

# WABASH '91

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Dear Fellow Classmates,

## Good News, Bad News

As I am sure you are all well aware, Wabash was able to return the Monon Bell to its rightful place this November with a 17-14 victory in Greendingle. This capped off an undefeated regular season (10-0) and allowed the Little Giants to enter the playoffs with a home game in Round 1. The post-season began with a 38-20 victory over Albion (which reminds me of my favorite Wabash cheer)... Anyway, the dream of a perfect season and a Division III championship ended the next week with a 14-11 defeat by Capital University in Little Giant Stadium. Wabash was rallying for a comeback win when a Harbaugh pass was intercepted in the end zone with less than two minutes to play.

## Reunion Time

I know it's hard to believe, but we are rapidly approaching our 15 year reunion. It just doesn't seem like that long ago, but my achy back is a constant reminder of just how long ago it was. Our reunion is slated for **June 2-4, 2006**, so save the date. There are some pre-planned activities, but the weekend is largely ours to do what we want. So, please start sending us ideas that you have from the obvious (time at Tommy's) to the more unique (more time at Tommy's with a taxi service). The key to a fun and successful reunion is to get as many guys back as possible, and the key to that is to have a responsible person from each living unit call his pledge brothers and urge (threaten) them to come. So, we are officially accepting volunteers. Please let Hugh and I know if you are interested in helping. If not, we may just call you and recruit you anyway!

## Schroeder Center for Career Development

Wabash is actively trying to improve what we knew as the Office of Career Services to more closely reflect the needs of today's students, and voila, we have the Shroeder Center for Career Development. Below, I have taken the liberty of cutting and pasting Scott Crawford's informational write-up. Please get in touch with Scott if you can offer any assistance.

Dear Wabash Alumnus,

### **A Brand New Alumni/Student Career Networking System!**

It is with great pleasure that the Schroeder Center for Career Development at Wabash College announces the creation of a structured, protected Online Alumni Career Network, **The Exchange**. Your participation in The Exchange will allow current students to network with you for career-related reasons. Alumni who would like to network with other alumni for the same purpose have the option of opening an additional user (student) account, which will allow them to access the networking capability, our job listings and other resources we've connected with our system.

### **Why This Is So Great**

The beauty of this system is that you can choose to participate as much or as little as you like; you select the reasons you may be contacted, how often, and by what method. The Exchange is housed in our WabashWorks (E-Recruiting) system (formerly known as WallyPower) so your information is password protected as well. It is important to note that The Exchange completely replaces all previous such systems through our office. We are starting from scratch to make sure all the information in the system is new and fresh. In addition, those alumni who would like to take advantage of the networking services and our other online resources will have the ability to do so.

### **How To Sign Up/Sign In**

To participate as a networking resource, first you'll need to sign into the WabashWorks system - <http://wabash.erecruiting.com> If you were in our previous Alumni Career Network, you probably have an account in the system already. Your username is either the same as your E-alumni system username, or your first name.last name, two-digit grad year (ex: scott.crawford93). Your password is wabash. Once you enter the system you can change the password if you like.

If you do not have an account, contact Toni McKinney at 765-361-6414 or [mckinnet@wabash.edu](mailto:mckinnet@wabash.edu) and she'll set up an account for you.

To also participate as a user (access the other alumni in the system, seek and apply for jobs, etc), you will need to set up an additional user account which will allow you to access the job seeker or student side of the system. To set up this type of account, contact Toni as listed above. Alumni are welcome to create both types of accounts simultaneously. Toni will email you instructions on using this side of the system as well.

### **Getting Started as a Networking Resource**

Once you sign in to your Exchange account, click on Mentor Network (top middle of the page), then complete the short Profile. The Profile consists of information on your degree(s), Wabash involvement/memberships, work history, geographic area, and the ways you are willing to assist other Wabash alumni and students. You will choose how many times per month you can be contacted and whether contact should be made via email or phone.

Note that once the per-month limit you select is reached, your information will disappear from the system for the rest of the calendar month. Wabash students may only access contact info for 10 alumni per month via the system.

