June 2, 2006

Dear Class of ’88,

Once again we’re down to the wire on the fiscal year at Dear Old Wabash, and I wanted to remind you, on behalf of Joe Klen ’97 in Annual Giving, to renew your annual gift this year if you haven’t already done so.

Now that I’ve made that public service announcement on behalf of the College, I wanted to add how proud I am of the Class as a whole for getting up to a level that is on par with the classes around us, both in terms of giving percentage (we’re now at 25.2 % participation for $12,756.00 dollars) I’m also thrilled to see some new names on the roster of donors this year (see below). Sincerely, many thanks to you new donors. Let’s all get in the habit. Every little bit counts. You are all Some Little Giants!

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For those of you not on this list, don’t forget that your donation to the College is not only a tax credit (at least a portion of it), but it entitles you (Indiana resident) to a form from the College which allows you, for a slight extra fee from the BMV, to get a special Wabash license plate with the Wally Wabash logo, thus not only avoiding looking like every other car on the road, but touting our Alma Mater in the process.
You still have time to give this fiscal year, just call the Annual Giving office at 877-743-4545, or give on-line at https://www.wabash.edu/alumni/egift. For those of you who can’t or don’t give before June 30, and for those of you whom already have given, let’s get an early jump on the next fiscal year!

The Big Bash for class years ending in “1” and “6” is this weekend, which reminds me now that our 20th Reunion is only two short years away. Please mark your calendars for June 6-8, 2008 so that you can be present at OUR Big Bash. Each year the event gets bigger and better, and attendance is growing, so let’s make sure we don’t break stride. I still need volunteers from each of the living units, both Greek and Independent, to help me and whomever else I can sucker-in... er... convince to join me in planning and coordinating our separate portions of the Big Bash, and particularly help in making sure that as many of the guys in your living unit as possible come back to join us. Please contact me as soon as possible at scott@harringtonlaw.us if you’re willing to help out... I’d like to have a Reunion Committee in place before Homecoming this year, which is October 7, 2006.

For those of you in the Indianapolis area, there’s a big slate of summertime events organized by the IAWM to choose from, so I hope I see you at one or all of them... the IAWM Mitchum Crock golf outing, held at the Trophy Club north of Lebanon, Indiana this year on Thursday, July 20, and the IAWM’s up-coming night at Victory Field with the Indianapolis Indians to name a few. Consult the College website’s activities calendar for more details. The same goes for those of you living outside the Indianapolis area... check the alumni pages for an alumni association near you (or talk to Tom Runge runget@wabash.edu or Mike Warren warrenm@wabash.edu about forming one), check out their calendar of events, and get involved!

I have no class news to report at this time... which tells me a) that I need to get back on the phones, and / or b) that I’m not hounding you enough to drop me a line with your notable news, or a simple update on where you are and what you’re doing. The feedback I do get to the news we do print is typically very positive, and your classmates really do want to know what you’re up to, so drop me a line!

In terms of the College, as you know, there’s always a lot happening on and off campus. Our new president, Dr. Pat White, takes office at the start of the new fiscal year, on July 1. There’s a great Q&A with him on the College website, and everyone who’s had the opportunity to meet with him has spoken of him with kind words and enthusiasm. Anne and Andy Ford are going to be an incredibly tough act to follow, and I know you all join me in expressing to them our sincerest gratitude and warmest wishes for future happiness (if they can bear the move from Crawfordsville to Chicago... I don’t know if they’ll be able to find anything to do to occupy their retirement!). But I’m confident in the process and the team the College assembled to locate and hire Dr. White, and if he’s even a tenth as good as Andy, he’ll be a great College president.

Let’s make sure he knows who the Class of 1988 is as he begins his tenure at the helm!
Dr. White has served as Vice President and Dean of Faculty at Saint Mary’s College, Notre Dame, Indiana, since 2002. Previously he was the Associate Dean of Faculty from 1988 to 2002, and is Professor of English. He has spearheaded a number of academic initiatives at Saint Mary’s, including establishing the Center for Academic Innovation and the creation of grants, which support collaborative research between faculty and students and among the faculty members themselves. Dr. White was also one of the designers of Saint Mary’s Center for Women’s InterCultural Leadership, a Lilly Endowment-funded initiative.

Prior to his service at Saint Mary’s, he served as chair of the Department of Language and Literature at Pfeiffer College (1985-1988) and taught at Westmar College from 1976 through 1985. He graduated with honors from the University of Chicago in 1971, and earned his master's and Ph.D. in English and American Literature from the University of Iowa Dr. White and his wife, Chris, have two daughters, Katie and Molly, who are juniors at Saint Mary’s College, and a son, Paddy, who is a graduate of the University of Chicago and is currently a third-year medical school student at Indiana University. Chris is a certified family nurse practitioner, who is a Clinical Assistant Professor, teaching community health nursing at Indiana University South Bend.

My best to you and yours and I hope your summers are spectacular. Don’t forget to get in touch and, if possible, get active. Even if you’re only hooking up the neighbor kid with Admissions, or logging on to the Schroeder Career Center website (via the College’s home page) to enlist as a mentor, those are excellent ways to get involved, and there are myriad more avenues to do so.

I look forward to hearing from you all, and seeing you throughout the summer or as the new school year commences.

Yours in Wabash,

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