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Dear 49ers,

I attended the Class Agent Forum this past weekend, and I left with the feeling that Wabash is on track to continue to provide a young man a wonderful educational experience, with an excellent faculty and first class facilities. Recently, *U.S. News and World Report* ranked Wabash in the top tier of Liberal Arts Colleges. This has been the 4th straight year Wabash has been ranked among the top 50 National Liberal Arts Colleges. I think this verifies Wabash is still striving for a spirit of excellence.

Also, this weekend, Tom Hays '55, Chairman of the (successful) Campaign for Leadership, was honored by having the new $30 million biology and chemistry building named the "Hays Hall". Tom hails from Wabash, Indiana, and has been quite successful in the business world, retiring in 1996 as the Deputy Chairman of May Department Stores. His first gift to Wabash was for $15; so far he has given more than a million dollars.

**Some Little Giant!**

To top off this weekend - Wabash played Washington University (St. Louis). The report was Washington was bigger, more experienced and speedier. The first quarter looked bad for Wabash, 10-3. We changed quarterbacks in the second quarter and it was a new ball game. Final score was Wabash 21 - Washington 10, giving Wabash a record of 2 - 0. One of Wabash's outstanding running backs, Aaron Lafitte '07, did not play because of an injury. Coach Creighton thinks they will be even better next year, since approximately one third of the team are freshmen. We will see.
Dean Tom Bambrey, ’68, reported all 250 freshmen are still on campus. Usually a few quit for various reasons.

The Annual Fund (GWF) finished 2003-04 at $2,664,806 with 3,865 donors. The goal for 2004-05 Annual Fund is $3,000,000; 4,400 donors with 46% of the Alumni participating. The Annual Fund is critical to the College:

1. Provides scholarships
2. Helps with upkeep of the buildings and grounds
3. Provides salaries for faculty and staff

**November 13th is the Monon Bell game at Wabash.** This is the 111th Bell Game. Wabash will attempt to make it four straight wins. It will be available this year nationwide via Direct TV. Make your plans now to attend or join a DePauw-Wabash Monon Bell party near you.

**Homecoming is October 1 and 2.** This will be a special weekend. The rededication of Goodrich Hall (pictures below) as well as the conclusion of the successful Campaign for Leadership of $136,121,922, plus watching Wabash Football against Ohio Wesleyan University. Hope to see many of you there.

Remember to be on the look out for that young man for Wabash and let Steve Klein know. Again, hope to see you Homecoming Weekend, October 1 and 2. Meantime, let me hear from you.

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