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Gentlemen of ‘62,

As this long, hot summer moves toward some cooler fall weather, as parched farm fields are able to soak in some of the rains that come during late summer, we Wabash men look at another year at our alma mater. It has been four months since our 50th Big Bash Reunion. What a wonderful time for reconnection with both classmates and school.

First in this letter some news from Wabash, a summary of the 100th Homecoming Celebration activities, then class members updates, and ending with a pub quiz with questions offered by Wabash faculty – sort of “oral comps for modern times.” But first, here is some news from Wabash.

Alumni Referrals can now be done online! Referring prospective Wabash students is one of the best ways to support the college. Congratulations to the following that have done such between 1/1/12 – 10/1/12, - David Shuman, Don Kerner, Tom Houk, and Thom Feit. In addition to the traditional pen and paper method, you can now use a simple online form located here: www.wabash.edu/alumni/student/refer.

Wabash Gets High Marks in Princeton Review: The Princeton Review has again recognized Wabash College as one of the best institutions in the country for higher education. Wabash finished high in a number of the Review’s surveys which cover 62 categories. The lists are all part of The Princeton Review’s 21st edition of “The Best 377 College.” [Ed. note: but of course we all know this to be true] Among Wabash rankings:

- No. 12 – Best Classroom Experience
- No. 5 – Easiest Campus to get Around
- No. 17 – Everybody Plays Intramural Sports
- No. 18 – Best Athletic Facilities
- No. 19 – Most Accessible Professors

"We commend Wabash College for its outstanding academics, which is the primary criteria for our selection of schools for the book,” said Robert Franek, Princeton Review’s Senior VP / Publisher and author of “The Best 377 Colleges. “Our choices are based on institutional data we collect about schools, our visits to schools over the years, feedback we gather from students attending the schools, and the opinions of our staff and our 30-member National College Counselor Advisory Board."
Look forward to fall at Wabash! The 100th Homecoming Celebration was held this past weekend (Sept. 27-29). See the summary later in this letter. The 119th Monon Bell Classic follows shortly thereafter on November 10. In addition to these great events, alumni across the country gathered in their respective communities for Wabash Day on September 15-16. Did you take part in your community? I’ll have more in the next Class Agent Letter.

Notes from the National Association of Wabash Men Awards Chapel.

President Patrick White offered a warm welcome “home” to the alumni and friends who returned for Wabash’s 100th Homecoming Celebration. The Alumni Glee Club, returning to campus to celebrate the 120th anniversary of the Club’s founding, also performed in Chapel.

The NAWM’s newest award, the Outstanding Young Alumnus Award, was renamed this year to honor the memory of Jeremy Robert Wright, Class of 1996, who was an All-American distance runner and honors graduate during his time at Wabash. He died while serving as a Green Beret in Afghanistan in 2005.

The first recipient of the Jeremy Robert Wright Award was Michael B. Bricker ’04, who was honored for his entrepreneurial approach to urban development. Presenting the award NAWM President Greg Castanias ’87 commented, “We salute you today for the force with which you live your life and the inspiration you provide in others. Rather than waiting on others to find solutions to our most pressing urban problems, you say, ‘What can we do next week or next month that says, We can make a difference today, right now?’

Judge William I. Garrard ’54 received the Fredrick J. Urbaska Civic Service Award for his outstanding three-decade career on the Indiana Court of Appeals. “Judge Garrard, too often men of your intellect and integrity leave the bench for far more lucrative careers as corporate counsel or in private practice. As a scholar and a teacher of the judicial process, you raised the intellectual level of the judging process in the State of Indiana through a lifetime of study and active application of what you have learned.” said Castanias in tribute.

Dr. J. Marc Overhage ’79 received the Clarence A. Jackson Career Service Award for his “astonishing career as a teacher, physician, administrator, and innovator in medical informatics.” Overhage, chief medical informatics officer for Siemens Healthcare, is a fellow of the prestigious Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences.

The Frank W. Misch Award, which honors alumni for their contributions to Wabash, was shared by Challenge of Excellence Co-Chairs Allan J. Anderson ’65 and Ted R. Grossnickle ’73. The dynamic duo led Wabash’s campaign in surpassing its original goal a full year ahead of schedule. Formally begun in 2010, the COE generated more than $68 million in gifts and pledges to support students and faculty of the College.

The warmest moments of the Homecoming Alumni Chapel were felt when two long-time faculty members were welcomed into the ranks of Honorary Alumni. Castanias saluted David J. Hadley (H’76) and David A. Phillips (H’83) for their excellence as teachers, administrators, and scholars.
Castanias also saluted alumni volunteers to the Admissions Office and the Schroeder Center for Career Development. Receiving honors as Alumni Admissions Fellows were Peter F. Horvath ’92 and David J. Wagner ’05.

Erik V. Ness ’94 and David A. Reed ’89 were saluted as Alumni Career Services Fellows for their work in hiring Wabash interns and supporting Wabash’s innovative efforts to prepare Wabash students for their post-graduate lives.

Alumni Directory 2013.

