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Dear Classmates of ’86:

_Friday June 2, through Sunday morning, June 4th_ is Wabash College’s Big Bash Weekend and our 20th Class Reunion! Online registration is open now so go to: [www.wabash.edu/alumni/reunion/signup](http://www.wabash.edu/alumni/reunion/signup) to make your reservation for the weekend.

20 YEARS! The College has changed much, both physically and within its faculty in those years. Crawfordsville has changed. For those of you from outside of Indiana, Indianapolis has changed and grown. And I am sure, with the exception of me, each of us has changed and ….grown, mentally and, unfortunately, physically.

The first weekend in June would seem to be the perfect time to return to the College, see the changes, and explore some colloquiums, play some golf, and catch up with classmates and some professors. I encourage each of you to not only to mark your calendars, but to go online now and register.

Here are some of the highlights:

**Friday, June 2nd**  
- Colloquiums (_Designing Fraternities for Tomorrow’s Students_) by Jim & Eric, 2:15 – 3 pm), Campus Tours, a Golf Outing, Reception and Banquet

**Saturday, June 3rd**  
- More Colloquiums, Chapel Sing competition, Class Photographs, Fraternity Open Houses, and Class specific Reunion Reception and Dinner

**Sunday, June 4th**  
- Mass (by our own Father Mike Reding, 8:30 a.m.), Chapel Service and Big Bash Awards Brunch

The **Bookstore** will be open Friday & Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., **Scarlet Inn** will be open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday & Saturday and the **Allen Center** will be open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, and this includes the pool. (_A schedule for the entire weekend is attached._)

Want to help? Let Jim, Eric, or I know via email or phone that you would like to sign up to personally call each of your living units’ classmates and we’ll get you going.
Can’t make it? Reconsider. I have never spoken with a single soul that ever REGRETTED going to a high school reunion, much less a college reunion. At worst, at worst, you can make fun of how much hair I have lost and how much weight I have gained.

Have not had any contact with your classmates in 20 years? Hey, if it was Riddle or Rowland I would understand why you would not want to talk to them, but almost always at these things, you end up talking with someone that allows you to not only reconnect, in a POSITIVE WAY, with them, but also with the college.

It is a no-downside-to-going type of thing. I think when one considers the alternatives in your life to having gone to Wabash that we all should feel blessed that we went there and endured the academic rigors of our day. I had the opportunity recently to watch a Wabash College education play out on the floor of the Indiana House of Representatives.

Luke Messer, a Wabash College graduate of 1991 and Shelbyville Indiana resident, was arguing for an amendment to a complicated telecommunications bill on the floor of the House before the entire body. It is probably safe to say that Chamber was predisposed to be against him on his issue. It is also probably safe to say that Luke was arguing from a position of principle rather than detailed knowledge of the subject matter. He was grilled in a cross-examination manner by other House members. His position at one point was even ridiculed by the author of the bill who opposed Luke’s amendment. Throughout, he deflected and diminished the questions he lacked full knowledge on and spoke (with “room filling energy” I might add, thanks to Vic Powell) graciously and convincingly on the principles that he held dear. In the end, his amendment passed, frankly on the crest of his presentation, by a vote of 56-42.

Afterward, I told him that his presentation was a true “Wabash moment”. His education, … our education, had prepared him well for that moment. Think critically, act responsibly.

From that standpoint, I am not sure how one could NOT find the time to venture back to Wabash for a short weekend of thought provoking lectures, good food, good drink, and good friends.

I hope each and every one of you will join me.

Yours,

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Big Bash 2006
Schedule of Activities

Friday, June 2, 2006

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Registration in Sparks Center. Stop by Sparks Center for the latest Big Bash information. There you’ll have the opportunity to sign the Alumni Register, which is important for your class as it competes for the attendance awards. After registration, meet your classmates for refreshments in the Scarlet Inn and get the latest Wabash gear in the College Bookstore.

10:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. - Colloquium Session on Planned Giving - Where There’s A Will, There’s A Way. A panel discussion with estate and charitable gift planners from around the country will share their knowledge and expertise. Ideas to help you enhance retirement income, address family needs and issues, and give to charity will be presented.

10:00 a.m. - Wally Wabash Golf Outing, Crawfordsville Country Club. Hackers and serious golfers alike will want to form a foursome for the Wally Wabash Golf Outing, sponsored by the Sugar Creek Association of Wabash Men. Foursomes will compete in a Florida scramble, best ball format with a shotgun start. Prizes will be awarded for low gross, as well as for closest to the pin and longest drive. The Crawfordsville Country Club hosts the event, and we’re sure you’ll enjoy the course.

11 a.m., 1:00 p.m. & 3:00 p.m. - Campus Tours depart from Sparks Center. Tour guides from the Sons of Wabash will lead alumni and friends on tours of campus. Each tour is about an hour in length, so wear comfortable walking shoes. Featured on the tour will be Wabash’s newest buildings—Trippet Hall, the Science Center, Allen Athletics and Recreation Center, and the Malcolm X Institute—as well as the old favorites like Center Hall and the Chapel. Golf carts will be provided for alumni and spouses who are unable to walk the campus.

12:00 a.m. — 12:45 p.m. - Welcome Back Luncheon. We offer a casual buffet lunch in the Knowling Fieldhouse. Catch up with other alumni, faculty, and current students at the luncheon.

1:00 p.m. — 2:00 p.m. - Academic Open House. Each summer about 60 Wabash students work collaboratively with faculty on research projects. Use this hour to swing through and find out what students and faculty are doing in the sciences. A complete schedule with locations is available at registration in Sparks Center.

1:15 p.m. — 2:00 p.m. - Colloquium: Not the Indianapolis You Remember… Harry F. McNaught, Jr. ’76, President, Denison Properties, Inc. A Wabash alumnus very much involved with the development of downtown Indianapolis talks about Indianapolis today and where the downtown development plans are headed.

1:15 p.m. — 2:00 p.m. - Colloquium: Dr. J. David Bohlin ’61, retired Science Program Executive, NASA. A Semi-Random Walk Through A Career in Space Science. A Wabash scientist shares a lifetime of observations about the U.S. space program.

2:15 — 3:00 p.m. - Colloquium: James Riddle ’86, Riddle Design & Eric Rowland ’86, Rowland Design, Designing Fraternities for Tomorrow’s Students. The architects for the new Phi Gamma Delta and Beta Theta Pi fraternity houses discuss how students have changed over the years and how that has impacted the way we design fraternity houses.

2:15 — 3:00 p.m. - Colloquium: Thomas Y. Kometani ’56, The Day the Constitution Was Ignored – Lessons from the Japanese American Experience. In 1942, seven-year-old Tom Kometani and his
family were forcibly removed from their hometown Auburn, WA and spent time in three American internment camps because of their Japanese ancestry.

3:15 p.m. — 4:00 p.m. - Colloquium: Wabash Reminiscences Panel and Video. Three retired Wabash faculty members – Dr. Vic Powell’H55, Professor of Speech 1947-1989; Dr. David A. Phillips, Professor of Chemistry 1968-2004; and Dr. Edward B. McLean, Professor of Political Science 1968-2003 – share memories and observations of their years at Wabash – and invite you to share your memories, too.

5:00 p.m. — 6:00 p.m. - Reunion Reception, Knowling Fieldhouse. All reunion attendees are invited to a lively reception and cash bar at the Knowling Fieldhouse.

6:00 p.m. — 8:00 p.m. - Big Bash Banquet, Knowling Fieldhouse. The Big Bash Banquet is one of the highlights of the weekend. Classes will sit together in Knowling Fieldhouse and enjoy a wonderful meal by Bon Appetit. President Andy Ford H’03 will present the class of 1956 with their 50th reunion medallions and make a few brief comments.

