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Greetings Classmates!

It's still in the first month of Fall 2009, but the trees in central Indiana are rapidly changing colors due to an unusually early chill in the air. So, naturally I'm looking forward to seeing the Arboretum this Saturday when I venture to campus to watch a pair of 5-0 unbeaten – Wabash and Wittenberg – battle for supremacy of the North Coast Athletic Conference. If you can't make it to Crawfordsville for this showdown (1 p.m. EDT), watch it online at www.wabash.edu/kane/realaudio.

Big Bash 2010 Update

Hard to believe but it's just eight months until our 30th class reunion at the 2010 Big Bash, scheduled for June 4-6, 2010 in Crawfordsville. By now, you should have received a couple mailers (postcards) from the College, including one that asks you to update your Big Bash profile. Please do so at your earliest convenience.

We've got plenty of work to do to ensure that this reunion is successful and one to be remembered. At this point, we're still looking for classmates who are interested in contacting their independent or fraternity brethren. We need representatives from Martindale, Wolcott-Morris, Beta, Sigma Chi, Phi Psi and Delta. And, we still need a chairman for overall reunion oversight and a gift chairman, who will work with the college's advancement team to encourage gifts from our classmates. We've got a lot of work to do on the latter – some of the Big Bash gifts to the College from other classes have been very impressive.

If you are interested in attending and/or helping out with the 2010 Big Bash, please let me know. I can be reached at jmiller44@indy.rr.com or at (317) 769-4857.

Annual Fund Drive

A special tip of the Wabash pod goes out to the 48 of you who contributed to the Annual Fund in 2009. The Honor Roll includes: **Paul Atkenson, Dan Bohn, Bob Cebul, Bruce Cook, Brian Dickson, John Dolatowski, George Efstathiadis, Brent Fulton, John Gilbert, Bill Goebel, Hugh Goodman, Tim Grimm, Mike Gullifor, Tom Hastings, Doug Highsmith, Dave Hollowell, Curt Keller, Tim Kennedy, Larry Klee, Alex Klefeker, Mike Lambert, Chris Lanane, Mike Maddox, John Maxstadt, Emmett McAuliffe, Jim McCleneghen, Mark Merkle, Jim Miller, Tom Minogue, Todd Moore, Eugene Mszar, Duane Murphy, Dave Olsen, Larry Palmer, Mike Perkins, Charlie Pockras, Jim Renshaw, Al Rhee, John Ritter, Doug Rogers, Greg Rose, Ron Rychlak, Jim Schultheis, Dave Stein, Ross Strodel, Gordon Thrall, Bill Tutwiler, and Clayton Whitney.**

The 2010 Annual Fund drive is underway, and there's no better time to give to the College. And it's easy:

Online at: www.wabash.edu/alumni/egift
By phone at: (877) 743-4545
By mail to: Wabash College Annual Fund
Hays Alumni Center
P.O. Box 352
Crawfordsville, IN 47933-0352

And, always remember, any gift is better than no gift at all. Any amount – no matter how small – counts as an alumni contribution and is important to the College's future.

Tidbits about Our Class & College

Some news from our class and the College

Tom Hastings , Curt Keller, Ken Williams and I attended the recent Wabash Volunteer Forum on campus. I had a chance to talk with Ken during the Forum and have been in communication with Curt about setting up social networking for the Big Bash. Tom (Kappa Sig), Ken (TKE) and Curt (Lambda Chi) have all indicated their interest in helping contact their respective fraternity mates, as have **John Reuter** (Phi Delt) and **Mark Merkle** (Fiji), so you may be hearing from them in the not-too-distant future.

Ross Strodel must follow the Little Giants online. He e-mailed in his best wishes from Chester, Virginia, during the October 10th game with Washington University of St. Louis, won by Wabash 31-12.

The College welcomed 250 new freshmen this fall, including 44 freshmen or 18% of the Class of 2013 with some Wabash legacy.

One of the best ways you can help Wabash is to refer potential students at: www.wabash.edu/alumni/student/refer. I just recommended three juniors from our local high school, and it took a total of five minutes to send those online.

The Princeton Review recently ranked Wabash as one of the top 10 schools where students pack the stadium. Wabash was the only non-Division I school to be so ranked. *The Princeton Review* concluded its review of Wabash with “. . . All agree that a Wabash education is top-notch, with a strong liberal arts focus that ‘educates men to think critically, act responsibly, lead effectively and live humanely.’”

Upcoming Wabash alumni events (hopefully in or near your area) are as follows:

- St. Joseph Valley Association of Wabash Men will meet at 12 noon on October 13 and November 10 at Bruno's Pizza, 119 North Dixie Way in Roseland.
- The next monthly luncheon for the St. Louis association will be October 20 at 12 noon at OB Clark's, located at 1921 South Brentwood Boulevard.
- The Lafayette (Ind.) association of Wabash Men will meet at 12 noon on October 29 and November 12 at the Lafayette Brewery Company, 622 Main Street in Lafayette.
- An alumni/student/employer networking dinner will be held November 2 at 7 p.m. in the Detchon Center.
- The 5th Annual Indianapolis Student/Alumni Networking Event will be November 5 from 6-8 p.m. at Barnes & Thornburg law firm in downtown Indianapolis.
- The 2009 Monon Bell Stag is set for November 12 at 5:45 p.m. at The Marriott Hotel in downtown Indianapolis. Former Little Giant quarterback Jake Knott ('03) will be Wabash's Rooster, and Jon Pactor ('71) will receive the *Spirit of the Monon Bell Award*.
- The next Evansville AWM monthly breakfast will be November 13 (7 a.m.) at Cracker Barrel, 8215 Eagle Lake Drive in Evansville.

- The WPAWCM (Pittsburgh) will meet November 13 at 12 noon at Soho, located by PNC Park in Pittsburgh.
- The 116th Monon Bell Classic will kick off at 1:05 p.m. EDT on November 14 from Blackstock Stadium in Greencastle.

Information on all of these and future events can be accessed on the Wabash Events Calendar at www.wabash.edu/calendar.

As a reminder, in preparation for the Big Bash 2010, I'll continue to send out monthly reminders, updates, etc. on the reunion and the College overall. Until our next communiqué

Yours in Wabash,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "JIM".

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