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The end of this calendar year draws near Wabash has completed the first semester of the term of our college's new President, Gregory D. Hess. President Hess arrived at Wabash this summer after serving as the Dean of the Faculty and Vice President of Academic Affairs at Claremont McKenna College in California. I have had the opportunity to meet President Hess and to hear him ring in the Class of 2017 on Freshman Saturday and then again when he spoke to the Class Agents at Homecoming. My sense is he really understands Wabash. He has some interesting ideas about expansion opportunities for Wabash that I look forward to reporting on in future letters. It is especially interesting to hear in his speaking his background and experience as an economist. We are fortunate to have him join us.

At this year's very early Homecoming Celebration (at least a week earlier than some planned for) one of our very own classmates, Jeff Been, was recognized for his service to the College and its students. Jeff was recognized at the Alumni Chapel as a Distinguished Alumnus for his work with Career Services. More specifically, Jeff was honored for his work providing opportunities for Wabash students to intern at Legal Services of Eastern Kentucky, which Jeff leads. Here is a photo of Jeff with President Hess.



Before the start of the semester, classmate Curt Schmitt was featured in the Spring 2013 edition of the Wabash Magazine in an article entitled "A Fulfilling Life." If you have not had the opportunity to read the article, and cannot find your copy at home, it is online at http://www.wabash.edu/magazine/.

New Wabash Website & Recruiting

Wabash has a newly redesigned website that among other things has been designed to work well with the new marketing campaign <u>http://www.wabash.edu</u>. When prospective students hear about Wabash and want to learn more, I expect one of the first things they do is go to the College website. I think the website redesign looks terrific and should do a great job of providing prospective students with a lot of appealing information about the Wabash experience.

You can get serious about the admissions effort. Here is a link to the Admissions page <u>https://www.wabash.edu/admissions/</u>. Even better here is the link to the page that you can use to refer a student to Wabash by submitting whatever information you have about a prospective student to Wabash <u>http://www.wabash.edu/alumni/student/refer</u>. It is both simple to refer a student to Wabash and vital to the future of the College.

Sports

This year, for the first time, the National Association of Wabash Men, recognized teams for the Athletics Hall of Fame. Some of the teams inducted had classmates and guys we went to school with on their rosters, 1977 Football, 1980-1981 Wrestling, 1981-1982 Basketball and 1982 Football. These teams and others were inducted at a dinner on the Friday night of Homecoming. Below is a picture of classmates Chris Braun and Pete Schiavone, who played on the 1977 Football team (which as shown in the newspaper lost the incredible championship game to Widener) (Pete was a double inductee as he was also a member of the 81-82 wrestling team).



It has been a good sports semester for current teams. Wabash kept the Monon Bell for the 5th year in the row (I think that last time that happened is when we were undergrads). The football team only lost once (to Wittenberg at Wabash) but did not get a playoff spot despite a great season (not unlike what happened during our three years after our freshman year trip to the Stagg Bowl). Wabash beat Calvin College for the Regional Cross Country which was the first time in 17 years that Calvin lost the Regional (of course, 17 years ago it was Wabash that beat them). The cross country team earned a trip to the National Championships for the fourth consecutive year.

Honor Roll For 2013 - 2014

At this time of year gift giving (and maybe a bit of panicked last minute gift shopping and wrapping) is a frequent topic of conversation and thought. Wabash's 2013-2014 online honor roll recognizes gifts to the College between July 1, 2013 and June 30, 2014.

If you are an end of the calendar year donor, you can go here to make your gift online and add your name to the Honor Roll https://www.wabash.edu/giving/give.

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A Gift For You - Spread the Fame of Her Honored Name

At this time of the year wherever you go, you can show your Wabash pride! Send Wabash your business card and they will affix your card to a luggage tag, attach a strap, and send it back ready to use. You can send your business card to the College at any time or include it with your next gift. Business cards can be mailed to:

Wabash College Advancement Office-Luggage Tag P.O. Box 352 Crawfordsville, IN 47933

They would prefer to have your business card; however, if you don't have a business card or want to use a different address, you can request to have Wabash create a customized luggage tag for you <u>here</u>.

Best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year!