August 2005

Greetings to the Men of the Class of 1974,

It’s been a busy summer for Paul and me. But I expect that that is not a unique situation for all of you as well. Paul and I have both managed to weather through changes at our respective businesses – and that, too, is no longer unique.

**College Leadership**

By now you’ve probably heard that [President Andy Ford has told the Trustees that he will step down following the 2005-2006 school year.](#) Andy has had a profound impact on Wabash. He led Wabash to a successful conclusion in its largest fund raising campaign ever. The Campaign for Leadership outstripped its original $100 million goal when it ended June 30, 2004 with a total of $136 million in gifts and pledges. The Campaign generated funds for innovative cross-cultural immersion learning programs and faculty development, as well as new facilities for science education, recreation and athletics, and the Malcolm X Institute of Black Studies. He also landed the College’s largest ever gift, a $20.8 million grant from Lilly Endowment Inc. to establish the Center of Inquiry in the Liberal Arts at Wabash College. Also under Ford’s leadership, Wabash established in 1995 the Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion, another Lilly Endowment-funded initiative. A search committee has been formed and it is their goal to identify Andy’s replacement by January 2006.

Closer to our Class of 1974, Dean of the College, [Mauri Ditzler](#), was appointed to be the president of Monmouth College, Monmouth, Illinois. You’ll recall that Mauri graduated in 1975 with a double major in Chemistry and Speech. Mauri was instrumental in founding the Center of Inquiry in the Liberal Arts and helped to lead the College’s strategic plan. He also helped to establish the international immersion learning programs for Wabash students tied to their classroom work, hired about 40 percent of the current faculty, and secured a $1 million Lilly Endowment grant to develop Indiana-based programs.

President Ford has named retired religion professor [Raymond Williams](#) as Dean of the College. As College Dean, Ray is responsible for leading and recruiting the faculty.
**W.A.B.A.S.H. NATIONAL DAY OF COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Our alumni association, the National Association of Wabash Men, has endorsed an annual, national day of service for Wabash alumni – **W.A.B.A.S.H. Day** (Wabash Alumni Benefiting and Serving Humanity). Regional alumni associations and other alumni will organize and perform community service programs on October 29-30. Each group is encouraged to select and develop its own project or program. John Pactor ’71 is the chair of this effort.

**CAMPUS**

The new **Phi Delt house** should be ready for occupancy this month. The new house was built on the same site as the old and incorporates a traditional look and feel that should make the Phi Delt brothers feel right at home. The Phi Delts have spent the last school year living in the old Sigma Chi house. The **Fijis** have broken ground on their new house and the structural steel is in place – next door to the existing structure.

![New Phi Delt House](image1)
![Architect’s rendering of the new Fiji House](image2)

**ATHLETICS**

Wabash’s **wrestling** team sent two young men, Phu Hong (125 lbs, Indy) and Chris Healey (174 lbs, Jasper) to Nationals. Healey advanced to second-place finish. Coach Brian Anderson was named Regional Coach of the Year.

The Little Giant **track** team finished the Spring 2005 season with a come-from-behind second-place finish in the NCAC championship. Coach Rob Johnson was named Coach of the Year. Allegheny placed first; Wittenberg placed third.

Coach Mac Petty’s **golf** team wrapped up their season with a sixth-place team finish, shooting a 638. Ohio Wesleyan placed first with a 615. Mike Eckerle’s son, Craig, finished third for Denison, with a 148.

The **football** team has been picked to finish second-place in the NCAC. Wittenberg is projected to place first in the conference. Coach Chris Creighton reports, ""We have almost all of our starters returning on the offensive line. We have a talented receiving corps, and great quarterbacks coming back along with nine starters on defense.”

The North Coast Conference has signed an agreement with the University Athletic Association that will add home-and-home games with the **University of Chicago and Washington University-St Louis**. This means that the Little Giants will begin playing closer to many of you within the next couple of years.
The Wabash-DePauw Monon Bell Rivalry was the overwhelming choice among ESPN e-survey respondents for the best rivalry among Indiana sporting events. The Bell game was the choice of 36% of those completing the survey.

Speaking of the Monon Bell – once again the Monon Bell Game will be broadcast on DirecTV Channel 321 on November 12. You can watch the game from the comfort of your own home or at one of the many Wabash-DePauw Monon Bell Parties nationwide.

ALUMNI AFFAIRS

The National Association of Wabash Men is looking for your input for its three Alumni Awards of Merit: The Frank W. Misch Alumni Service Award, presented to a Wabash alumnus who has distinguished himself by devoted service to Wabash College; the Fredrick J. Urbaska Civic Service Award, presented to a Wabash alumnus who has distinguished himself by making outstanding contributions to the community in which he makes his home; and the Clarence A. Jackson Career Service Award, presented to a Wabash alumnus who has distinguished himself by outstanding service to his chosen vocation.