Saturday, June 3, 2006

8:00 a.m. — 5:00 p.m. - Registration in Sparks Center. Stop by Sparks Center for the latest Big Bash information. There you’ll have the opportunity to sign the Alumni Register, which is important for your class as it competes for the attendance awards. After registration, meet your classmates for refreshments in the Scarlet Inn and get the latest Wabash gear in the College Bookstore.

8:30 a.m. - Fun Run/Walk, Hollett Stadium. If you run, you’ll want to compete in a two-mile or four-mile race that begins on the track at Hollett Stadium. If you walk, shake it loose early, grab a buddy, and join the fun. All competitors (serious and not-so) will receive a free T-shirt just for coming out.

9:00 a.m. — 9:30 a.m. - Colloquium: Dr. Michael P. Hughes, Jr.’61, Clinical Psychologist. From Age-ing to Sage-ing, Part I. We’re all growing older. We can age in different ways, though. We can fear growing “elderly” without really examining our culture’s stereotypes, or we can age consciously, with the intent of becoming a “spiritual elder.” Mike has found an approach based on a book (From Age-ing to Sage-ing: A Profound New Vision of Growing Older), and is willing to share the perspectives that are having important meaning for many people. You don’t have to be over 40 to benefit. There are some self-assessment activities he recommends as homework before the workshop (contact Nancy Doemel at 765-361-6092 or doemeln@wabash.edu for copies). Plan to attend both sessions.

9:00 a.m. — 9:30 a.m. - Colloquium: Jon R. Pactor’71, Attorney & Board Member, National Association of Wabash Men. Wabash Day 2005 The chairman of Wabash Day 2005 reports on the wide variety of activities undertaken by Wabash men across the country and challenges you to participate in 2006

9:40 a.m. - 10:40 a.m. – Colloquium: From Age-ing to Sage-ing, Part II

9:40 a.m. - 10:40 a.m. – Colloquium: Dr. Jeffrey D. Marlett ’91, Associate Professor of Religion, The College of St. Rose, Albany, New York. Choosing a New Pope A college faculty member who became a media consultant discusses his experience and the process of choosing a new pope.

9:45 a.m., 2:15 p.m., & 3:30 p.m. - Campus Tours depart from Sparks Center. Tour guides from the Sons of Wabash will lead alumni and friends on tours of campus. Each tour is about an hour in length, so wear comfortable walking shoes. Featured on the tour will be Wabash’s newest buildings—Trippet Hall, the Science Center, Allen Athletics and Recreation Center, and the Malcolm X Institute—as well as the old favorites like Center Hall and the Chapel. Golf carts will be provided for alumni and spouses who are unable to walk the campus.
11:00 a.m. - **Class Chapel Sing** on the Chapel Steps. There won’t be any “W” haircuts given this time, so if you forget a word or two, no big deal. But there will be singing when Wabash hosts its annual Alumni Chapel Sing. You’ll sing along with members of your class and compete against the other nine reunion classes. Volume counts, so don’t let your mates down. Learn the words to Old Wabash all over again, stretch your vocal chords, and relive what many Wabash men recall as their fondest Wabash memory. (No “W” haircuts because, well, who has any hair left?)

12:00 p.m. – **Picnic lunch behind the Sparks Center.** We’ll wrap up our Alumni Chapel Sing with a festive and casual picnic in the courtyard behind the Sparks Center (between Morris and Wolcott Halls).

1:00 p.m. — 1:30 p.m. - **Class Photographs on steps of the Allen Center.** Starting with the Class of 1956, class reunion photographs will be taken every three minutes on the Chapel Steps. Bring your spouse as two photos of each class, with and without spouses, will be taken.

