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Dear Fellow Classmates,

Was on campus recently and I realized that no matter if you have visited campus recently or not, it is always **great** to go back. Campus is not all that different. Sure some buildings have changed, but fundamentally the staff is the same and you'd be surprised who will remember you.

For example, I ran into Dr. Hadley. Now I had Poli Sci 2 first semester freshman year, and my biggest take-away from that class was never to take another 8am course during my tenure at the College. You see, if it weren't for one of my pb's I would have dozed through ALL of the class instead of just a good portion of it. Dr. Hadley remembered this fact (from over 20 years ago!) and we enjoyed a good laugh about it.

So my point is this: Make an effort to go back to Old Wabash: You can always find something in the bookstore, you can always find something to eat at the Scarlet Inn, and if you want, you can always strike up a conversation with a long lost professor (or even sit in on a class) – you are always welcome, and that is comforting.

Speaking of comforting, while on campus, and browsing through the bookstore, I was surprised to see how many new 'sports' they have on campus, including rugby, crew and even an outdoorsmen's club. While walking past Baxter Hall, a few young collegians beckoned us to come enjoy some of the wild boar (yes, you read that correctly) they were serving up. You see, about a dozen young men went to Florida during Spring Break and bagged a number of boar, which they had smoked and barbequed, (they had pictures to prove it!), and I'll admit it was a tasty treat, and a pleasant surprise.

I think sometimes we may take for granted the value of the education we received, or the lasting friendships we made. But Wabash is always like home. You are welcome with open arms, even to those who simply respect you as a visitor to campus. Finally, I will also admit that I was duly impressed by the fact at how open, friendly and 'gentlemanly' these two young men were. That is something that Wabash doesn't teach you, but I certainly feel that it is something the College nurtures, and I can assure you, that true 'gentlemanly-ness' is something you won't find (or feel) on any other campus!

Did You Know That

Wabash was ranked sixth on the best value private college top 10 List by the *Princeton Review*? No other Indiana college even made the list! Wabash was also named one of 163 colleges named a Best Midwestern College. More than 650 colleges across the country complete the survey for consideration. To read more, go to <http://www.wabash.edu/news/4676>

While I was on campus, I was sure to get my hands on all the publications I could, including both magazine publications as well as copies of the Bachelor, (which can be found online at <http://bachelor.wabash.edu>) In the most recent issue, I read a couple of interesting articles. One was about a student, stand-up comedian fund-raiser, which sounded a lot of fun. The three finalists even went

head-to-head with a team of Dannies (of course we won the competition hands-down). The other was an article about the tragedy at Virginia Tech and what Wabash if proactively is doing on its own campus.

I also got my hands on a copy of “The Caveman” and was interested to learn of forthcoming publications by faculty members. Here are just a few of them (with which you may identify):

How to Captivate an Audience by David J. Hadley

To say Hadley is a renowned public speaker across the nation is a colossal understatement. The man cannot walk into a room without commanding attention. He delivers every word with vim, vigor and gusto, and he is finally going to let the public in on his secret on how he became one of the most compelling speakers in American history. Expect this “How To” book to be on the best seller’s list for years to come.

You Can Call Me the Mike Kryzewski of D-3 Basketball by Mac Petty

While some would agree that Petty’s comparison between himself and the Duke great is a bit lofty, this reported recognizes that the two have more in common than meets the eye: It’s been eons since either won a championship, they consistently fail to meet expectations, both are on the decline of their career, and neither of them have ever produced a successful professional.

Mission Possible by David Kubiak

Kubiak’s 700-page autobiography is a thorough account of his life’s quest: piss off every person in the entire world. Highlights include the time Kubiak ridiculed feminists for not having penises, mocked a group of deaf school children for not being able to hear him make fun of an orphan for being poor, and sprinkled bacon bits on the salad of an Indian vegan.

Now that we’ve renewed your excitement for the College, I have two favors to ask.

1). **Volunteer to help**

You don’t have to live in Indiana, or make a trip to campus to make a difference. To see just some of the many ways you can volunteer, go to www.wabash.edu/alumni/volunteer

2). **Make your contribution today**

The fiscal year for the College ends **June 30, 2007** meaning there are now fewer than 60 days to participate in the 2006-2007 Annual Fund. Please make your pledge today by either visiting www.wabash.edu/alumni/egift or call 877-743-4545 I am going to give them a call and make my contribution today!

Class Notes

Phil Goss returned to the US for the first time in three years. He currently lives in Warsaw, Poland, where he hosts television shows on a new HDTV educational television network, TVN Lingua (www.tvlingua.onet.pl) where he shares hosting duties with another person on “Chatter Box” and for “Spikerzy...” where he does voiceover work. He will be developing a show over the summer slated to go on air in September. Working title is “Slang.”

Phil married Jolanta Schmidt, of Sopot, Poland, at a small ceremony in Evansville on April 28, (which I was honored to attend). Jola has a degree in marketing and works in concert and event management. His bride is currently caring for their two-year-old daughter, Diana. The couple plans to live in Warsaw after summer is over. Phil also has a son, Maurice, in Poland.

John C. Rogers, 39, Frankfort, died March 29, 2007, unexpectedly in his home. He was a 1986 graduate of Clinton Central High School and attended Wabash College where he was a member of the Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity. A lifelong Clinton County resident, he worked as a crane operator for the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 103 for more than 10 years. He was a member of the former Kirklin Presbyterian Church, enjoyed music and was involved in sound and lighting. He married Angie Sanders May on Dec. 16, 2005, in Jefferson. She survives. Also surviving are a daughter, Mary Annabelle Rogers

of Indianapolis; stepchildren, Katrina and Branden May, at home; and a granddaughter, Brenna May, at home. Online condolences may be made at goodwinfuneralhome.com.

College History

By the time you reach this, students will be completing their final exams with graduation slated for the 13th of May (Mother's Day!).

Speaking of Commencement, you may recall that the original campus actually faced the Arboretum (which is home to each kind of indigenous tree to the state of Indiana) and Grant Street. Therefore, it only makes sense that graduation ceremonies were held there. Flags were hung from trees and a platform was erected in the woods there. Commencement back then was truly a senior or graduation week, with a number of activities planned. Speeches were made, musicians performed and skits entertained the audience. (Do you think TWR was a part of the week???) Sometimes parades even made their way through downtown.



While commencement traditions may have changed over the years, one thing that does not change is the pride we all take in the accomplishments of the newest batch of Wabash men.

Until next time, please share with me your Wabash visit experiences (or any other notes of interest!). I'd love to share them with the rest of the class next time.

Yours in Wabash.

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