March 2006

Class of 1992,

Much has happened at ‘Bash since our last communication. For those of you with attention deficit disorder, a screaming toddler, or a demanding boss, the abbreviated version:

New Dean, new President, a Rhodes Scholar, new soccer coach, new Director of the Malcolm X Institute, new national academic acclaims, new Bell victory, new retirements, new class notes, and new posh fraternity openings.

Welcome to Wabash

The Board of Trustees of Wabash College unanimously elected Dr. Patrick E. White as Wabash’s 15th president. White, currently the Vice President and Dean of Faculty at Saint Mary’s College, Notre Dame, Indiana, will succeed Andrew T. Ford on July 1.

Roberto Giannini is the Little Giants’ new head soccer coach. Giannini replaces Director of Athletics, Vernon Mummert, who served as interim coach for the 2005 season.

English Professor Tim Lake will become executive director of the Malcolm X Institute in July. Originally founded in 1971, a new $2 million MXI was dedicated in 2003. MXI has greatly contributed to Wabash’s success amongst private colleges in the percentage of enrolled African American students. Wabash ranked eighth nationally among liberal arts colleges according to the Journal of Blacks in Higher Education. The African American graduation rate at Wabash is 900% higher than the national average.

Retirements

Andrew Ford, Wabash president since 1993, will retire at the end of the school year. He has led the College to unprecedented growth in recruitment and fund raising, while spearheading a physical transformation of the school’s facilities. Ford drove Wabash’s recently completed Campaign for Leadership, which generated $136.1 million for the development of student and faculty programs and the construction of a biology and a chemistry building; renovation of the college’s mathematics, computer science, and physics facilities; the construction of the Allen Athletics and Recreation Center; the construction of the Malcolm X Institute of Black Studies; and the new construction or renovation of five of the college’s nine residential fraternity houses. Further, under Ford’s leadership, Wabash established the Center of Inquiry in the Liberal Arts at Wabash College.
Head athletics trainer **Jack Mansfield** retired after 22 years at Wabash. He has served as the president of the Indiana Athletic Trainers Association, and been elected into the Indiana Athletic Trainers Hall of Fame.

**Sports**

Head football coach **Chris Creighton** was named the 2005 Conference Coach of the Year. Creighton guided the Little Giants to their second 10-0 regular season, and a berth in the NCAA Division III playoffs. He also earned Coach of the Year honors in 2002.

Quarterback Russ Harbaugh was named a second team All-American and earned offensive MVP for the North Coast Athletic Conference. Along the way, he rewrote both the school and conference record books, becoming the first Little Giant quarterback to throw for over 3,000 yards in a season. Harbaugh also set both school and conference records for season completion percentage (273-of-394 for 69.3 percent).

The Little Giants retook the Bell and extended our complete series dominance to an all-time 52-51-9 lead.

**Holy Academic Accolades Batman!**

 Jeremy Robinson ’04 has become Wabash College’s first Rhodes Scholar since Jason Little ’92 and Wabash's eighth overall. There are about 85 Rhodes Scholars selected each year from around the world. Previous Wabash College Rhodes winners are: Jason Little ’92, David E. Kendall ’66, Robert F. Ashman ’60, Frank R. Barnett ’43, Byron K. Trippet ’30, Norman Littell ’21, Claude A. Pifer ’07, and J. Insley Osborne ’06. (Disclaimer: one of the Rhodes Scholars listed above is blatantly false)

The *Princeton Review* provided Wabash with some national recognition on student surveys: Best overall experience (16th), Professors (3rd), Professor Accessibility (4th), Financial Aid (8th), Study Habits (7th), Intramural Participation (4th), Fraternity Scene (8th).

Wabash is also ranked 51st in *U.S. News & World Report’s* annual rankings of national liberal arts colleges.

Wabash is one of 45 schools nationally recognized as a *Fiske* "Best Buy of 2006".

*U.S. News* also ranked Wabash 31st among national liberal arts colleges in its "Best Value" rankings.

**Class Notes:**

**Jeff Anderson (10/27/05):** My wife Alyce and I are pleased to announce the birth of our son Joseph Michael on July 3 and the adoption of our son Marco Antonio on September 19. Marco, born on January 4, is six months older than Joseph making for a fun and exciting Anderson household.

**Jason Little (2/25/06):** Alexsandra Jane Little was born February 10th, 2006.
Richard Graves (6/01/05): married Anita Heisig on May 28, 2005. Other Wabash attendees: Chris Worden ’92 was the best man. Reuben Ofsaiof ’91 was a groomsmen. Also in attendance: Mike Wilhite ’92 & Chris Kelleher ’92.

Fraternities

New Sigma Chi house:

Congratulations to the Phi Delts on their $4 million, 20,000 square feet home opening in the fall of 2006 on the site of the previous Phi Delt residence.

- Fraternity Partnerships:
  Phi Gamma Delta - The new FIJI house, currently under construction in the lot just south of the present FIJI house, is well on its way to completion. The students fully anticipate being able to move into the new digs in August 2006.
Phi Kappa Psi - The Phi Psi renovation project is set to begin in March with plans to be completed in January 2007. The Phi Psis will find temporary housing in the old FIJI house during the fall semester of 2006.

Tau Kappa Epsilon - The TEKE renovation project has hit an unexpected snag, but talks continue between the College and the TEKE Housing Corp to seek a solution to the dilemma.

Kappa Sigma - The Kappa Sigs are finding it difficult to stay within budget as they review plans for renovation or new construction, but just as with the TEKE

Miscellaneous

Dr. Gary Phillips Named Dean of Wabash College
Wabash College President Andrew T. Ford is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Gary A. Phillips as Dean of the College effective July 1. Phillips is currently Professor of Religion and Chair of the Religion Department at The University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee. If you would like to read the story by Jim Amidon go to: www.wabash.edu/news/3343.

The Wabash College Annual Fund
Thank you to the alumni who have made gifts totaling $1,800,000 so far. If you have not made a gift yet, please consider a gift online at www.wabash.edu

Notes on Wabash
- 92.7% students at Wabash for 2005-2006 received either need-based or merit-based assistance from the College.

Remember that during the 2005-2006 fiscal year, Eli Lilly will match alumni gifts to the Annual Fund on a $1.25 for $1.00 basis up to $2 million, for a total match of $2.5 million.

2006 Indiana License Plates
Alumni and friends with vehicles registered in the State of Indiana are eligible to participate in the Indiana Wabash College license plate program with a gift to the Annual Fund. Visit www.wabash.edu/alumni/plates for more information.

Regards,

Jason “Rhodes” Little ’92