Gentlemen:

I hope everyone has enjoyed the summer. For some reason, I really missed having 3 months off ala the college days. But, although summer is beginning to come to an end, there is good news: Football Season is just around the corner.

As I recently learned, Wabash, the defending North Coast Athletic Conference football champion, has been selected by the media and the coaches to repeat in the 2006 title chase. The Little Giants, 11-1 in 2005, will attempt to become the first team to win back-to-back conference titles since Wittenberg won four consecutive championships from 1998-2001.

Wabash opens the 2006 season September 9 at Franklin College, and the Indianapolis Association of Wabash Men is sponsoring a tailgate before the game. Details about the tailgate event can be found at: http://www.wabash.edu/alumni/docs/tail%20gate%20invite%202006%20-%20franklin.doc.

Other important football dates to note are the Homecoming game on October 7th, and the 113th Monon Bell game will be in Crawfordsville this year on November 11th.

The 2nd Annual Wabash Day (national day of community service) will be held on the weekend of October 14-15. Wabash Day: Wabash Alumni Benefiting And Serving Humanity; is a specified day (actually a weekend - you choose which day) for Wabash regional associations and other alumni to organize and perform acts of community service under the auspices of the NAWM. Please mark these dates on your calendar and watch for more information. If you would like to know if anything is happening in your area or would like to volunteer to organize the efforts in your area, please contact the alumni office at alumni@wabash.edu.
Three new administrators took over the reigns last month: new president of the College Dr. Patrick White, new academic dean of the College Dr. Gary Phillips, and new chief financial officer and treasurer Larry Griffith.

**Annual Fund**

Thanks to everyone who gave to the College this year. Our giving percentage was down quite a bit from years past; so try to get those gifts in early this year. Consider making a gift online at [www.wabash.edu/alumni/egift](http://www.wabash.edu/alumni/egift) or use the return envelopes sent to you several times each year. On behalf of the College, thanks to all who donated over the past fiscal year:

Brandon Armstrong  Craig Higgs  Nick Prihoda
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**Admissions**

Thanks to everyone who referred a student over the past year. The Admissions Office again exceeded 1,000 applications, and 45% of the Class of 2010 was referred by an alumnus. The 274 members of the new class will be rung in at Freshman Saturday on August 19th.

To keep up on what's happening in the Admissions Office, visit their new homepage at [www.wabash.edu/admissions](http://www.wabash.edu/admissions). The re-designed page resembles that found on other pages on the website and includes links to the Admissions Staff blog *Scarlet Banter* and a full activities calendar that will include dates of upcoming visit days, off-campus events, and all application deadlines. One of the many ways to give back to Wabash is to refer young men to the College. You can do so online at [www.wabash.edu/alumni/home.cfm?pages_id=63](http://www.wabash.edu/alumni/home.cfm?pages_id=63) or by sending Steve Klein a note at PO Box 352 Crawfordsville IN 47933. You could also call 800-345-5385.
Class Notes

Chris and Amy Gegg are proud to announce the birth of their first daughter, Lily Gegg, on May 17, 2006. Enjoy a picture of our new pride and joy.

Ethan Olberding writes: I will board a plane and return to the front lines of the War on Terrorism. Over the course of the past year I have learned numerous valuable lessons. My beautiful wife, Sarah, taught me the joy of love and intense attraction. My job taught me the importance of defending the privileges we enjoy each day. Most important, my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, showcased His grace and glory by instilling in me a confidence with which I will carry during my deployment. Obstacles and challenges appear in our paths to strengthen us. I am convinced that I will return next year a stronger and more educated man. How? Simple...it's those experiences in life that shape one's intellect and mold one's spirit.

Marc Welch announces: After 7 years of teaching high school Spanish, I'm back at Wabash as Assistant Director of Admissions. My main areas of recruitment are southern Indiana, all of Michigan, the Northeast, and Alaska. Any alumni recommendations would be greatly appreciated. My email is welchm@wabash.edu and my number on campus is 765-361-6018. I look forward to seeing some of you as I travel to your areas.

Ben Whitehouse writes: I recently transferred from Yokosuka, Japan and am now the Deputy Command Judge Advocate aboard USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT (CVN 71) homeported in Norfolk, Virginia.

Thanks again for the contributions. If you’ve got some news to share, please send me an email or just go to the Alumni website and post it. As you can see, I’ll put notes, pictures, and possibly even shameless solicitations in the letters if you send them my way.

Finally, on a personal note, my wife Jessica and I would like to introduce David Lawrence-James Higgs. He was born July 2nd and is already preparing to cheer on the football team at Homecoming.

Yours in Wabash,

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