The following note comes from Tom Runge, Director of Alumni Relations. You may have already received either email and/or postal correspondence on this matter. It has been ten years since the last Wabash Alumni Directory. Having just completed work on our 50th Reunion, I realized the importance of having current contact information. Please read and respond as requested.

We are asking all Wabash alumni to contact us to update their alumni database information. Wabash has recently launched a comprehensive alumni data verification project. We’ve assembled the information currently listed in our alumni files and now need your assistance to confirm the accuracy of your data. Verifying your information is critical to compile your upcoming alumni directory. Up-to-date information is also integral to strengthening communications, networking, and other important College engagement efforts. Why is your verification so important? Up-to-date information is crucial to the success of these projects. Please give Publishing Concepts (PCI) a call so that we may verify your information. PCI is a trusted partner of Wabash. We need your help. Please call 1-866-561-5199 (toll free) to verify the accuracy of the data currently listed in the file.

Your prompt assistance is greatly appreciated. We are planning to print the information we have on file if we do not receive an update from you. Please call the dedicated, toll free Wabash data verification line today.

News from classmates –

Mal Young sent this note shortly after that horrific storm slammed into the Washington, DC area in June:

I feel terrible that it has taken so long to get back to you, but this has been a very unusual two months. In addition to being without power for 5 days, since getting back from Crawfordsville my part-time job hit several crises and became full time for several weeks, Ann got a gig from a former client – Red Top Cabs which is Arlington’s major taxi company – to train two groups of their drivers, and just before the storm hit I was diagnosed with another early stage melanoma and told I needed surgery ASAP. The surgery was scheduled for last week as an outpatient at a plastic surgeons office (the spot was on my forehead), but when I went in he took a look and decided it needed to happen at a hospital. The surgery was yesterday and went as well as could be expected, but Ann says I’m not yet very presentable. On top of this, our son is arriving this evening for a couple days to be admitted to the DC bar (he’s a partner in a law firm in Cincinnati and is expanding his scope) and our daughter and 2 grandchildren arrive Monday night for the week, and then we all go to Maine for a week to celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary. [I certainly these next months become easier for the Young family – thanks for the update]
From Don Kerner: Nothing new on the Kerner front. Did spend a week in the Boundary Water Canoe Area canoeing, fishing and camping with my daughter, Jennifer who is a PhD Poli Sci grad student at the University of New Mexico. [Now I think spending time with family is always news – thanks for the update]

Thom & Barb Feit spent the summer as volunteers in two of the National Park Service’s locations: Prince William Forest Park, outside of Washington, DC in Virginia; that was followed by time along the Cape Hatteras National Seashore and that iconic lighthouse at Cape Hatteras. Both were wonderful experiences, ranging from taking in the sights of northern Virginia and the District of Columbia to living along the remoteness that comes with the outer banks of North Carolina.

Homecoming 100 - Oh What A Game: Wabash 54 – Carnegie Mellon 28

Wabash came back from a two-touchdown deficit to knock off previously unbeaten Carnegie Mellon Saturday, 54-28. Senior quarterback Chase Belton had a record-setting day with four passing and three rushing touchdowns. The seven touchdowns by Belton are the most by any player in a single game in Wabash College football history.

“Chase ran the ball great and did a great job finding the open guy and putting the ball on him,” Coach Erik Raeburn said.

Belton turned in one of the best games of his career. He ran for 198 yards while throwing for 183. Belton accounted for five touchdowns in last year’s homecoming game against Kenyon.

“Our offensive line came out really hard,” Belton said. “I loved how they played. When Wabash is clicking on all cylinders, it is a pretty tough team.”

The Little Giant offense clicked on all cylinders, and then a few extra. It totaled 566 yards in total offense and put up the most points it has scored all season.

After averaging slightly less than 100 yards per game, the Little Giant ground attack busted out for 383. Running backs Tyler Holmes, CP Porter, and Vann Hunt had 98, 58, and 43 yards rushing respectively.

“Obviously the blocking was great by everybody,” Raeburn said. “The running backs ran really hard. They broke tackles and made guys miss which are things we haven’t been
It was important we stayed committed to the run because they have excellent pass defense.”

The zone running game worked all day. Belton either handed the ball to his back or decided to run it himself. He and the running backs consistently found gaping holes and green grass straight ahead. The 383 yards is the most rushing yards for Wabash since 2003 and is the fourth most in school history.

A reunion of Glee Club members singing at the Homecoming banquet. I do recognize Carl Michaelis ’79 Kappa Sig, who is on the staff at Christ Church Cathedral in Indianapolis. This concert marked the 120th anniversary of the founding of our Wabash Glee Club.

A toast offered in celebration of passing the goal of $60 by raising $68 million in the Challenge of Excellent one year earlier than the target date. Of special note is that $25,000 was donated by on campus students and 130 members of the Wabash faculty and staff were among those who contributed. Some Little Giants!

Here is the Homecoming float for the Lambda Chi house – Wally Wabash Through the Years.
Here now is the winning float – perhaps diorama is a more proper term. The theme of Happy 100! - The many faces of Wally. The offering was created by those artists in the Phi Psi house.

