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Greetings Classmate:

As many of you probably know, the Wabash College Board of Trustees in late January elected Dr. Patrick E. White as the 15th president of the College. Dr. White, currently the Vice President and Dean of Faculty at St. Mary’s College (Notre Dame, Indiana), will succeed President Andy Ford on July 1st.

Dr. White, who will also serve as Professor of English at Wabash, has had a distinguished career as a teacher, administrator and innovator of new programs. The trustees unanimously selected Dr. White for his passion for liberal arts, his focus on students as the lifeblood of the College and his commitment to the Wabash experience.

I urge all of you to extend your appreciation to Andy Ford for his many years of service to Wabash and, likewise, hope you will get the opportunity to meet Dr. White in the fall or during your next visit to Crawfordsville.

Admissions Recruiting
I’ve stated it before but can’t reiterate it enough: one of the best ways you can help Wabash is to refer prospective students. It can be done a number of ways, but the benefits are far-reaching for the students and College alike.

How can you become involved – and play a crucial role as a recruiter for the College?

- Refer a student online at: www.wabash.edu/alumni/student/refer or call the Admissions Office at 1 (800) 345-5385 or (765) 361-6225.
- Attend a college recruiting fair in your area.
- Host or attend a recruiting function in your area.
- Call students in your area, or those with similar career paths and interests.

Even I, as a complete techno jerk, can attest to the ease of referring students online. It takes about a minute to complete the profile, but that one minute can change someone’s life forever. And, the College is real good about acknowledging each of your referrals and following up on the status of the referred student as they proceed in the admissions process.
Class Giving
At slightly past the halfway point of the current fiscal year, the Class of 1980 has contributed $18,122 from 50 individual and corporate matching contributions. Classmates who have already donated to the College for 2006 are: Paul Atkenson, John Barry, Bernie Black, Bob Cebul, Bruce Cook, Brian Dickson, Brian Dinges, John Dolatowski, Brent Fulton, John Gilbert, Bill Goebel, Rick Gregory, Mike Gullifor, Charlie Hartford, Tom Hastings, Doug Highsmith, Chris Hutson, Curt Keller, Tim Kennedy, Larry Klee, Alex Klefeker, Mike Knox, Mike Lambert, Chris Lanane, John Maxstadt, Jim McClenegehen, Mark Merkle, Tom Minogue, Eugene Mszar, Duane Murphy, John Murphy, Dave Olsen, Larry Palmer, John Pea, Charlie Pockras, Jim Renshaw, John Ritter, Doug Rogers, Charlie Routh, Ron Rychlak, Jim Schultheis, Dave Stein, Roger Stoltz, Ross Strodel, Gordon Thrall, Bill Tutwiler, Bob Vogt, John White and Clayton Whitney.

Thanks to all of you for your continued support of Wabash, and I’m sure the rest of us will do our part by June 30th!

I’ll be in touch in the next few months with more updates on our class and what’s happening on campus. Until then . . . Enjoy the coming of Spring!

Yours in Wabash,

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James E. Miller, Class Agent
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