Greetings, classmates. Better late than never, huh? Sorry for the long lapse between letters, but things have been a little hectic here. Aren’t these the times when the pace is supposed to wind down a touch? Some news from the ’Bash.

**President Ford to Step Down:** Wabash’s 14th President, Andrew Ford, has announced to the Board of Trustees that he will be stepping down from the presidency at the end of the 2005-2006 school year. Andy is regarded by many as one of the most effective presidents in the school’s history. He became president in 1993, on the heels of a divisive study on co-education. Since then, the enrollment has stabilized, the endowment has doubled and the physical landscape at the college has changed dramatically. During his tenure, Wabash completed the largest fund raising campaign in school history. The Campaign for Leadership, which concluded in June of 2004, garnered $136 million in gifts and pledges, far exceeding its original goal of $100 million. President Ford also secured the largest single gift in Wabash history, the $20.8 million grant from Lilly Endowment for the Center of Inquiry in the Liberal Arts. I had the good fortune of interacting with Andy many times over the last decade, and in my mind, he is without doubt one of the most ardent, unwavering supporters of Wabash and its mission that I have ever met. The college will miss him.

**Ditzler Named President of Monmouth College:** Mauri Ditzler ’75 was recently named 13th President of Monmouth College in Monmouth, IL. Mauri will be replaced as Dean of the College, on an interim basis, by retired religion professor, Raymond Williams H’68.

**May 15 Marked 167th Commencement Ceremony, Class of 2006 Nearly Full:** On May 15, Wabash held its 167th Commencement Ceremony when, in keeping with tradition, President Ford “rang out” 163 graduating seniors. As these seniors leave, the Class of 2009 is almost full, with 256 students having committed to Wabash. Thanks to any of you who played a part in recruiting these students. To refer a student online, please visit [http://www.wabash.edu/alumni/refer](http://www.wabash.edu/alumni/refer). If you are trying to persuade a young student to attend Wabash, the following “Top Ten” list might be helpful:

1. Top Tier National Liberal Arts College – *US News & World Report*
2. Top Ten Rankings in the Princeton Review
   - Best Overall Experience for Undergraduates
   - Where students never stop studying
   - Professors bring materials to life
   - Professors make themselves available
   - Students are happy with financial aid
3. One of 40 schools described in Loren Pope’s *Colleges That Change Lives*
4. 97% of faculty has PhD’s. No TA’s at Wabash
5. 50% of our students participate in an off-campus study program
6. 85% acceptance rate to medical school
7. 95% acceptance rate to law school
8. 1 in 8 Wabash grads has the title of CEO, president or Chairman
9. 44% percent of student body plays varsity sports
10. 13% of Wabash grads have PhD’s

**Speaking of Top Ten Lists:**

Top Ten Classes in Number of Donors to Annual Fund

1983 – 84  
1965 – 79  
1969 – 78  
1966 – 76  
1971 – 73  
1991 – 72  
1968 – 71  
1967 – 71  
1979 – 68  
1961 – 68

At the time of this newsletter and with the end of the fiscal year being June 30th, the class of 1973 has 61 donors. Let’s make it our goal to crack this very important Top Ten list by the end of June. Two simple ways to participate are to make a pledge online by visiting [https://www.wabash.edu/alumni/egift](https://www.wabash.edu/alumni/egift), or by purchasing a Wabash license plate (Indiana) with a $25 donation. This can also be done online at [http://www.wabash.edu/alumni/plates](http://www.wabash.edu/alumni/plates). Thanks to those of you who have made a gracious gift this year, and thanks in advance to those of you who will over the next few weeks.

Finally, please check out Wabash alumni events in your area by visiting [http://www.wabash.edu/alumni/calendar](http://www.wabash.edu/alumni/calendar).

Please share much wanted information about you by emailing me at [lalalo@aol.com](mailto:lalalo@aol.com). Look forward to hearing from you.

Regards,
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