And here is winning group from the Chapel Sing – again the men of Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity. I guess Terry really did know what he was doing with our Chapel Sing at Big Bash!

Even Wally listened to the sing – the young man does not seem to be worried.
Certainly no further explanation is needed ….. Wabash Always Fights!

Photos by Howard Hewitt.
Text taken from the Wabash College website written by Joceyln Hopkinson '15

Warm personal regards,

Thom Feit & Terry Fewell

How would you do with these questions?

Now, find to a comfortable chair, a deeply poured adult beverage of your choice and ponder these questions as they may well have been asked by: Johnson, Salter, Haenisch, Powell, Scott, Fertig, Maxwell, Cotton, Peebles, Charles, Wilder, Rogge, et al.

Wabash Pub Quiz
by Hugh Vandivier ‘91

Division I – The Sciences

1. Organic chemistry, Laura Wysocki: How many bonds does carbon typically have in an organic molecule?
2. Organic chemistry, Laura Wysocki: What is the name of the gas, CH₄?
3. Biology, Austin Brooks ’61: The Central Dogma of molecular biology states that DNA makes RNA and it in turn directs the synthesis of what?
4. Physics, Dennis Krause: If a large truck smashes into a small car at an intersection, which vehicle exerts the larger force on the other: the truck on the car or the car on the truck?

Division II – The Humanities

5. Religion, Stephen Webb ’83: On what door did Luther nail his 95 theses?
6. Philosophy, Stephen Webb ’83: Which philosopher kicked a dog to demonstrate that animals are machines and that a crippled animal is nothing more than a broken clock?
7. Education, Marc Welch, ’99: Mainly known for his publications within education, this American philosopher continually argued that education and learning are social and interactive processes, as expressed in his My Pedagogic Creed of 1897.
8. Rhetoric, Jennifer Abbott: What are the five canons of rhetoric?
9. Rhetoric, Jennifer Abbott: According to Aristotle, the three persuasive appeals that compose the canon of invention include pathos, ethos, and what?
10. Theatre, James Cherry: Which nineteenth-century play ends with "a door slam heard 'round the world"?
11. Latin, Jeremy Hartnett ’96: What is the meaning of the boozy Latin phrase in vino veritas?
12. Classics, Jeremy Hartnett ’96: In the Odyssey, what is the name of Odysseus’ wife who was known for her patience?
13. Greek, Jeremy Hartnett ’96: The Greek words for “household” and “law” give us our English name for what field of study?

14. Greek, Jeremy Hartnett ’96: Which Greek general convinced his fellow Athenians to abandon their city and to take refuge on the island of Aegina (egg-ee-nuh) during the Persian Wars?

15. English, Warren Rosenberg: Mark Twain, Stephen Crane, Henry James and Kate Chopin are representatives of what major literary movement that set the stage for modern literature?

**Division III – The Social Sciences**

16. Political Science, Melissa Butler and Ethan Hollander: How many countries are members of the United Nations?

17. Economics, Peter Mikek: Which of the following is NOT an important determinant of REAL wages for the whole economy? a.) Quantity of output per unit of input, b.) Inflation, c.) Productivity, d.) Number of hours worked.

**Extracurricular**

18. Writing Center, Julia Rosenberg: What is an Oxford comma?

**Tiebreaker**

If you tallied it up during the course of a school year, how many times did Wabash students sing Old Wabash during last year? (The tally included Ringing In Ceremony, Commencement, every football score, before and after every athletic event, after each Chapel Talk, and all the reunion classes for Big Bash. It did not include Chapel Sing, which would be next to impossible to even estimate!)

*Answers will be posted on the bulletin board at Pioneer Chapel. Attendance will be taken. – OR just look on the next page.*

**Answers**

**Division I – The Sciences**

1. 4
2. methane
3. protein
4. Trick question: each vehicle exerts the same force on the other by Newton’s 3rd law: Every action has an equal and opposite reaction.

**Division II – The Humanities**

5. Wittenberg
6. Descartes
7. John Dewey
8. invention, organization (or arrangement), style, delivery, memory
9. logos
10. A Doll’s House by Henrik Ibsen
11. In wine there is truth. Pliny the Elder
12. Penelope
13. Economics (oîko (s) house + nómos manager)
14. Themistocles
15. (American) Realism

**Division III – The Social Sciences**

16. 193
17. The answer is b inflation. Options a and c are the same and number of hours worked obviously strongly affects real activity through availability of credit. Thus options a, b and c are important determinant of REAL wages for the economy, which makes option b Inflation the right answer.

**Extracurricular**

18. The Oxford comma, or Harvard comma and more commonly called the serial comma, is the comma used immediately before a coordinating conjunction preceding the final item in a list of three or more items.

**Tiebreaker**

518 times

Ringing In-1, Cross Country- 24, Football- 64, Golf-20, Soccer-40, Tennis-58, Basketball-52, Swimming-32, Track-62, Wrestling-48, Baseball-80, Chapel Talks-26, Commencement-1, Big Bash-10