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Gentlemen:

Happy May... At least in the western suburbs of Chicago, it's finally feeling like Spring/Summer...What a long, strange few months, weather-wise, since January!!

I sincerely hope all of you and your families are doing well. I want to start by apologizing for the *long gap in letters* from me since last year...No good excuse. I will be better moving forward! As with many of you, I've been trying to solidify that "second career" after spending 30+ years on the Ad Agency business. (I'm still doing some teaching at a number of Chicago area Colleges). I know many of you are either contemplating retiring from your current career, or looking to work longer than expected, or looking to change careers as we head into our mid-60's! Interesting time isn't it!! Thank heaven for our families, kids, grandkids, etc...

Let me start by saying that I would love to get a short email or letter from you in the next month telling me, and then all of us how you are doing and coping with this time in our lives. I think it would be of great interest to everyone.

Here's how to contact me: I have yet another ***New Address***:

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Email is: [rwfobes@gmail.com](mailto:rwfobes@gmail.com). Phone is (the same) **312-590-3393**.

PLEASE send me a short note/message. I'm positive that your fellow Class of '72 folks would love to hear about you. I have not been good about getting info out since our great Big Bash last year...help me get up to speed with everyone! I promise I'll get your news/status out quickly after I get it from you.  
Thanks....

## News from the College

### **16<sup>th</sup> President of Wabash College**

As most of you know, Wabash has a new President, **Dr. Gregory Hess**. He becomes the 16<sup>th</sup> President of the College, replacing Pat White who served as President with distinction for the past 7 years. Dr. Hess comes from Claremont McKenna College in California, where he was Dean of Faculty and VP Academic Affairs...He has a very impressive list of credentials and I'm sure will do a great job at Wabash.

**A few words about Pat White:** Pat did a wonderful job at Wabash during his 7 years. As you might recall, he came in replacing Andy Ford at a very difficult economic time for the country, and led our College through the terrible downturn in the late 2000's. His leadership in developing and finalizing the College's Strategic Plan, plus his huge success with the Challenge of Excellence fund initiative (during extremely tough times) was stellar. He and his wonderful wife, Chris will be missed. Pat becomes the interim President of Millikin University on July 1<sup>st</sup>.

I had the pleasure of getting to know Pat when I was just finishing my time on the NAWM Board. He was a great resource for me. Last Winter I attended a wonderful "Farewell/Congratulations" reception for Chris and Pat in Chicago. Many Chicago area alumni, plus College folks attended. Jim "Killer" Kilbane, Wabash Class of '84, was the "MC" for the evening, and did a great job! Lots of warm feelings for the Pat and Chris, and Wabash were displayed that night. He will be missed.

### **Alumni Referrals**

Many of you over the years have referred potential students to Wabash. The success rate of students who came to Wabash via referrals is very strong. If you know a high school student who you feel would do great at Wabash, let the College know. You can go to the Wabash website (Wabash.edu) Alumni page, to the Refer a Student section. It will show you ways of doing this. Helping our College in recruiting good students for the future is more important than ever.

### **Wabash - Best Value**

The *Princeton Review* recently cited Wabash as one of the best "Value" colleges in the Midwest, saying: "Wabash provides an unparalleled liberal arts education that prepares graduates for successful lives and careers." I could not have said it better!

### **Annual Giving**

It's that time to mention that if you haven't contributed in some way financially to Wabash this fiscal year, now is the time. Your gifts, whatever size, make a huge difference to the College. Our Class over the years has done a stellar job in % alumni giving.

You have until June 30<sup>th</sup>. To give:

-- Go to [www.wabash.edu/gift](http://www.wabash.edu/gift)

-- Call 877-743-4545

-- Mail to: Alumni Giving, Wabash, PO Box 352, Crawfordsville, 47933.

I'm proud to say that many of you have already given something financially this fiscal year to Wabash. I'm going to list your last names. Thanks to all of you!!! If your name is NOT on the list, please consider sending something to Wabash prior to June 30<sup>th</sup>...My name is not on the list, but it will be in about 8 hours!!!

### **Class of '72 Contributors to the FY'13 Annual Fund (So Far):**

Avant, Badgley, Barnes, Baxter, Birney, Boner, Bowerman, Brammell, Bridge, Buktenica, Butler (D), Butler (F), Cameron, Campbell, Chambers, Chillson, Cinotti, Cole, Custer, Daniels, Dean, Degitz, Dreyer, Ebert, Failey, Goff, Grube, Hambidge, Hammond, Hansen, Howard, Hurd, Hussey, Kenley, Klemmt, Kurth, Lehman, Leonard, Loftus, McClelland, McGar, McQuillan, McShane, Myers, Nielsen, Ottinger, Pulver, Ransom, Ristine, Russell, Schell, Shelbourne, Simpson, Smith, Spitler, Vahey, Van Deursen, Weichbrodt, Welter, Weston, Wetzel, Wilson (K), Wilson (B), Yeazell, York, Zavesky.

**Thanks to all the above.** Love to get an email/letter from all of you telling me how you are doing, and/or why you gave to Wabash. If your name is not on the list (like mine!), you have until June 30<sup>th</sup>. I'll include your name in my next letter! Thanks to all. **We have a great class!**

Wanted to acknowledge that **Greg Castanias**, Class of '87, is finishing up his term as President of the NAWM. Having served that position a few years ago, I know it's a big job, and Greg really took charge and made some positive contributions to the NAWM and to the College. Congratulations, Greg! Taking over as the new President is Greg Estell, '85, a very active member, I hear, in the Indianapolis Association of Wabash Men...

### **News From Class of '72**

I attended a great reception and dinner in Chicago late last year in honor of **Bob Ivancevich** and his wife Susan's many years of marriage. (40, I believe!). A great reception at Ivan's place in Chicago, followed by dinner at a nice, classy restaurant. The party was organized by Ivan himself (and Sue). Many, many people there, including **Pierce Klemmt**, **John Failey** and Paul **Gojkovich** from our Class of '72, and their lovely wives. Also there was **Charles Rudesill**, Class of '73, a long standing friend of Ivan and Sue's, plus Ivan's family, including his son, **Nik**, Class of '03, who is a biomedical engineer for Seimens Worldwide Imaging (He's got a PHD!).

I've been driving from Chicago down to Indy a few times, meeting up with **Don Lawton**, as we once again are putting our High School Rock Band together (originally called "The Thundermen") to play for our 45<sup>th</sup> High School Reunion in Indy this summer! Can you believe it??? Four of the original band members are back, plus we've added 3 other close friends from that era to round out the band...What a blast. Don is looking younger than ever, still practicing Dentistry, plus involved in many fellowship programs all over the world, along with his wife Molly and son, Samuel...

That's all for now...**PLEASE** Email me with news, updates, gripes...whatever!  
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Have a Great Summer!

Rick