March, 2005

Dear Classmates,

New Class Agent
We are pleased to announce that Thomas Welch will join C. Lee Hill and Kevin O’Reilly as a 1994 Class Agent. He has some great ideas for improving our service to the class.

The Wabash College Annual Fund
Thank you to the more than 2,800 alumni and friends who have made a gift to the Wabash Annual Fund through March 24, 2005 of this fiscal year for more than $1,850,000.

Gifts to the Annual Fund have a direct impact on students and help in funding scholarships and financial aid, teaching and learning opportunities, academic programming, and upkeep of campus facilities. If you have yet to make a gift to Wabash this year, then please consider making your gift online today at www.wabash.edu or by calling 877-743-4545. The 2004-2005 fiscal year runs through June 30, 2005.

Double or Triple the Value of your Annual Fund Contribution
Don’t forget that you might be able to double or triple the value of your gift if you or your spouse works for a company with a matching gift program. If you are unsure if your company has a matching gift program, then use the online searchable database to learn about companies with matching gift programs.

2005 Indiana License Plates
Alumni and friends with vehicles registered in the State of Indiana are eligible to receive a Wabash College License Plate with a gift of $25 or more to the Annual Fund. A gift of $25 is required for each license plate purchased. I have these plates on my vehicles and have met many Wabash alumni because of them.

Immersion Learning
Immersion learning continues this spring as at least seven groups of students will travel together with faculty as a part of course curriculum. Groups will be immersed in the European countries of Belgium, France, Germany, and the Czech Republic. They will explore the Mayan cultures of Latin America, visit the art museums and galleries of New York City, and study the German-American immigrants in many parts of rural and urban Indiana.

From Lu Hamilton, Alumni Career Officer
Last year, we received a generous five–year grant from the Lilly Endowment to promote professional opportunities in Indiana for alumni and students. As we enter the second year of the grant, opportunities abound! This summer we’ll have over 30 Wabash students in funded internships around the state and 10 students in an eight-week summer immersion course designed to help future entrepreneurs. During this
semester, we’ll invite alumni from small and large businesses back to campus to talk with students and provide a personal look at their particular career track.

We’re working on building two networks to further strengthen our ability to serve current students and alumni. The first is an alumni network designed to augment the Schroeder Career Center’s staff in preparing our young men for the job market. The idea is to get alumni from a broad range of backgrounds and students together to go over the major elements of seeking employment. The second initiative is the development of an alumnus-to-alumnus mentoring network designed to link volunteer alumni mentors with those seeking employment/career changes/a move to a different area.

**Fraternity Partnership Update.** *Phi Delta Theta* – Construction continues on the new house despite unfavorable working conditions the last month or so. It does appear, however, that the weather has hampered the speed of construction as the completion date will probably be pushed back a little. *Phi Gamma Delta* – The Fiji’s will be the next house to begin construction. Ground breaking for the new house, to be located just south of the current facility, will be sometime late spring or early summer. *Phi Kappa Psi* – After some time in what you might call a holding pattern, the Phi Psi’s appear to be back on track to become the next fraternity, following the Fiji’s, to begin construction. *Tau Kappa Epsilon* – The TKE have made great strides over the past months and fundraising efforts are projected to be completed around the end of October. *Delta Tau Delta* – The Delts are in the schematic or design phase of the process and have made initial strides in fundraising efforts. *Kappa Sigma* – The Kappa Sig’s are in just about the same position as the Delts.

**Annual Fund Fall Phone-a-thon.** During five weeks of the fall semester, over 20 current Wabash men spent two-three hours each evening on the phone calling alumni and friends to reconnect them to the College and to ask for their Annual Fund support. At the end of the phone-a-thon session, these students were successful in reaching over 1300 alumni and friends and raising almost $130,000 in gifts and pledges. We asked one of our callers, Beau Browning ’05, to share his thoughts on the fall phone-a-thon.

Dear Alumni

Over this past fall semester, students on campus, including myself, worked in the calling center for the sole purpose of connecting with alumni and soliciting donations. I personally chose to become a student caller in order to give back to the college that has offered me so much. In doing so, I have been able to raise funds that prove vital in the advancement of Wabash College. Needless to say, it has been a great experience. I have been able to work with other student callers who come from diverse backgrounds and lead different campus lives; and despite the differences we were able to come together for five nights a week in order to achieve a common goal. Furthermore, I have spoken to many alumni from all over the country and have had wonderful conversations with many of them. This campus job has become a valuable part of my life simply because of the relationships that I have built with the other callers, staff members, and our alumni.

During a five week span we contacted over one thousand alumni, a remarkable number indeed. Needless to say, it was a highly successful campaign as we met all our goals. Our success, however, should be solely attributed to your giving. The impact that you have on Wabash is immeasurable, and we would like to thank you for your generosity.

