

Wabash College Class of 2002



It has certainly been some time since our last letter. I recently had the pleasure to run into fellow classmate **Nick Guzik '02** in San Francisco, CA, where I was attending a conference and he was looking for a place to live for the next year. Nick just graduated from IU's MBA program and will be working there for Pfizer. As we enjoyed a few beers, I was reminded that I had gotten away from my responsibility of keeping our class well informed and connected. And there was no better time than now to share a short letter. As you may know, the end of the fiscal year is fast approaching, and I for one have put donation to the college on the back burner. As I read about all the things that Wabash is doing for its students, I realized that now is as good a time as any to make our donations. They have begun restoration on the athletic fields (see below). The college has continued its dedication to experiencing and learning abroad, as the immersion programs continue to be strong; the glee club completed a 2-week trip to Ecuador. Please enjoy a couple news stories and class updates.

Wabash Shines in The Princeton Review's College Guide

In addition to its top-10 rankings for the College's outstanding professors, The Princeton Review once again named Wabash a Best Buy selection in its annual college guide. Wabash ranked in the top-50 "Best Buys" among the 650 schools that qualified for the ranking. Last fall, the same publication gave Wabash an academic rating of 98 (out of 99) and ranked Wabash third nationally in the "Most Accessible Professors" category. Meanwhile, the online college guide Unigo (www.unigo.com), which gathers its information only from students, places Wabash first nationally in the "Most Committed Professors" category.

Baseball will compete next season in the grassy lot on the southwest side of the Allen Center. Formerly the site of practice football fields, the baseball stadium will include permanent seating, batting cages, bullpens, a press box, a concession and restroom complex, and new scoreboard.

Finally, the playing surface at Byron P. Hollett Little Giant Stadium will be upgraded from grass to synthetic turf.

The first phase of the project began Monday, as concrete was poured to build a bridge for bulldozers and heavy equipment to safely cross the J Owen Huntsman Outdoor Track. The machinery will be used to start plowing up the football field in preparation for the new turf field.

The improvements to the football field will be completed by August 1, just in time for Coach Erik Raeburn and the Little Giants to begin the 2010 campaign.

Construction of the baseball stadium is set to begin in several weeks and run through the fall.

Class notes

Congratulations to **Michael Charbonneau '02** who was named one of the “40 under 40” in the greater South Bend area. He is currently the manager of communication and public affairs, Northern Indiana Public Service Co. (NIPSCO).

His community involvement includes serving on the board of directors of the St. Joseph County Chamber of Commerce, the Warsaw/Kosciusko Chamber of Commerce, La Porte County United Way, Juvenile Justice Center/Central Academy, Family and Children’s Center Counseling and Development Services, and Starke United. He volunteers for the Center for the Homeless, serving on its Young Professionals Against Poverty committee and is a mentor at the Central Academy for the Juvenile Justice Center.

Doug Lukins '02 (doug.lukins02 - douglas.lukins@gmail.com):

I am getting married in June to Cheryl Young, a 2004 DePauw grad. We are living in Grand Rapids, Michigan while I finish my radiology residency. Following that, we will move to

Dean of the College Gary Phillips was honored by the Western Pennsylvania Association of Wabash Men as the 2010 "Man of the Year." The association's leader, **Eriks Janelsins '02**, introduced Dean Phillips at the dinner that celebrated his achievements.



Fundraising

Last year our class gave at a rate of 22%. We currently stand at about 19%. It is our goal to get this above last year's rate, and hopefully up to 25%. Please help us make this possible by going to www.wabash.edu and making your donation today!

Thanks

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