June 1, 2005

Gents:

We hope you had a great Memorial Day Weekend and that this letter finds you looking forward to an interesting summer!

**CAMPUS UPDATES**

Wabash Loses a Leader… We were saddened to hear and are sad to announce that Andy Ford recently announced that he is resigning from the Presidency of Wabash College, effective the end of the next school year. Andy has been with us since 1993. During that period to present, he has lead the largest and most successful capital fund drive (some $136 M) the College has ever experienced, lead Wabash from the period of question and divisiveness over the issue of single-sex to the certainty of what we are as an all-male, liberal arts college. Andy has addressed difficult issues ranging from finance to re-tooling after some of the College’s best teaches near retirement to bricks and mortar. Buildings have been razed, other plan and erected. Student housing has changes, and new fraternity buildings constructed and planned. The Center for the Study of the Liberal Art was formed and built, bringing national recognition not only to the Center but also to the College. The College’s very mission has been debated, discussed and better defined.

We could list literally hundreds of positive changes that have occurred thanks to or were nurtured by Andy Ford. His impact on the College was last for decades upon decades.

Tony and Matt both have had the honor to work with Andy Ford. Andy, his wife, Anne, and their family are wonderful people. Matt, as president of the Indianapolis Association of Wabash Men, had the privilege of presenting Anne and Andy with the IAWM’s Persons of the Year Award a couple years ago. If that award could be presented to the same recipient in successive years, Andy Ford would have a collection of award plaques in his office.

In short, he was the right man for the right job, and more than we could have ever hoped for in a leader. He’s some Little Giant. He is greatly appreciated. And, he will be greatly missed.

**Commencement:** Graduation weekend has past, and the campus looked great. In addition to the new buildings and sidewalks, there have been great improvements to the campus landscaping over the past few years. The College simply looks great.

Oh yes, good luck to the Wabash Class of 2005!
More Construction News: The Phi Delt house is near completion on its prior location and will be open for fall. The Phi Gam house is being built next door to the existing Phi Gam house. The Phi Psi renovation is probably. The plan is to renovate all housing units. Beta and Lambda Chi have already been renovated and the new Sigma Chi house opened last fall.

Here's an artist's best guess as to what the FIJI house will look like before the first party there:

(Lightning Strikes Twice…)

It was bad enough learning that Andy Ford was leaving. During the past month, we also got the bad news that Mauri Ditzler, Dean of the College and Wabash grad, has been named as the next President of Monmouth College. Although we are happy for Mauri and his family, Monmouth’s gain is Wabash’s loss. We will miss Dean Ditzler.

On a personal note, Mauri has been a big supporter of the Moot Court Program that Joe Pieters, Jim Joven, Matt and other 1989’ers have helped to organize and run. We appreciate Mauri’s help in supporting the moot court program, and we hope he’ll find his way back to Crawfordsville often.

MORE CAMPUS & COLLEGE NEWS

David Blix ’70, assistant professor of philosophy and religion has been selected as a 2005 Carnegie Scholar. Read this story and other news from campus at www.wabash.edu/news/.

Admissions: The May 1st deposit deadline has past. Recruitment, however, is a never-ending task. If you know of a young man in high school who might be a good fit with Wabash, considering sharing this information with him.

Wabash College is:

1. Rated as a top tier National Liberal Arts College by U.S. News & World Report
2. Ranked in the Princeton Review for the following categories:

   - Best Overall Academic Experience for Undergraduates
   - Schools Where Their Students Never Stop Studying
   - Professors Bring Material to Life
   - Professors Make Themselves Accessible
   - Students Happy With Financial Aid
**Best Bargains (ranked 2nd for private schools)**

**Lots of Race/Class Interaction**

**Everyone Plays Intramural Sports (ranked 3rd)**

3. One of the 40 colleges and universities featured in Loren Pope’s *Colleges That Change Lives*
4. 97% of our faculty holds a Ph.D. or equivalent terminal degree and there are no teaching assistants at Wabash
5. 50% of our students participate in an off-campus study program
6. Currently have an 85% acceptance rate into medical school
7. Currently have a 95% acceptance rate into law school
8. 1-8 of our graduates hold the title of CEO, president or chairman
9. 44% of our students participate in a varsity sport
10. 13% of our graduates have earned a Ph.D.