Once your Profile is complete, you can begin searching the system to connect with other Wabash men, or sit back and wait for them to connect with you.

### **An Example - How This Works:**

Student Wally is looking for a contact at General Electric in Finance in Poughkeepsie, New York who was a Phi Delta Theta and Swim Team member at Wabash. Student Wally is seeking information on GE. He selects GE, Finance, Poughkeepsie, Phi Delt and Swim Team and comes up with 1 match. He does NOT see contact information at this point, only the alum's work history, Wabash info, and how the alum is willing to assist. If the alum has selected Information On My Company in the How I Will Assist area, the student may choose to access the information. By clicking on "Accept" and using one of his 10 monthly tokens the student will receive the contact info the alum has selected (email or phone). He may then contact the alum.

### **Our Responsibility**

Career Services will help ensure that the system is used properly and for the reasons intended. Students will receive instructions on the appropriate reasons/methods/approach for contacting alumni. Any alumnus who is contacted for inappropriate reasons (by either a student or another alumnus) should report such to Scott Crawford, Director of Career Services ([crawfors@wabash.edu](mailto:crawfors@wabash.edu)). We reserve the right to delete accounts/block system access to students or alumni misusing the system.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Toni McKinney at 765-361-6414 or Scott Crawford at [crawfors@wabash.edu](mailto:crawfors@wabash.edu).

We look forward to your participation.

Scott Crawford

And now some news from your classmates...

**W** The following was posted by Wabash Magazine editor Steve Charles in October (<http://www2.wabash.edu/MT/mt-tb.cgi/19>).

### Carrying a Father's Dying Words

Mike McCoy '91 felt honored when World War II veteran Hobert Winebrenner trusted him to co-write the memoir of the 82-year-old's experiences with the 90th Infantry Division at Normandy, the Battle of the Bulge, and the final Allied push into Nazi Germany.

"Hobert spoke of his desire to leave something behind for his children, grandchildren, and those yet to come—not so much about him, but about the men he served with: 'the finest men in the world,' as he often called them," McCoy writes in the introduction to *Bootprints: An Infantryman's Walk Through World War II*. "How different would my life be had men like Hobert refused to stand up and fight? The very least I could do was to bring another of their stories to light."

"So began our two years of kitchen table summits, sorting through Hobert's war step by step, bullet by bullet," McCoy recalls. "Hour upon hour I listened while Hobert laughed, cried, and prayed."

The resulting book captures "the little things that occur in battle that make all the difference" writes Military History Online's Brian Williams. "Nothing can replace actual eyewitness accounts, and Winebrenner [and McCoy] bring the reader back in time to a place many vets will not easily go. By doing so, they ensure that the memory and sacrifice of those Winebrenner served and fought with are not forgotten."

But McCoy went a step further.

In tracking down one of Winebrenner's Army buddies, the writer was able to bring a dying father's words to a most grateful son.

John Marsh was Winebrenner's Captain during the Normandy invasion. On the morning of July 10, 1944, Marsh received a letter from his wife announcing the birth of their first and only son. Later that day as he was leading his command team in the savage battle at Foret de Mont Castre, Marsh was hit with shrapnel from a German mortar round. Before he died, he whispered memorable final words to his wounded First Sergeant Paul Inman in a tone that Inman recalled as "defiant glory."

After the war, Inman searched for Marsh's widow and son, hoping to deliver his Captain's message, but he was unable to locate them. When Inman died in 2000, his sons continued their father's mission.

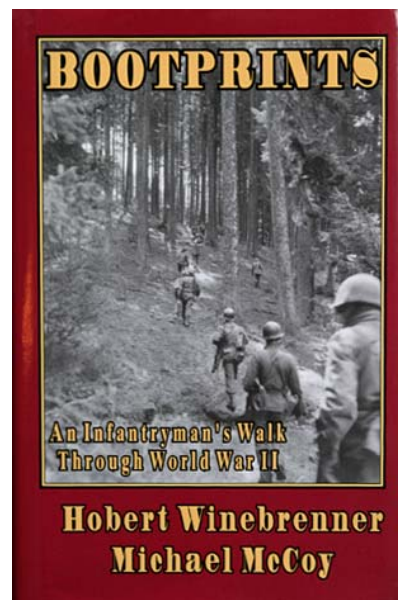
While researching *Bootprints* in 2004, Mike McCoy located Marsh's son, who had just been diagnosed with bone marrow cancer. McCoy arranged a phone call between Marsh and the Inmans and an ailing son finally heard his father's words:

"They may get me, but they won't get my boy."

