credentials research, a panel review process and a final review and check of good standing by the research department. This is my second year in a row of receiving this honor.

I am still a partner at [Hawkins & Parnell, LLP](#), which has offices in Atlanta, Dallas, and Charleston, WV. My litigation practice focuses on professional liability defense (legal, accounting, and other nonmedical professional malpractice), insurance coverage litigation, commercial litigation, and catastrophic injury litigation.

My daughter, Zoe, began kindergarten in August. My second daughter, Iva, is due to be born on October 9, but she may have other plans. I will let you know when that happens.



Congratulations, Kim, and best of luck to you and your wife.

W John Martin (jdavidmartin@mail.utexas.edu) writes:

Thanks for the recent newsletter and the new Web site. Being in Texas, I won't make it to the 15th Year Reunion, except in spirit. Things here are going well. We've enjoyed living in Austin, gotten used to the heat, and have also made some terrific new friends. My wife, Susan, is further pursuing her career in public health, and I have just completed my first year as coordinator of Business German at the University of Texas. We've very much enjoyed the Texas Hill Country and may move out into the country next year (Susan would really like to raise goats). My book went into its second printing, and I have two more in the works. Right now, the

big projects are finishing the article for the Baylor Journal of Theater and Performance and the book review for the Journal of English and Germanic Philology.

W Luke Messer was on campus September 19 putting his Speech major to good use to talk to students in a talk entitled "Political Persuasion: How the Academic Lessons of Wabash College Apply to the Rough and Tumble World of State and Federal Politics." Here's the story from The [College Web site](http://www.wabash.edu/news/displaystory.cfm?news_ID=3836) (http://www.wabash.edu/news/displaystory.cfm?news_ID=3836) it has a rundown of his remarks, and he also appeared in the [Bachelor](http://wabash1991.blog.com/1075620/). Our blog has the full article (<http://wabash1991.blog.com/1075620/>). Way to represent, Luke!



W Scott Royer (esr1193@insightbb.com) writes "Just got back from the Philippines. Was there with the family for two weeks. Never go to an area during monsoon season. It rained most of our stay. We saw many relatives. Here are some pictures. Hope all is well."



Scott was featured in the [Lafayette Journal and Courier](http://wabash1991.blog.com/1068793/) last month. Our blog has the interview (<http://wabash1991.blog.com/1068793/>).

W Steve Williamson and his wife, Casady, are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Susan Clare, born August 11, 2006. She joins her older sisters, Audrey and Lucy.

It's been awhile since we included our "Where Are They Now?" form, so you'll find in on page 5. Send us your updates! We want to know what you guys are doing, and of course, we'll pass it along to your classmates. Also, let me know if you guys are enjoying the blog. I have no idea whether anyone looks at it!

Thanks for your help. Thanks again for your support in the many ways you give it. Keep in touch.

Yours in Wabash,

Hugh Vand...



“Where Are They Now?”

Wabash Class of 1991

While you are holding this in your hands, take a moment to fill it out and send it to: Wabash College, Alumni and Parent Relations Office, PO Box 352, Crawfordsville, IN 47933. While you’re at it, why not contact a fellow alum or professor you haven’t talked to in a while?

Name _____ Home Phone _____

Home Address _____

Business Address _____

Business Phone _____ Business Fax _____

E-mail _____ Home Page _____

Interested in helping the College with fundraising? Yes _____ No _____

Family Information

- Single Married Partnered

(Spouse/partner’s name) _____ Anniversary (if applicable) _____

- Divorced Widowed

Father of (kid’s name/s) _____ Birthdays _____

Latest Employment and Education Information

- Unemployed Self-employed doing _____

Employed (where) _____ Occupation _____

- Looking for work Retired

In school at (where) _____

Working toward a (degree) _____ in (field) _____

Writing a book on _____

I’d really like to hear from (classmate/s) _____

Any other interesting news? _____

Send me some information on: _____

I would like to help Wabash as an Alumni Volunteer. I wish to volunteer for:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Admissions | <input type="checkbox"/> Teaching and Learning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising | <input type="checkbox"/> Student Life |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lilly "Jobs" Grant | <input type="checkbox"/> Lilly "Experience Indiana" Grant |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other | |