Gentlemen:

Hope this letter finds you enjoying a leisurely summer afternoon or evening, or at least with a few minutes to spare to read this update. Hard as it is to believe, our five-year reunion has come and gone. Stories and photos from the inaugural Big Bash can be found at http://www.wabash.edu/alumni/. Aman was in attendance and provides this prospective from our classes festivities:

What’s up class? The event was a lot of fun… but attendance from ’99 was pretty low. We had only a handful of people able to attend. The event was highlighted by a $3.5 Million donation from the class of ’54. Hopefully we’ll see a better turn out 5 years from now. The first annual alumni chapel sing was held as well—each class stood on the chapel steps and sang Old Wabash. As you can imagine many of the older classes had some great renditions. During a long break, quite a few of us headed over to Tommy’s. We were sad to see they were closed…but they were easily convinced to open for business to please a few Alums.

Mark your calendars now for Homecoming on October 2nd and Monon Bell on November 13th. The Bell game will be aired nationally on DirectTV.

Random Wabash News
My father-in-law called me a few weeks ago to tell us that he had noticed Rupert from the deli wearing a Wabash College shirt on the Late Show (I think it was 6/22 for anyone who might be TiVo savvy). After some investigation for his website dedicated to Wabash and frivolity, the Daily Pummel (www.dailypummel.com), fellow class agent Parker Lyons ’97 managed to get the following reply from the Late Show regular:

I regret to advise that I have no affiliation with Wabash. A few years ago, a student from your school came by the deli after seeing me wear a Long Horns tee shirt and asked if I could wear a tee from his school. Somehow over the years lost the tee shirt until this year when I found it in my closet (I’m pretty sloppy). I don’t know the kids name but I remember him as being a real nice kid. So, to make up for lost time I decided to wear it on a day where I had a pretty good chance of being shot. Take care and have a great summer!!

Rupert
The Seventh Circuit's Judge Evans mentions Wabash (Little Giants) in a newly issued opinion. Click the following link to read the complete opinion written for the case of Crue v. Aiken involving the University of Illinois and "Chief Illiniwek." 
http://www.ca7.uscourts.gov/op3.fwx?submit1=showop&caseno=02-3627.PDF

GWF

The $132.5 million goal is now a distant memory as The Campaign for Leadership has pushed past the goal by almost $4 million. The fiscal year for the GWF ended June 30\textsuperscript{th} and a few more donors from our class snuck in under the wire. As always, it’s all about the number of people in our class that donate. About 20\% of our class gave to the college this year, which isn’t bad, but leaves plenty of room for improvement. If you want to get your gift in early this year you can do so by mailing a check to the GWF at PO Box 352 Crawfordsville, IN 47933, by calling 877-743-4545, or by going online at www.wabash.edu/giving. Thanks again to everyone who has given this year:

Aman Brar       Josh Hogan       Nick Prihoda
Matt Buche      Bill Hoover     Nathan Reising
Bob Byrn        Jeremy Hopkinson Adam Salon
Matt Campbell   Jacob Isaacs    Scott Schroeder
Mark Cevallos   Josh Kline     Frank Serge
Shawn Clawson   Albert Kovacs   Chad Spreen
Dave Coates     Andrew Krempp   Jason Starkey
Chris Cotterill Gyanu Lamichhane Josh Twombley
Mike Dudley     James Mann     Rob Vass
Jack Fenimore   Steve Mathys   Rob Walker
John Festa      Jim McCall     Marc Welch
Brandon Gall    Jim McHugh     Evan West
Bajorn Gaylord  Scott Mickey   Ben Whithouse
Chris Gegg      Wes Morrison   Matt Whitmire
Kevin Henze     Derek Nelson   Ryan Will
Craig Higgs     Mike Pierce

Admissions

For the sixth consecutive year we have filled the class. President Ford rang 249 young men in earlier this month. Close to 42\% of the incoming freshmen were referred by an alumnus. This is truly a remarkable statistic--unmatched at any other institution. With that success in mind, now is prime time to refer students for the class of 2009. Remember, many of the top rising seniors are formulating their list of schools to apply to this summer. We want to do everything possible to make sure Wabash is on their lists. Keep an eye out in your local newspapers, churches, high schools, etc. You can do so with one of the gray cards or online at www.wabash.edu/alumni/home.cfm?pages_id=63 or at Box 352 Crawfordsville, IN 47933, or by calling 800-345-5385.
Sports
When Olmy Olmstead '04 came to Wabash, he never thought that his kicking shoe would wind up in the NCAA's Hall of Champions. But the unconventional straight-ahead kicker for the Wabash College football team and the square-toed kicking shoe that set the Little Giants' record for extra points in a season earned a spot in an educational display at the Hall in Indianapolis.

Jason Hutchison has been named as the new tennis coach. He is a Crawfordsville native and played collegiate tennis at Western Illinois University where he was the team captain. Prior to joining the Little Giant coaching staff he was a coach for the USPTA.

The football team continues to recruit well at home. Eight incoming freshman participated in the North-South All-Star Classic.

Notes
To submit a class note, return a “Where Are They Now?” form, drop me an email at chiggs@siumed.edu, or log into the Alumni e-services at www.wabash.edu/alumni. Remember the more notes you send, the less of my drivel you have to read.

Dave Bowen is back from London, England and is now living and working in Chicago.

John and Bridge Duckhorn are celebrating their first wedding anniversary in July and are expecting their first child in July. Both are working as teachers in the Chicago area.

Ryan Holmes writes, “I was married to Tobie Raber on June 11 at Bavaro Beach in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic. Wabash Men in attendance were her brother Zach Raber ’98, Tommy Lustina ’99, and Dave Sharp ’00. Needless to say, Wabash was well represented at our resort’s swim up bar during our stay in the Dominican. I am a general dentist in private practice at Three Rivers Family Dentistry in Fort Wayne, IN.

Rob Walker writes, “I graduated from the University of Illinois College of Medicine with an M.D. and an M.P.H. in May. I have since been busy moving to Danville, PA to start my radiology residency at Geisinger Hospital. My wife Lisa and children Robert and Lauryn are doing well and adjusting to the many changes.”

Ryan Will writes “I too have survived my first year of residency in mostly one piece. I am also engaged to a girl I met overseas in Scotland, Anne-Marie Badenhorst. The date will be 12/30/04 in Chicago, IL. We have also purchased our first house. It has been quite a year of change.”
Matt Zopel graduated from the University of Illinois College of Medicine at Chicago this spring and got married shortly thereafter. He just started his residency in Emergency Medicine in Peoria, IL.

Hope to see a lot of you at Homecoming this fall.

Yours in Wabash,

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P.S. This message is from the College.

Goodrich Hall Re-dedication
Saturday, October 2, 2004

9:00 - 10:00 am  Open House at Goodrich Hall
Tours of the building by Sons of Wabash
Posters and/or presentations by physics and math/computer science students
Drop-in reception with emeritus physics and math/computer science faculty in the Carscallen Commons Room

10:00 - 10:45 am  Goodrich Hall Re-dedication ceremony outside north side of Goodrich Hall
Remarks by President Andrew Ford, Dr. Paul Mielke, Dr. Vic Powell and Dean Mauri Ditzler
Ribbon cutting ceremony