"It was like hearing words from beyond, reaching out for me," Marsh told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram from the M.D. Anderson Cancer Center.

"Finally, his father is coming alive for him," Marsh's wife, Susan, said.

Mike McCoy won't get famous or wealthy off this self-published book. *Bootprints* is the only title on McCoy's Camp Comamajo Press's list, and the company runs out of a Post Office Box in his hometown of Albion, Indiana. Mike simply hoped to make a payment on "debt we can't repay, for a selfless sacrifice that won freedom for me."



*Captain John Marsh, Sr., 1942.*

But as one who also has the honor of listening to others and telling their stories, I can't imagine a deeper reward than what Mike felt when John Marsh, Jr. heard his father's words for the first time.

Beautiful work, Mike.

Find out more about Bootprints at <http://www.militaryhistoryonline.com/review/bootprints.aspx>

Read more about the John Marsh story at The Billings Gazette

**W** Jeff Marlett ([marlettj@mail.strose.edu](mailto:marlettj@mail.strose.edu)) replied to our last letter, saying, "As always it's a pleasure reading the 91 Class Agents' letter. You guys really bust ass with that work and I, for one, am always grateful.



"I do appreciate the plug about the Channel 9 spot (although it was my first, and most bungled, interview). I actually wrote an op-ed piece for Newsday (Long Island's daily newspaper) the day before Benedict XVI was elected. However, I must admit some dismay that Hugh, the uber-Phi Delt and Wabash man, overlooked the fact that I am wearing a WABASH tie (Glee Club's late '80s style) in the aforementioned TV spot. I figured if I had a chance to be on TV, I'm wearing the team colors.

"I made it back to C'Ville and campus this summer with the family—my first time back in 3 years. Everything looks outstanding. I keep telling Joe Emmick (my old LXA roommate) how proud I am of all you guys do for the College. You should know that, too.

"Keep it up and GET THE BELL BACK, DAMNIT! I have my Wally flag ready to fly!"

**W** Self-described "Dutiful Foot Soldier of the Class of 1991," Mark Decaroli ([mdecaroli@att.net](mailto:mdecaroli@att.net)) writes, "Hello, longtime listener, first time caller (sorry, it was the radio references in the recent alumni letter). I wanted to let you and the rest of the Class of 1991 know that Chris Underwood is alive and well in New Jersey. In one of those "small world" moments, I was stretching before a volleyball game a few years ago and in walks this dark-haired guy that looked damn familiar. It turns out that it was my old fraternity pal, Mr. Chris Underwood. We lived in the same area of the Central Jersey shore for a few years before Chris got a new job as Head Systems Librarian or some such thing at the County College of Morris (NJ). He moved up north, but we managed to get together for a few Monon Bell game telecasts up in New York City, organized by another Class of 1991 luminary, John Oliveri.

"Now I went ahead and included Chris on this message ([cunderwoodmn@yahoo.com](mailto:cunderwoodmn@yahoo.com)), so at least he won't be surprised by the sudden attention. When I saw his name on the "Missing Alumni" list I felt it was my sacred obligation to notify the proper authorities that Chris was not, in fact, missing. He was just in New Jersey. About the same thing, only I'd imagine that oblivion doesn't smell of rotting petro-chemical plants in the morning.

"Not likely I'll be at Homecoming this weekend, but I'll have a beer anyway. Just seems like the right thing to do.

**W** Marty Tuohy has written a very nice e-mail to let us know about some exciting new developments in his life, and once again I have taken the liberty of cutting and pasting.

--The Republic of Ireland awarded me citizenship earlier this year.

