May 5, 2005

Dear Class of 1992:

If you find yourself without any plans the weekend of May 13-15, Wabash will graduate 171 men, 19 of whom were recently elected to Phi Beta Kappa (http://www.wabash.edu/news/displaystory.cfm?news_ID=2455), and the College has plenty of activities scheduled. Details related to Commencement Weekend can be found at http://www.wabash.edu/news/displaystory.cfm?news_ID=2473.

To replace these graduates, the Admissions Office received more than 1300 applications for the Class of 2009 – the fourth consecutive year that Admissions has surpassed this impressive mark. Thanks to all alumni who continue to make numerous and significant referrals. You can do this directly at http://www.wabash.edu/alumni/alumni/refer or by calling (800) 345-5385. Please also consider getting involved in local college fairs or recruiting functions.

If you are looking for some persuasive information to share with prospective students, this Wabash Top Ten List (courtesy of the Admissions Office) should be helpful:

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 hold 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 we have an 85% acceptance rate into medical school
7. Currently we have a 95% acceptance rate into law school
8. 1 out of 8 of our graduates holds 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.

In other College news, assistant professor of philosophy and religion David Blix ’70 has been selected as a 2005 Carnegie Scholar (http://www.wabash.edu/news/displaystory.cfm?news_ID=2406). In fraternity
news, the FIJs recently broke ground on a new chapter house (http://www.wabash.edu/news/displaystory.cfm?news_ID=2387), and work is nearly done on the Phi Delt house (http://www.wabash.edu/news/).

In sports news, Head Track and Field Coach Rob Johnson was honored as NCAC Coach of the Year and freshman Mike Russell was named Men’s Sprinter of the Year after winning two events at the NCAC Men’s Track and Field Championship. Congratulations to both gentlemen. This and other sports articles are available at http://www.wabash.edu/sports/.

Do you want additional news from campus, and/or do you find yourself missing The Bachelor? You can access it online at http://bachelor.wabash.edu/. Unfortunately, nothing appears online for 1988-92, so you’ll have to rely on your old hard copies for re-living those glory days.

I have not received much personal news lately, other than the following, so please keep the personal news coming!

Trent Scherer is the head of the political/military section of the U.S. Embassy in Dushanbe, Tajikistan, and was recently voted President of the Tajikistani chapter of the Wabash Alumni Association. Trent received an MA in Russian and East European Studies from Indiana University in 1995 and joined the U.S. Department of State in 1996. He was posted to Tirana, Albania, and Pristina, Kosovo, from 1997 to 2001. After a year in Washington, DC, Trent received an assignment in Baku, Azerbaijan, where he met the love of his life, Melissa, whom he married in Indianapolis in June 2003. Trent and Melissa left Baku for Dushanbe in October 2004 and will be posted there until 2007. Trent happily will host any Wabash graduate who manages to make it to Tajikistan. He can most easily be reached at scherertrent@hotmail.com, and his mailing address is: 7090 Dushanbe Place, Dulles, VA 20189.

Financially, it’s not too late to contribute to the Annual Fund – June 30, 2005 is the deadline. Please keep in mind that this Fund: (1) allows students to attend Wabash on President’s and Honors Scholarships; (2) supports over 380 computers across campus dedicated to student use and supports classroom technology; (3) allows students to participate in Immersion Trips, whereby they travel to other countries or domestic communities and gain a deeper understanding of their classroom studies; and (4) provides much-needed support for campus buildings and facilities. Gifts can be made online at http://www.wabash.edu/alumni/annualgiving or by calling (877) 743-4545. As of early April, our class donation percentage was just below 20%, so please let’s try and increase those numbers.

Please keep in contact through the Alumni Office, or directly to your Class Agent team. Matt’s e-mail address is mburgess@mhecenter.org; Ron may be reached at r dostal@deloitte.com; Jason may be contacted at jasonlittle1969@yahoo.com; Dan’s e-mail is danw0811@comcast.net; and you can reach me at horvath.50@nd.edu. Take care, everyone.

Very truly yours,

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