June 23, 2006

An End of a Year….an End of an Era

The College’s fiscal year ends on Friday, June 30th. More noteworthy, perhaps, is the fact that Friday, June 30th also marks the end of Andy Ford’s presidency at Wabash College.

As for the year, it was another one of interesting and exciting events on campus. New students and faculty arrived. Students were taught and learned about life both inside the classroom and out. Athletes suffered wins and losses. Actors, artists, vocalists, and writers all struck a chord or missed a note. Alumni gathered to cheer and mourn. Money was raised. Buildings were built. Tempests in teapots were brewed. Seniors graduated and some faculty retired.

In many ways, this part year was a microcosm of the Ford years themselves. I say this not to trivialize Andy and Anne’s contribution to the College. Their vision, energy and love for all things Wabash moved our College along the path of stability and success. We will miss them and hope that they will stay an active part of our Wabash community.

Instead, I point to this relationship as a reminder and a source of comfort. As we begin the White presidency at Wabash College, I am confident that Pat and Chris will bring their own vision and energy to the College, as well as to learn to love all things Wabash as they work to move our College along the path of stability and success. And still, new students and faculty will arrive and Wabash will continue to live and thrive on its own cycle.

Just a few notes thoughts about life at the College:

• Admissions
Another strong freshman class will arrive on campus in August. The Admissions Office received 1,356 applications this year, the second highest total ever. Through May 22, we have received 275 deposits and the profile of the Class of 2010 is consistent with previous years with one exception. This class has the highest percentage of students ranking in the top twenty percent of their graduating classes on any freshman class according to our records.
You can meet the Class of 2010 by visiting their website (www.wabash.edu/class2010). The College We created the page to help introduce our freshman to the entire Wabash community and each other. New pictures are posted daily, so visit the site often.

• Schroeder Center for Career Development
Career Services is beginning a marketing/outreach effort to employers and graduate schools to encourage them to take a look at Wabash College for recruiting and involvement purposes. If
you would like a Recruiting Packet or would like the College to send one to your organization, please contact Scott Crawford at crawfors@wabash.edu. Include your name, organization address and website, and contact name for recruiting/human resources.

Career Services would also like to invite all alumni who are interested in being a resource for current students to join our online Alumni/Student Networking System. This replaces all previous incarnations of such a system and it's a good bet that you're not signed up (only 53 alumni signed up). If interested, contact Toni McKinney at mckinnet@wabash.edu to get your username/password. She'll also send complete instructions. It's easy to sign up and can help ensure the success of our current students, which keeps Wabash and our reputation strong!

• Annual Fund

As of May 23, 2006, here are the top ten classes for overall donors and percentage of giving (post 1950 only):

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Thanks to all of you who have made a gift to the Wabash Annual Fund so far this fiscal year. You are among the more than 3,250 alumni who have made a gift. The College's giving percentage is currently 31%. We will need 922 donors between now and June 30, 2006 to reach 40% alumni participation. Each gift is important-and collectively-we can have an impact on Wabash men far greater than we may think.
Here’s a list of classmates who have already sent in a contribution this fiscal year.

Scott Beckley
Joseph Bondi
Anthony Brown
Andreas Danckers
Clyde Dawson, II
James Dimos
Michael English
Jon Finley
Kenneth Franken
Eric Green
Craig Harmon
Ward Heinrichs
David Holland
Richard Ice, II
David Kenninger
Clair Lang, Jr.
Kurt Lightcap
Mark Magura
Brad Maxwell
Alan Miller
Jeffrey Oberlies
John Roberts
Richard Rudduck, Jr.
Andrew Snyder
Rusty Styles
Christopher Thompson
Jeffrey Warmke
Michael Whelan
William Wurster, Jr.

Bradley Benbow, Sr.
Jeffrey Bower
Jerry Clingerman
James Davis, Jr.
Richard Denhart, Jr.
Bradley Eads
Hollis Evans
Kyle Foyer
Michael Fritch
Richard Gunderman
Christopher Harvey
Anthony Hinkle
Stephen Hornak, III
George Jones, III
Paul Kyriakides
Matthew Langenbacher
Erik Lindseth
Michael Mahan
Harry Roll McLaughlin, Jr.
Gregory Miller
Ralph Olson, Jr.
Brent Rosenbower
Thomas Shepherd
Bryon Stephens
Michael Sweeney
Jay Toney
Stephen Webb
Andrew Wilkinson

Timothy Boals
Gary Brazel
Daniel Cueller
Thomas Davis
Douglas Dewire
Gordon Elston
Arthur Farnsley, II
Cleve Francoeur, Jr.
Christopher Graebe
Christian Poulsen
Douglas Minchow
David Hayhurst
Timothy Hodges
Richard Huber
William Kennedy, Jr.
Charles LaPlante
Christopher Leagre
Mark Maddox
Daniel Markovich
Gregory Milakis
Michael Millin
Mrs. Laura Renz
Roger Roudebush, Jr.
Samuel Smith, II
Brent Stingley, II
David Taylor
Anthony Warfield
William Wheeler
Randall Williams

If you have yet to make a gift to Wabash this year please consider making your gift online today [https://www.wabash.edu/alumni/egift](https://www.wabash.edu/alumni/egift) or by calling 877-743-4545. The 2005-2006 fiscal year runs through June 30, 2006.

I hope you have a great summer.

Yours in Wabash

Jim Dimos ‘83