Your recommendations are also important in the selection of Honorary Alumni, members of the Wabash College Athletics Hall of Fame, and Alumni Admissions Fellows. Honorary Alumni recognition is given to men and women who are not alumni of Wabash College but who nonetheless truly personifies the spirit and commitment that sets Wabash, its students, and the Wabash community apart from all others. It is the highest honor the Association can give to a non-alumnus. Membership in the Athletics Hall of Fame is granted to those who, by outstanding athletic achievement and service, have made lasting and significant contributions to the cause of sports at Wabash College, the state of Indiana, and the nation. Alumni Admissions Fellows are recognized for making a lasting and significant contribution to Wabash College by their outstanding service to the student recruitment and admissions effort. Please send your nominations to alumni@wabash.edu

Don’t forget to take the opportunity to join your fellow alums at a Wabash Regional Association meeting or event. Attend a luncheon, dinner party, golf outing, or other event sponsored by these groups. A list of active alumni associations, along with contact information, can be found at www.wabash.edu/alumni/ra

ADMISSIONS

Another strong freshman class will arrive on campus this month – with a lot of support from us alumni. How so? Here are some numbers:

- 254 – Freshmen expected on Freshman Saturday
- 1,387 – Total number of applications received
- 394 – Alumni referrals for those who applied (28%)
- 109 – Alumni referrals for those who deposited (43%)

Do you know a promising young man you can refer to Wabash? Son of a friend or colleague? Friend of one of your kids? Please send their names to: http://www.wabash.edu/alumni/alumni/refer or call: 800-345-5385

CAREER SERVICES

Scott Crawford has been named the new Director of the Schroeder Career Center at Wabash College. Crawford comes to Wabash from Johns Hopkins University, where he served for more than three years as Director of Career Services for the School of Professional Studies in Business and Education. At Johns Hopkins, Crawford managed the recruiting and employer relations activities of the office and oversaw the day-to-day operations of the Center and its staff.
Internships are an important part of the college experience these days. This summer, twenty-seven students participated in internships in Indiana which were partially funded by a Lilly Grant and ranged from research work at the IU Cancer Research Clinic to The Mayor's Office in Indianapolis to a small start up company in the health care industry. The point is to expose students to opportunity in Indiana and to real world experience.

The Alumni to Alumni Mentor program has gained some real impetus. Over 1300 alumni in Indiana are ready to talk to fellow Wabash grads in need of relocation help, business start-up advice or career change counseling. These alums are available on the Alumni Search Page by just clicking on the Mentor button along with your search. For further information about this program or if you would like to be involved, please contact Lu Hamilton, Alumni Career Officer, at 765-361-6168 or hamiltol@wabash.edu.

CLASS NEWS

Paul ran into Bob Hall Indiana Bankers Association's annual Conference. Bob is still with Bank One (now JP Morgan Chase) in Ft. Wayne. Bob's title is Senior Vice President and Market Manager for Chase's Financial Institutions Group. His new responsibilities include marketing Chase's capital markets and corporate finance products and services to banks and financial institutions throughout the state of Indiana. He will still be based in Fort Wayne. Bob said his son, Jared '99, received his MBA from Notre Dame and is living and working in Chicago.

John Todd reports he has lived in Indianapolis for over 26 years. His wife, Bev, is a nurse and he is a Systems Analyst for the Indiana Department of Education. Their oldest son Andy will be entering Wabash in the fall. He says that he tried to not influence him too much, though he would probably say differently. John was on campus last spring with Andy and enjoyed his visit. He and Bev also have three other children. Their oldest daughter, Emily, graduated in 2003 from The College of Wooster, Magna Cum Laude and Phi Beta Kappa. After working for a year with Catholic Charities in St. Petersburg, Florida, she recently started two years in Managua, Nicaragua, as a Jesuit International Volunteer. She works with youth in Bario El Recre. Second daughter Julie will be a junior at Wooster and just returned from a semester on the coast of Kenya. The girls have had a great experience at Wooster. Their youngest son, Michael, will be a senior in high school.

Fellow Class Agent Paul Tipps told me that he has returned to the Business Banking Credit Department as Credit Manager at 1stSource in South Bend. He’s still unpacking boxes and arranging files. Paul and Mary’s son, Ryan, has just bought his first house in Chesapeake, Virginia, last month. Mary is flying out this month to help clean and paint.

Mike Eckerle’s son, Craig, qualified for the Division III National Golf Championship after a third-place finish in the Conference. Craig was also named to the Ping All-Region Team for the second consecutive year.

OUR SUPPORT OF THE COLLEGE

THANKS to each of you who supported the Annual Fund in 2004-2005. The Annual Fund supports current expenses of teaching young men to think critically, act responsibly, lead effectively, and live humanely.

To make your gift towards the 2005-2006 Annual Fund goal click on www.wabash.edu/giving, call 877-743-4545, or send your check to P.O. Box 352, Crawfordsville, IN 47933.

That’s a wrap. We hope that we’ll hear from you, or maybe we’ll see you at Homecoming ’05 on September 24.

Mark and Paul