

WABASH COLLEGE CLASS OF 2004



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Dear Classmates,

The end of the year is fast approaching for all of us. As we prepare for holiday vacations, students are (hopefully) studying for finals and finishing papers. Here's a *brief* rundown of some campus news:

The Wabash football team finished the season 8-2 with important wins against Allegheny on Homecoming and against DePauw to claim the Monon Bell, 23-20.

The Phi Gamma Delta fraternity dedicated their newly-renovated chapter house this October. In January, the Phi Psis will move into their renovated home which will be dedicated in February. Shortly thereafter, both houses will probably need more renovations.

If you have been following the news reported in *The Bachelor*, you would have read about the Hampden-Sydney/Wabash exchange. Four students from Wabash traveled to HSC over fall break to observe the campus culture with the hopes of learning more about another all-male institution. You can read more about this and other news in *The Bachelor* online each week in PDF format: www.bachelor.wabash.edu. Still included are Morillo cartoons and coupons for the Citgo Slushies.

The second annual WABASH Day was a continued success which involved more than 30 alumni groups across the country. WABASH Day is a project to encourage alumni and their families to work together on projects benefiting local communities. Influential in planning WABASH Day projects were classmates Roger Neal, Dustin DeNeal, David Johnson, and Jacob Pactor. I'm hoping many of you will consider participating in the 2007 WABASH Day in your local community.



The spring semester will begin on a positive note as Patrick White will be inaugurated as the 15th President of Wabash College. The Inauguration festivities will include events with students, faculty, staff, alumni, friends, and delegates from other colleges. The Inaugural theme, "In dreams begins responsibility," comes from a William B. Yeats poem which has set the tone for White's presidency. I am hoping you all get the opportunity to meet Pat and Chris White soon.

For a small community, Wabash has been forced to deal with the loss of a friend far too often. This month, the Wabash community celebrated the lives of two alumni who passed away recently. Many of us remember Mike Bachner '70 as the friendly face behind the counter of the Wabash bookstore. To some he was also a boss, mentor, or friend. Mike served the College for decades before passing away this November.

Mike's memorial service was certainly appropriate for the life he led. His daughter shared some of his own poetry, students read a piece written by Terry Tempest Williams about a shared experience on Sugar Creek, and his bookstore colleagues shared some light-hearted stories of daily interactions with Mike. Mike's presence on campus will certainly be missed.



Wabash also memorialized Ken Rudolph '05 with a ceremony to hang a painting in his honor. The painting, at left, is adapted from a photograph taken by Dr. Patrick Myers at a party following Ken's Commencement. Ken's friend, Kat Rohrbacher, saw the photo and immediately saw Ken in the symbolic presence of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, as represented by Jon Pactor '71, Mark Shreve '04, and Steven Myers (son of P-Myers). The painting now hangs in the Hays Alumni Center.

College Reminders

We encourage you to continually reconnect with the College. There are many ways in which you can become involved to help Wabash and current students. As we have said before, the Admissions Office welcomes student referrals to find the next class of Wabash men. The Office of Career Services would also welcome your assistance in mock interviews and career resources. Please contact Chip Timmons to assist the Admissions Office, timmonsc@wabash.edu, or contact Scott Crawford to assist with Career Services, crawfors@wabash.edu.

One of the most direct ways you can help Wabash students is with a gift to the Annual Fund. Annual Fund gifts maintain the College on a year-to-year basis and provide support for scholarships, student life, academic programs, and other College needs. ***For those of you who live in Indiana, you are eligible for a tax credit if you make a gift to the College by December 31.***

Many of the opportunities we had as students were a direct result from alumni gifts. It's now partially our responsibility to ensure those opportunities continue for other students. Visit the Wabash website to make a gift online or to learn more about the Annual Fund: www.wabash.edu/giving.

Classmate Updates

Brett Findley appeared in the *Indy Star* this November. The article featured Brett's duties as head coach for the Franklin High School swim teams. Check out the article online:

<http://www.indystar.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=2006611180350>



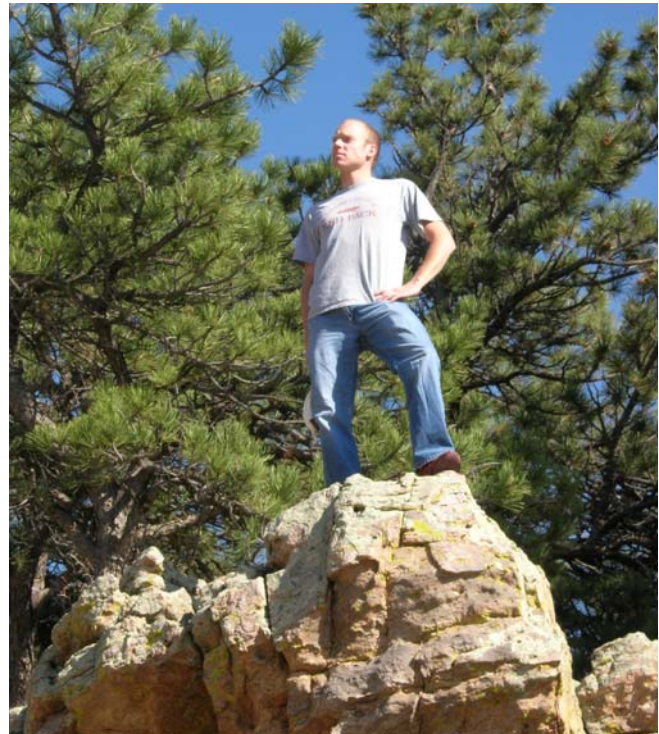
James Litton was married on November 11, 2006. Yes, you read correctly – married on the day of Monon Bell. At the very least he should not have trouble remembering his anniversary since it falls around one of the most important days of the year. Congratulations to James and Valorie!

Unfortunately, I have no pictures of the actual Litton wedding. At left, however, is a picture of the groomsmen listening to the Monon Bell game on radio before the ceremony.

Daniel Sweet has moved again and he sent a picture this time. Apparently he is living on a rock – a beautiful home, Daniel. His address is 727 Detroit Street, Denver, Colorado 80206, or by email: d.sweet3@gmail.com.

Jacob and I want to hear from more of you – where are you? how do you spend your days? can we live vicariously through you? For those of you in the Indianapolis area, we will be planning some events for the Class of 2004 – please contact one of us if you would like to attend.

Also, we would appreciate any feedback you have on these letters. We assume many of you check the Wabash website for campus news, which has allowed us to focus these letters on classmate updates. Please let us know what you would like to hear from us.



On behalf of our other class agent, Jacob Pactor, I wish you all the best during this holiday season. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

All the best,

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