--In June, my wife Rachel and I returned to Ireland for the first time since my junior year, when I attended a semester at University College Dublin. Our traveling companions in June were John Dimos (Wabash '85) and his mother Marianne. I attended a history conference at the University of Limerick, visited my great-grandparents' villages in Counties Limerick and Tipperary, and returned to my grandparents' and my old neighborhoods in Dublin. In typical Wabash fashion, we made new friends, sang and played music, and stayed up partying until dawn in the village of Ballinrobe, County Mayo. (I can supply a photo of me standing on top of a 3,000-year-old stone ring fort on the Aran Island of Inis Mor if you want an image that's a little different.)

--In October, Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White appointed me to the Illinois Historical Records Advisory Board, which reviews applications by archival and manuscript repositories for federal grants, fosters better cooperation among institutions, and promotes greater public use of archives. This is a significant professional recognition and also a good amount of unpaid professional service.

--I just began my fourteenth year working for the National Archives and Records Administration. In August, and again this coming Saturday, December 3rd, I am teaching workshops on historical research methods and sources (essentially, a George Davis-Jim Barnes class) at the Indiana Historical Society in Indianapolis.

--My wife Rachel and I have been married for 12 1/2 years now. The marriage still sizzles.

--I continue to serve as a labor union steward for the American Federation of Government Employees (AFL-CIO) and recently was part of a negotiating team that won access to drinking water for laboring people in the Washington National Records Center. I also recently prosecuted an African-American woman's discrimination complaint before the chief administrative law judge for the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's Chicago office.

--I intend to spend 2006 sitting in my rocking chair on the front porch of my 1929 bungalow, drinking beer, lobbing the bottles into the grass to upset the uptight white suburbanites, and doing nothing besides working on the aforementioned ISHRAB's projects and showing up for my day job with the National Archives.

Perhaps some of this might be interesting to others. It's certainly been an interesting year from my perspective--in many ways, the achievement of several goals I've been pursuing since college. Usually, life is pretty uneventful or not worthy of comment.

**W** Dom Mazzone and Kim Jackson have also been receiving honors. Please see the below:

Kim M. Jackson and Dominic C. Mazzone were named Rising Stars in the Atlanta legal community by Law & Politics Magazine and its Super Lawyers publications. To find Rising Stars, ([http://www.superlawyers.com/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=21&Itemid=37](http://www.superlawyers.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=21&Itemid=37)), Law & Politics starts by mailing ballots to 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.

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Dominic C. Mazzone recently became a partner and Managing Director of StevenGOLDSMITH Group, a sell side M&A investment banking advisory firm. His firm is based in Naples, Florida, but Dominic continues to live and work out of Atlanta as well (see last month's news letter).

<http://www.wabash.edu/alumni/docs/Class%20of%201991%20Sept%202005%20ltr.pdf>.

Additionally, Dom was named one of the top 40 executives in retail under age 40 by Chain Store Age magazine a few months ago.

**W** I had the opportunity to see **Tom Kilbane** at the Chicago Monon Bell telecast party, and I would like to report that he is alive and well and has my favorite e-mail address to date - [beatdepauw@yahoo.com](mailto:beatdepauw@yahoo.com). Drop him a note if you'd like. Tom is working for the Chubb Insurance Company as an underwriting associate in downtown Chicago (the Sears Building).

**W** **Mike Hawksworth** checked in to inform us that he and his family are residing in Fishers where he works for Trustmark Insurance Company as Vice President and Actuary.

**W** **Terry Riordan** just moved his family from Ann Arbor, Michigan, to Richmond, Indiana, earlier this year, but he'll need to move them back to Ann Arbor. He's just been named director of human resources for Con-Way Transportation Services, where he's been working since graduation. The full announcement is at <https://www.con-way.com/default.asp?bhcp=1> .



In closing, please keep in mind our duties to Wabash: make a donation, refer a student, support your local alumni group, and start making plans to attend the reunion.

Hugh, Lance, and I would like to wish you all a joyous and safe Holiday season, no matter what you may be celebrating this December.

Looking forward to seeing most of you in June,

- Kip