Many of the countries top juniors and even sophomores visit colleges during the spring and summer. Let's make sure Wabash is on their list of schools to visit. During the summer weeks, Wabash welcomes any student that may want to visit the campus. Encourage your recruits to register for a visit on-line at [www.wabash.edu](http://www.wabash.edu) or by calling 800-345-5385.

Please remember to send in your referrals. The College is actively recruiting the Wabash Class of 2010, and your referrals are a tremendous help. Send the contact information for juniors and sophomores today by clicking [http://www.wabash.edu/alumni/alumni/refer](http://www.wabash.edu/alumni/alumni/refer), calling 800-345-5385, or by sending a note to Steve Klein, PO Box 352, Crawfordsville, Indiana, 47933.

The search has begun for the new **Director of the Schroeder Career Center**. The College has begun a national search to replace current director Rosalind Lister as she will be leaving that post at the end of this spring semester. If you know of someone, who would work well in that position please encourage them to apply

**CLASS GIVING**

More than 3,100 alumni and friends have made a gift to the Wabash Annual Fund through May 25, 2005 for more than $4,095,879 (restricted and unrestricted gifts combined). Here’s the bottom line first: **June 30, 2005 will mark the end of the College’s fiscal year.** The Wabash Annual Fund is used to provide educational opportunities for all our young men. The College counts on the Annual Fund for approximately 7% of its operating budget. **Every gift counts!**

The Class of 1989 is behind pace on making contributions. **We need to have all of you to make a contribution, big or small, before June 30!** The percentage of each class that makes a contribution and the total amount of money each class gives are both very important to the College. So, everyone of us should make some donation to the College. And, everyone in our class should think about giving more than they gave last year.

Please make a gift to the College’s annual Fund before June 30, 2005. You can call (877-743-4545), give on-line ([www.wabash.edu/alumni/egift](http://www.wabash.edu/alumni/egift)), or mail a check to:

Wabash College Annual Fund
PO Box 352
Crawfordsville, IN 47933
As we approach the end of the fiscal year, we have had only 49 of us contribute to the College — or 23.9% of our classmates have made a gift.

![Bar chart showing number of classmates giving](chart1.png)

Our total contributions stand at $17,998.00 and that is slightly behind last year at this time. Please remember, our goal is to reach 50% — so far, the all class giving percentage is 30.3% which means that we are falling farther behind the overall class goal.

![Bar chart showing class giving percentage](chart2.png)

Many thanks to those of you who have contributed this year:

- Scott Alexander
- Mike Axel
- Jay Baltisberger
- Tim Barth
- Sean Blackwell
- Karl Blessinger
- Jeff Boggess
- Chris Bojrab
- David Brake
- Chris Brown
- Brandt Burdick
- David Callecrod
- Chris Campbell
- Brian Chapman
- Geoffrey Coates
- Bill Cosper
- Daren Courter
- Eric Dawes
- Kurt Diebold
- Bob Garcia
- Eric Granger
- Matt Griffith
- Tim Halstead
- Terry Hamilton
- John Hintz
- Matt Holeva
- Larry Kacmar
- David Kress
- Tony Lentych
- Matt McDaniel
- Jim Meger
- Andy Michael
- Charles Murphy
- Ken Osman
- Paul Parkison
- Joe Pieters
- Jay Pippen
- John Plunkett
- Keith Raymond
- David Relue
- John Shank
- Brendan Smith
- Jess Smith
- Eric Stauffer
- Zhen-Ming Tan
- Kurt Vogel
- Steve “The Mummy” Wade
- Jeff Wiggins
- Tom Wright
In case you were wondering how the classes are ranked by Wabash College, here you go. As of May 24, 2005, here are the top ten classes for overall donors and percentage of giving:

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_Hmmm…. Where is our class ranked? Find out next time…_

**CLASS NOTES**

Our last letter was just last month so there is nothing new to report here… or is there? Let us know what’s going on! If not we will be forced to try our _creative writing_ skills!

Enjoy the summer months! As always, we remain…

Yours in Wabash,

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_Matt (Griffith@indiana-attorneys.com),_
_& Tony (TLentych@msn.com)_