Gentlemen,

We hope that each of you are having a fantastic spring. Before we move on to current college news and updates... we need to cover one important order of business. As you know the annual fund provides necessary resources to each Wabash student – many of the programs, activities, and general scholarship that we were fortunate enough to experience during our days in Crawfordsville were directly underwritten by alumni annual fund dollars. As the college’s fiscal year closes (June 30th), we need your help in reaching our yearly goal. If possible, please take a moment to make a contribution at https://www.wabash.edu/alumni/egift.

News and Updates
Please submit any updates personal, professional, or otherwise via eServices at https://www.wabash.edu/alumni/eServices. We would love to hear from you!

- Commencement was a success as usual as the Crawfordsville fought off the rain and successfully held the ceremony outdoors. 163 graduating seniors are now entering the professional word and a variety of graduate programs...find out more at http://www.wabash.edu/alumni/news.cfm?news_ID=2508

- In other big news...President Andy Ford has decided that next year will be his last as the leader of our favorite academic institution. President Ford and Mrs. Ford have contributed a tremendous amount to Wabash and their contributions and presence on campus will be missed. Let’s all wish them future success in ongoing adventures http://www.wabash.edu/alumni/news.cfm?news_ID=2521

- As many of you may know Mauri Ditzler ’75 (Dean of the College) will be moving on to become the President of Monmouth College. As we wish Mauri success in his future role at Monmouth, I’m also happy to report that Emeritus Professor Raymond Williams will take over the role of Dean of Wabash College. http://www.wabash.edu/news/displaystory.cfm?news_ID=2496
Work is nearing completion at the Phi Delta Theta House: Workers under the direction of Brandt Construction are on schedule to complete construction of the new chapter house for Phi Delta Theta later this summer. The $4 million project is part of the Campaign for Leadership's Fraternity Partnerships. Demolition of the old house on the corner of College and Walnut was completed last summer. The new facility will be ready for fall occupancy by members of Phi Delta Theta and the incoming freshman pledge class. [http://www.wabash.edu/news/](http://www.wabash.edu/news/)

**Sports**

Five Little Giants Baseball Players Earn All-NCAC Honors. Wabash senior baseball pitcher Jon Horne was joined by teammates Jared Bogan, Billy King, Bill Goff, and Danny Schubert on the 2005 All-North Coast Athletic Conference Baseball Team. Horne and Bogan garnered First Team honors, while King was a Second Team All-NCAC selection. Goff and Schubert were both named to the Honorable Mention All-NCAC team.

• Trying to make it to nationals….Running in one the final two meets of the season prior to the NCAA Division III Track and Field Championships, four Wabash runners met the provisional qualifying time with a second place finish at the Billy Hayes Invitational, hosted by Indiana University Friday evening. The quartet of Bart Banach (Munster, IN/Munster), Nathan Bates (Ossian, IN/Norwell), Mike Russell (Terre Haute, IN/Terre Haute North), and Geoff Lambert (Chesterton, IN/Chesterton) finished second in the finals of the 4 X 400-meter relay, crossing the finish line in 3:17.21. The time was their best of the season, and topped the provisional time by .29. Lambert has already met the provisional qualifying time in the 800-meter run, and will wait with his teammates to find out if their marks are good enough to make the championship event at Wartburg College in Waverly, Iowa May 26-28. The Little Giant squad of Keith Clayton (Colorado Springs, CO/Fountain Valley School), Bates, Russell, and Banach also ran their best time of the season in the 4 X 100-meter relay, finishing sixth overall with a time of 42.50. Their time was .50 off the provisional cut. They will have one more opportunity to make the cut next weekend at the North Central Invitational. Eric Morris (Ft. Wayne, IN/Snider) also competed in the discus, finishing with a throw of 145 feet, eight inches.

Find more sports coverage at http://www.wabash.edu/sports/

Class Notes

Congratulations to Matt and Daphne Whitmire on their graduation from law school. They plan to return to Indianapolis this summer.

Congratulations to Ethan Olberding and Sarah Ferguson on their recent engagement.

In case some of you didn’t know, Darius Grigaliunas swam in the 2004 Olympics. He writes: I did make the 2004 games and swam for Lithuania. The Olympics takes the top 300 men and the top 300 women swimmers in the world so it was nice to be part of that fraternity as well. I was one of only 3 male swimmers to swim in European Championships, US Senior Nationals, and the Olympics last year. This past year I swam in meets in 11 different countries, the greatest being in Greece of course. Because of the doors that International swimming opened for me, I started a company called Baltria Corporation where I am currently managing multiple real estate projects, and export automobiles to Central and Western Europe.

Chris and Tanya Wilhite report that they will be moving back to Indianapolis, as Chris has taken a job there with Abbott Laboratories.

I am saddened to report the Brad Creger died on May 3, 2005 after a seven-month battle with leukemia. While at Wabash, Brad was a member of Delta Tau Delta and the swim team. He left Wabash and finished his education at Indiana University. He was living in Bloomington and working at IU when he was struck with leukemia. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family.
I am sorry to see President Andy Ford leave, he has certainly earned his retirement. I will always remember and admire his tireless efforts for the students of Wabash. Since the announcement, I have heard a number of stories from alumni relating his incredible ability to know everyone by name and genuinely care about all his students. His successor will have some big shoes to fill. –Craig Higgs

Thanks Gents!

Yours in Wabash,
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