



WABASH COLLEGE CLASS OF 1981

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Hey guys!

Did you miss us? We haven't sent out a class letter for over 6 months. Hope you didn't feel like we didn't care any more. I have saved up some good updates from classmates. Send me more!

Wabash News:

Wabash had a great fall. The football team made it to the Elite Eight where they were defeated by the eventual Division III football champions, Wisconsin-Whitewater. If you thought the Packers/Giants game looked brutal, click on the link below. See a great summary of the effort by the Little Giants at http://www2.wabash.edu/blog/pa/2007/12/the_playoffs_cold_day_warm_hear.html

The College celebrated its 175th Anniversary this fall. Remember - we were there for the 150th celebration. Read more at: http://www.wabash.edu/news/displaystory.cfm?news_ID=5197

The National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE) continues to show that Wabash students are among the most engaged in the nation. http://www.wabash.edu/news/displaystory.cfm?news_ID=5191 and http://www.usatoday.com/news/education/2007-11-04-nsse-good-things_N.htm

These reports reinforce what many of us experienced while at Wabash, or have come to appreciate even more since leaving Wabash and working for 25th years. At our 25th reunion in 2006, the stories that our classmates told at our dinner in the new Sigma Chi house spoke volumes about our shared experience and about these specific areas of the study: The Level of Academic Challenge; Active and Collaborative Learning; Student-Faculty Interaction; Enriching Educational Experience; Supportive Campus Environment. Wabash scored above the national average and even above its peer institutions (a smaller, selective group). Wabash was above both of these other scores in the first-year and as

seniors. Wabash has worked very hard in recent years to concentrate on freshman retention and this study helps demonstrate that this focus is working.

Class News:

Eric Faires: Here's some news that Eric's father, Ross Faires, sent: "Wabash Beta son Eric Faires just retired. He had been working for Saks Fifth Avenue as a real estate officer for many years, including having worked for alum-trustee Fred Wilson, who was CEO for a couple years. I'M NOT OLD ENOUGH FOR THAT." Congratulations, Eric. You can reach Eric at: hobobimmer@aol.com.

Phil Purcell: My son, Ben, is applying to Wabash. How time flies! Give Phil your class news at the e-mail address at the top of this letter.

Edward M. Segelken: Columbus, Ohio – October 10, 2007 – Edward M. Segelken, an attorney in the Columbus office of Porter Wright Morris & Arthur LLP, was among those recently selected by peers for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*® 2008. Segelken was named as one of the "Best Lawyers" in the area of Trusts and Estates. Mr. Segelken, a partner with Porter Wright Morris & Arthur, has engaged in the practice of trust and estate law since his graduation from the University of Michigan Law School in 1984. He has handled a wide variety of matters, including complex estate administration and business succession matters. Mr. Segelken is particularly versed in the areas of planned charitable giving and in matters related to tax-exempt organizations. You can reach Ed at: dsegelke@columbus.rr.com.

Mike Kraus: I work at IU Med School and am a professor of medicine and am the Clinical Chief of the Nephrology Division. I specialize in kidney disease. If you are really bored and want to see what I do just "google" Michael Kraus and dialysis or Indiana, or Indiana and home dialysis.

Molly and I have 4 kids - Whitney, 22, is in New York studying theater; Ryan, 19, is at Purdue studying aeronautical engineering; two are at home: Charlie, 16, and Carolyn, 13. Molly is picking up odd jobs as an actress - check out www.grossology.com. On a serious note, I am very involved with kidney disease and particularly home dialysis. If someone does have kidney disease or is on dialysis and would like more info, please feel free to email me at mkraus@iupui.edu.

Dan Doster: Our family moved to Raleigh, North Carolina in July 2006 after spending 22 years in Dayton, Ohio. I serve as the COO of CAPTRUST Financial Advisors. Bill, 17, and Jimmy, 16, are attending high school at North Raleigh Christian Academy. Lizzie, 11, is home-schooling with Melody, my beautiful wife. We love to spend weekends at the beach with the family. On another note, I recently grew a beard for the first time since Wabash. (Must be a mid-life thing.) Enjoying life...you can reach me at: dan.doster@earthlink.net.

Joe Fistrovich: I joined the Indiana State Budget Agency as Assistant Director of Health and Human Services in November of 2006. My duties include oversight of Medicaid, Family and Social Services, Health, and Child Services in addition to tracking various

pieces of legislation pertaining to these agencies. In addition in May 2007, I hired Benjamin Tooley, Wabash '04 as a budget analyst in charge of Child Services. All I needed to see was the Wabash College on his resume!