Yours in Wabash,

Beau Browning ’05

**OLAB: Summer Business Camp at Wabash for High School Students**

*Opportunities to Learn About Business (OLAB)* was founded 33 years ago by a group of Wabash College professors, Indiana business leaders, and the Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce to show high school students that running a business can be fun, challenging, creative, and worthy of respect. *OLAB*, a week-long introduction to business and college life, is open to young men and women who will be high school seniors in fall 2005. *OLAB* focuses on learning about the free enterprise system and participating in various simulated aspects of the rapidly changing business world. Teams play "The Game" based on
teamwork and an intense schedule of lectures, computer and video simulations, and group projects. Participants live in dorms and have the unique opportunity of attending lectures and classes taught by Wabash professors and Indiana businessmen.

OLAB is free for those students who are accepted into the program – absolutely no cost except for transportation and personal expenses. Participants do not have to be Indiana residents or planning a career in business. If you know a current high school junior who would be interested in participating in OLAB, find out more on the web and download an application at http://www.wabash.edu/olab. Applications for OLAB 2005, which will run from July 10-16, 2005, are currently being accepted. The deadline is April 15, 2005.

Alumni eServices
Have you recently relocated, changed jobs, been married, had a child, or had any other change that should be recorded in our alumni records? If so, updating us is simple with Alumni eServices. Simply login from the alumni page (www.wabash.edu/alumni) using your username and password then click on either the directory update link or the submit class note link. Obviously, you can also tell one of your Class Agents and your update will be included in the next Class Agent Letter.

A short note from Dr.’s Joe O’Rourke and Vic Powell:
You may have heard the Brigance Forum is sponsoring a colloquy of rhetorical scholars on April 14, 15 and 16, 2005 in honor of W.N. Brigance (Briggie) celebrating his contribution to the place of Rhetoric in a free society. We have been assigned the task of collecting anecdotes, memories, quotations, etc. of anything remembered about his years at Wabash and the tradition he established of speechmaking in democratic societies. We would appreciate contributions from any alum that had Briggie in class and anyone who has heard stories about him from others. If you have such material, please send it to either of us:

Dr. Victor Powell or Dr. Joseph O’Rourke
Speech Department, Wabash College Crawfordsville, IN 47933
OR orourkej@wabash.edu, wabc4@aol.com (for Powell)

Call for Nominations. At the May meeting of the National Association of Wabash Men Board of Directors, the board will be selecting the recipients for the following awards: Alumni Awards of Merit, Alumni Admissions Fellow, and Honorary Alumnus. If you know of potential candidates worthy of such honors, please send a note with that persons name and reasons you feel they are deserving. Your nomination can be sent to Director of Alumni and Parent Relations Tom Runge ’71 at runget@wabash.edu or Wabash College, Alumni and Parent Relations, PO Box 352, Crawfordsville, IN 47933.

Old Copies of The Bachelor?
The College's Archivist, Beth Swift has asked for help in collecting back issues of The Bachelor, specifically issues from the 1990's. The Archives would like to collect those extra Bachelor issues that folks might have around their attics/basements. It has a number of extra issues of the Bachelor prior to that time, but little in the way of backup for the 1990's. You can contact Beth directly at swiftb@wabash.edu or 765-361-6378. Thanks for your help!

Class Updates
Fr. Patrick Beidleman is nearing the end of his sixth year as a Catholic Priest. He is the pastor of St. Michael Church in Brookville, Indiana; as well as Holy Guardian Angels in Cedar Grove, Indiana. Between his duties there and his temporary administration of a third church, Patrick is meeting the religious needs of approximately 1,000 families.

Bill Peden is still running his Edward Jones office in Winchester, Indiana. In addition, he holds a seat on the City Council and serves on the Board of Works and Public Safety.
Craig Williams is pleased to announce the birth of his son, Eli James Williams, born April 16, 2004. He is currently working as law clerk for Magistrate Judge Tim A. Baker, United States District Court, Southern District of Indiana. He and Julie will celebrate their 7th wedding anniversary this July. They reside at 10475 Trebah Circle, Carmel, IN 46032.

Chris Wiesehan was the OC/OL coach at Northern Arizona University, but recently accepted a coaching position with Gruden and the Tampa Bay Bucs. He just arrived March 21, 2005. His address for now is 1 Buccaneer Place, Tampa, FL 33607; cell: 716.390.6389 (it will NEVER change) best email: chris_wiesehan@hotmail.com.

Joel Tragesser was named a partner at Locke Reynolds, LLP, in January, 2005. He practices in intellectual property and business litigation. He received his J.D. from the Vanderbilt University School of Law in 1997. The chair of the Locke Reynolds Management Committee said that Joel “is a tremendous asset to our clients and our firm, and we are confident that he will continue to provide the quality work and responsiveness that our clients expect.” Congratulations, Joel.

Keith Hefner and his wife Katie are proud to announce the birth of their son, Cole Edward, born March 14th. Congratulations to both of you.

You can submit a Class Update:
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