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Gentlemen of '62,

Spring training here in the desert is going strong, we have weathered some unusual cold and rainy weather, but now the sun is bright with temperatures back into the 80s with spikes of 90s. This is a great time for life here in our Valley of the Sun. Days are filled with sun, blue sky and most times a breeze from the west. Evening time becomes a perfect time for dining outside, and after sunset, lighting the fire pit whose warmth is just enough to take away the chill of a night under the stars. Not to ruin the mood, but we also live in the flight approach path to PHX Sky Harbor Airport, no real noise, just those glowing landing lights in the sky.

I received a note the other day indicating that a young man I had recommended for Wabash has been accepted into the class of 2017. Just received a text, he is on campus taking those scholarship exams. I am proud and shall continue to follow his college life. By the way, if you have not seen the new campaign to recruit young men for Wabash, you should visit the college website and see it. Well done, and a powerful message.

On the Wabash campus seniors have completed their comprehensives, and are now looking toward the end of this current chapter of their life. Within the Wabash community there have been a number of events of note. Before I share those items, please note that these letters are not the only method you may learn about Wabash and happenings for we Gentlemen of '62. Make use of these social media windows:

A blog (or "journal") for the sharing information of class members and longer articles about Wabash has been established. See it at: <http://thegentlemenof62.blogspot.com/>

A Facebook page allowing quick information, posting of notes, and link to fellow classmates is now online: <https://www.facebook.com/GentlemenOf62>. Along this line is news from the campus. The alumni board has also launched a "Like Wabash" challenge on Facebook with the goal of reaching 5,000 "Likes" on the official Facebook page of Wabash by Homecoming. If you use Facebook, have you "liked" the official page and that of your class? This will assure that you will remain a part of the conversation.

Make use of these two sites. My pledge to you is an effort to maintain the most current information about our class, college and items of general interest. I would also appreciate your current Email addresses. My thanks to those who responded to the last call for this information. Using the speed of social media, we (Wabash and I) can keep you abreast of current happens.



Now for those happenings: The College has announced the election of Dr. Gregory Hess as the 16th President of Wabash College. An expanded announcement is on both the Wabash website and our Gentlemen of '62 blog. Stephen S. Bowen, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Wabash College, announced today that Gregory D. Hess has been elected the 16th president of Wabash College.

"I am honored and privileged to lead an institution that transforms gentlemen into everyday heroes," Hess said upon accepting the position at the 900-student liberal arts college for men.

Regarding Fundraising - Did you know that 40% of Annual Fund donors in 2011-2012 gave less than \$100? Each donor who gives a participatory gift to the Annual Fund helps Wabash reach goals that do everything from raising our rankings among peer colleges to improving our chances for grant funding. We did a remarkable job with class participation in working toward our gift to Wabash. Let us maintain that commitment through the remaining four year cycle of that pledge. If you wish to add an amount for this year, or if you did not feel comfortable last year, but feel better this year, make that pledge to Wabash.

Trip to France - There are still openings for a Wabash Alumni trip, June 7-17, 2013, to Southern France and Paris! Join Professor of History Michelle Rhoades and Director of New Media Howard Hewitt on a 10-day trip to beautiful Montpellier and Paris.

The trip will kick off in Montpellier and the Languedoc wine region. Howard will lead visits to some of the area's top winemakers, taste their wines, and hear their stories. Another highlight is a day trip to Giverny, home of Claude Monet. We'll visit Monet's home and incredible gardens. Before leaving town we'll have lunch at a small restaurant in Giverny.

Our time in Paris will include a welcoming night dinner cruise down the Seine River enjoying the lights of Paris. Professor Rhoades will lead the group to the palace of Versailles, Louvre, and more. We have built in a good amount of free time in Paris on our final weekend.

The registration deadline is April 8, 2013. Write Howard Hewitt (hewitth@wabash.edu) with any questions or call him at [317-965-1715](tel:317-965-1715).

Class News: There are a couple of letters from classmates on the Gentlemen of '62 blog site. What is happening in your life? Send me a note, or give me a call. I'll be happy to share.