- 1:00 p.m. — Class of 1956
- 1:03 p.m. — Class of 1961
- 1:06 p.m. — Class of 1966
- 1:09 p.m. — Class of 1971
- 1:12 p.m. — Class of 1976
- 1:15 p.m. — Class of 1981
- 1:18 p.m. — Class of 1986
- 1:21 p.m. — Class of 1991
- 1:24 p.m. — Class of 1996
- 1:27 p.m. — Class of 2001

2:00 p.m. — 2:45 p.m. - **Colloquium:** David E. Kendall ’66, Attorney, Williams & Connolly. *Forty-four Years of Washington Watching* One of Wabash’s best known attorneys, known for his commitment to civil rights, to intellectual property law, and as President Clinton’s personal attorney, gives us a view of a career inside the Beltway.

3:00 p.m. — 3:45 p.m. - **Colloquium:** Jarold Anderson ’71, President/CEO, Gift of Hope
Fred Haase ’71, Chair of Language Department, Culver Academies. *The Gift of Life...and Hope* Two classmates who both have experience with organ transplants and the other as the recipient of an organ – discuss the process and what it has meant to their own lives and the lives of others.

3:00 p.m. — 3:45 p.m. - **Colloquium:** Steve Klein, Dean, Wabash College Admissions
*How to Select a College.* Wabash College’s Dean for Admissions talks with parents of children about to start the college search about how to conduct that search.

4:00 p.m. — 4:45 p.m. - **Colloquium:** Stephen H. Pavy ’81, Star Ridge Farm *Food for Thought.* This workshop explores the five basic taste sensations: sweet, sour, salty, bitter, and umami to see how these tastes interact and influence our perception of wine. We will experiment with these basic tastes and their interaction with four different styles of wine. The insights gained will help provide a general foundation for understanding how to create successful wine and food pairings.

4:00 p.m. — 4:45 p.m. - **Colloquium:** M. Ashraf Haidari ’01, Government & Media Relations Officer, Embassy of Afghanistan *Challenges of State Building in Afghanistan.* From an international student at Wabash to the office of the embassy of Afghanistan, Haidari has already had an interesting career and opportunity to impact his homeland.

4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. - **Fraternity Houses Open.** Take a quick stroll through your fraternity house before joining your class for the class reception and dinner.
5:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. - **Reunion Receptions and Dinners.** Each reunion class will have its own private reception and dinner catered by Bon Appetit. You’ll go entirely at your own pace and will have lots of time after dinner to reminisce, relive old memories, and tell lies. Three classes will dine in recently renovated or constructed fraternity houses. Dinners will begin at 6:15 p.m.

*(These are tentative locations, subject to change.)*

- **Class of 1956** Salter Hall Stage, Fine Arts Center
- **Class of 1961** Off campus
- **Class of 1966** Dining Room, Beta Theta Pi
- **Class of 1971** Student Lounge, Allen Athletics and Recreation Center
- **Class of 1976** International Hall, Detchon Center
- **Class of 1981** Dining Room, Sigma Chi
- **Class of 1986** Little Giant Room, Sparks Center
- **Class of 1991** Dining Room, Phi Delta Theta
- **Class of 1996** Dining Room, Trippet Hall
- **Class of 2001** Malcolm X Institute
- **Golden Little Giants** Caleb Mills House

**Sunday, June 4, 2006**

8:30 a.m. - **Catholic Mass** in the Wabash College Chapel, Father Michael A. Reding ’86

9:45 a.m. - **Ecumenical Chapel Service** in the Wabash College Chapel, Pastor Michael E. Uhl ’76

11:00 a.m. - **Big Bash Brunch,** Knowling Fieldhouse
We’ll say fond goodbyes at the Big Bash Brunch in Knowling Fieldhouse, where President Andy Ford H’03 and Alumni Director Tom Runge ’71 will present several reunion awards.

**Other Hours**

- The Bookstore is open 10 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday
- The Scarlet Inn is open from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. In addition, Bon Appetit will provide a complementary continental breakfast in Sparks Center on Sunday between 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
- The Allen Center is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday. The pool will be open both days same hours as the Allen Center.