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Gentlemen:

Happy June...almost Summer! I wanted to get a short note out to all of you before the fiscal year ends, encouraging you to make a contribution to Wabash. Our class has traditionally been a leader in this area, not only in dollars given, but more importantly in % of class members participating. Anything you can contribute is extremely helpful and appreciated by the College. As best I can observe, Wabash is continuing to be competitive and up to date with these changing times, providing continuous, contemporary programs to meet the needs of today's students. Take a look at a couple of news items from the latest Board of Trustees meeting:

From the Minutes of the Latest Board of Trustees Meeting

General News: "In conjunction with the Board meeting, Trustees attended a special session focused on the College's Liberal Arts Plus Initiatives — Center for Innovation, Business, and Entrepreneurship, Democracy and Public Discourse, Digital Arts and Human Values, and Global Health. These exciting new programs, which are open to all students regardless of major, combine the traditional liberal arts with co-curricular activities, including internships, community involvement, immersive experiences, and various creative and exploratory activities. These initiatives will broaden the academic experience of our students and deepen their personal narratives."

Building and Grounds "Two 12-bed townhomes will be available for students this fall, and two halls and two lodges will be completed later in the academic year. Trustee Jay Williams '66 is leading an intensive effort to renovate Martindale Hall. Design work (with input from the entire campus community) is underway, and the actual renovation work is expected to begin in January or February of 2016. The College is pursuing plans to develop a new wrestling

practice pavilion (connected to the Collett Tennis Center) to accommodate the increased roster size of the wrestling team, which now exceeds by three times the capacity of the wrestling practice room in the Allen Center.”

Pretty impressive stuff, I believe. To stay both competitive and contemporary, and true to your heritage is not always easy. I think Wabash is a true, Liberal Arts leader in this area.

You can do your part by contributing something, anything...to the Annual Fund, (by June 30th) to help make sure these programs continue.

You, the famous Class of '72, can make gifts in three easy ways:

- a. Online at www.wabash.edu/egift
- b. By phone at [877-743-4545](tel:877-743-4545)
- c. By mail to:
Wabash College
Annual Giving
PO Box 352
Crawfordsville, IN 47933

Thanks in advance for anything you can do. I'll send out a report of our giving shortly after the fiscal year ends June 30th.

Email Addresses By the way, I've learned that some of you never seem to receive my class letters, or know classmates who never receive them. Obviously if you are reading this, you received it. But, if you know someone from our class who never gets letters, please let me know their email address, and I'll make sure the College has it. (Sometimes, these letters show up in the "Promotions" or "Social" sections of your emails...so check both!) Thanks

News From '72

Received a very nice email from **Kerry Wilson**: "My career in medical device development has been good to me as I have been involved in over a dozen of them getting to commercial use and several have been in the marketplace for over 20 years. Not as gratifying as my 5 grandchildren but they bring a smile to my face, too. I started and ended my entrepreneurial urges with a new business for 6 nearly six years but it ended in wispy and wet smoke. But what I learned about startups strengthened my future as I applied what I learned to another venture (not mine) that eventually was sold at 7 times the investment (not mine either) but helped get a nest egg started. Today I have my own company again, Springboard Engineering Solutions LLC (www.springboardengineers.com) that will be the last hurrah before retirement. We do first viable prototyping and product design for startups and mature companies. We use interns from Notre Dame to do most of the design and CAD work (we have 8 on the payroll this school year). Another part of the business is contracted to the Office of the Vice-

President of Research at the University of Notre Dame to assist them in commercializing the intellectual property derived from government-sponsored research (mostly NSF and NIH). It's nice to see our tax dollars actually go into improving the world we live in! It is a tough sell but not impossible. So this is getting a little windy so I should stop. I did bring in a little Wabash legacy as my son, Roscoe, graduated from Wabash ('97) but alas, he had two daughters (oh vey). He is now a full professor (Fine Art, painting and sculpture) at the Miami University (Ohio). We are going to retire with an east to west migration instead north to south. My daughter lives in Tulsa (our winter- 3 grandkids) and then Ohio in the summer. At least that is my project management plan and we all know how well those go! Gloria (43 years) and I wish you and your extended family (and Wabash Class of '72) health and safety..."

From Hugh McClelland: "Linda and I are blessed with good health and have eased into retirement. Our two Wabash sons (Hugh 2001) and Colin (2006) are married to terrific women (Terri and Emily) with 3 wonderful grandchildren to date: Picchu (3), Beryl (2) and Hamilton (10 months, class of 2036)."

Don Shelbourne has moved his downtown (Indy) [Shelbourne Knee Center](#) to the [Community Westview Hospital Campus](#), located on the west side of Indianapolis, later this spring. Shelbourne Knee Center, established in 2004, is Indiana's only dedicated knee center and includes clinic, surgery, physical therapy and a research department.

After Wabash, Don received his medical degree and completed his orthopedic residency at Indiana University Medical School, and completed a Sports Medicine Fellowship at the University of Wisconsin. He is currently a member of the Board of Trustees at Wabash College.

Tom Runge, Class of '71 (in the Alumni and Parent Relations Office), received a nice email from **Bruce McGar**, in response to some news about the Wabash Lacrosse team. Tom shared the letter with me:

"Enjoyed your post about the lacrosse team. You are an extremely lucky gentleman. You have seen the birth of two varsity sports at Wabash, soccer in 1967 and lacrosse 2015. I had the privilege of playing on the 1968 – 1970 teams. The only victory in the first four years was at DePauw on homecoming weekend in 1969. (the stats for soccer is incorrect – it has us losing that game)

My high school had a very good lacrosse team and I enjoyed watching the games even though I was never sure what the rules were. I gave consideration to trying out for the JV team, but decided that running the 440 was less painful. I am proud of what the (Wabash) team has accomplished this year and I am proud of the administration for giving those young men an avenue to compete in a sport they feel passionate about."

Finally, from me (**Rick**), in case you are interested, I continue teaching Business and all things Marketing at North Central College in Naperville, Illinois. It's a great liberal arts College. Coincidentally, Andy Ford was a consultant to their President a few years ago after Andy retired as President from Wabash. I have a ½ time Adjunct Professor contract with them, which will hopefully be renewed annually. I also teach a course here and there at Elmhurst College. Teaching is a wonderfully rewarding "2nd career" for me. I love it. As long as I can "walk and talk" at the same time, I hope to continue this. Isn't it interesting how many of us are either working a bit longer in our current careers, or adding 2nd careers after we get tired of the first one (my case)...

Ok, that's it for now...
Have a good Summer!

Please email me with any news you have about yourself, or others from the great Class of '72. Contact me at: rwfobes@gmail.com

All the best,
Rick