Amy and I still live in Indianapolis and spend most of our weekends traveling to such exotic sights as Toledo, OH, Fort Wayne, IN, and Louisville, KY, for our kid's soccer tournaments. You can reach Joe at jofistrovich@sba.IN.gov.

John Hilbrich: Thought I would fill you in on a bit of news. It took me 20 years to do it but somehow I got myself into a job that got us back in the states! After 15 years with Leo Burnett in Germany, Denmark, Sweden and Canada and 13 years in Canada we returned to Chicago. I've taken on the role of Global President of The Marketing Store. I ran the Canadian company of TMS before taking on this new job in January 2007. Our office is in Oak Brook, Illinois. Our oldest son Jack is staying in Toronto as he will be a sophomore at York University studying Kinesiology. I am also unhappy to announce that Jack was initiated into Beta Theta Pi a couple of weeks ago--both my brothers, Dan and Tom are Betas and Dan came up to Toronto for the ceremony. They wouldn't let me in even though I slipped 'em the giz. Annika will be entering college in the fall of 2007 in the US but hasn't made her mind up yet as to where. The rest of the gang (Tom, Christian, Sanne and Nicholette) will make the move with us. You can reach John and Sue at: Hilbrich@hotmail.com.

Dave Neal: In April, Dave Neal was appointed Chief Immigration Judge by the U.S. Department of Justice. As the chief judge, he oversees the nation's 50+ immigration courts. You can reach Dave by logging onto Wabash College Alumni e-Services at www.wabash.edu/alumni/.

Chris Braun: Chris's oldest daughter, Lauren is in her first year at Cornell and intends to pursue a liberal arts education. Ithica, New York is a great campus and she will be taking a wide variety of interesting course offerings while meeting talented students from all over the country and world.

I haven't heard where Rachel, who is a high school senior, has decided to go. By the way, Chris referred a Park Tudor classmate of Lauren's, Clifford Hull, to Wabash. If you all know good young men who might be interested in Wabash College, please have them get in touch with Chip Timmons, Associate Director of Admissions at 765.361.6054 (timmonsc@wabash.edu), or refer a student online: <http://www.wabash.edu/alumni/student/refer>. You can reach Chris at: cbraun6@aol.com.

David Dingley: David and his wife were out in California this past year and visited me at Joseph Phelps Vineyards where they enjoyed a tasting on our beautiful terrace overlooking our estate vineyards. You can reach Dave at ddingley@swbell.net

Jay Want: Jay and his wife, Marti, and their three beautiful girls stopped by here in Sonoma when they were out in the Bay area for a wedding. We had a fun dinner together and heard about Jay's work and Marti's travels. Marti works for Columbia University and does HIV teaching and travels to Africa 3 - 4 times a year. She has been in Nigeria and Kenya in the past few years. You can reach Jay at: jaywant@pol.net.

Guys - just let me know when you are heading out to California and I will help set up some plans, including a visit to Phelps. In the past few years, I had had the pleasure of seeing David Welch; Jay Want and his family; John Hilbrich and his family (the entire family ...and they are all TALL and we all go back to high school days!); Chris Braun and his family; Peter Wright and his family; Michael Robak and his family including the canine contingent - they drove out from Chicago!; Kevin Benefiel and his wife, Julie; David Dingley and his wife; Dan Doster and his wife, Melody; David Hadley and his wife who were out visiting their son, Nathan, and daughter-in-law, Katy. Nathan is at UC - Davis, in a Ph.D. program in political science (like father; like son).

Financial News:

You can check out the current Honor Roll (www.wabash.edu/alumni/honorroll) to see who in the class has made a gift. If your name is not there (or the name of your best buddy in the class of 1981), you have until June 30th, 2008 to remedy the situation.

Follow these simple steps:

- 1) If you have already made a gift to Wabash between July 1, 2007 and today, skip to number "4" below.
- 2) If you have not made a gift this year, you may do so by doing any of the following:
 - a. Make a gift online at <https://www.wabash.edu/alumni/egift>;
 - b. Make a gift by phone by calling 877-743-4545.
 - c. Use any of the mailing envelopes you have received to mail in a donation, or, send in your donation to: Wabash College, Annual Giving, P.O. Box 352, Crawfordsville, IN 47933-0352.
- 3) Once you have done any of the actions described in 2) a., 2) b., or 2) c, skip to number "4" below.
- 4) **THANK YOU!**

Think critically, act responsibly, lead effectively, and live humanely...and give to Wabash College this year.

Yours in Wabash,

Stephen