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Gentlemen,

It has not been long since we broke the news of the Wabash community's loss. Time has given us all the opportunity to reflect a bit on Jeremy Wright's life, on our own lives, and on the friendships that we hold dear. Our sympathy continues to go out to those who are still mourning Jeremy's passing and trying to make sense of that very unfortunate situation.

Part of that reflection brings a strengthened resolve from many of us to reconnect with one another and revitalize our ties to Wabash. I would encourage all of you to check out the Wabash website and update your information in the Class Notes section of the Alumni pages. While you're at it, check out what some of your classmates have written. As the year progresses, Jon, Klint and I will update you with some of the news that we receive as well. I would encourage you to pick up the phone and call some of your buddies from Wabash soon!

Here is a quick rundown of this month's news:

- **A memorial fund has been set up for Jeremy.** Though we are still pursuing the possibility of a permanent physical memorial for Jeremy on campus, the Jeremy Wright Memorial Fund has been established to begin paving the way for a future Wabash man to benefit from Jeremy's legacy. Those wishing to contribute to The Jeremy Wright Memorial Fund may contact Wabash College in care of Advancement Office, Post Office Box 352, Crawfordsville, IN 47933. Requests for information or details concerning credit-card gifts may be directed to Mrs. Guyanna Spurway at (765) 361-6367.
- **Alumni Activities:** Stay up to date on all upcoming Alumni Activities on the events calendar at www.wabash.edu/calendar. Check out the events calendar and coordinate your schedule so you can attend the next Wabash event in your area or on campus.
- **Your generosity to the College is much appreciated.** Our class has a sterling record of participation in the Annual Fund, the Greater Wabash Foundation, and

various other giving initiatives. As tax time approaches, I am reminded that charitable giving does not go unrewarded. You may make donations online with ease.

Gifts to the Annual Fund have a direct impact on students and help in funding scholarships and financial aid, teaching and learning opportunities, academic programming, and upkeep of campus facilities. If you have yet to make a gift to Wabash this year, then please consider [making your gift online today](#) or by calling 877-743-4545. The 2004-2005 fiscal year runs through **June 30, 2005**.

Double or Triple the Value of your Annual Fund Contribution

Don't forget that you might be able to double or triple the value of your gift if you or your spouse works for a company with a matching gift program. If you are unsure if your company has a matching gift program, then use the [online searchable database](#) to learn about companies with matching gift programs.

2005 Indiana License Plates

Alumni and friends with vehicles registered in the State of Indiana are eligible to receive a [Wabash College License Plate](#) with a gift of \$25 or more to the Annual Fund. A gift of \$25 is required for each license plate purchased. Thanks again for building the legacy.

- **ADMISSIONS:** Speaking of legacy, crunch time is setting in for many young men in their senior year of high school. Our referral numbers have skyrocketed in the last few years. We need to continue to cultivate relationships with the top men in our area so that they can place a face with the Wabash experience. Our contribution to Wabash is more than just financial, it is ensuring that the pool of outstanding men who will walk the path that we have all walked remains an unmatched testimony to the value that we add to the world that we engage. How can you become involved?
 - Refer a student [online](#)
 - Attend a college fair in your area
 - Host or attend a recruiting function
 - Call students in your area, or those with similar career interests.
 - Contact Steve Marcou, Coordinator of Admissions Volunteers (765.361.6018, or email marcous@wabash.edu)
 - Now is the prime time to refer juniors to the College. You may refer students by clicking www.wabash.edu/alumni/alumni/refer sending the admissions department a note at PO Box 352, Crawfordsville IN, 47933 or by giving them a call at 800-345-5385.

- **Fraternity Partnership Update:**

Phi Delta Theta - Construction continues on the new house despite unfavorable working conditions the last month or so. It does appear, however, that the weather has hampered the speed of construction as the completion date will probably be pushed back a little.

Phi Gamma Delta - The Fiji's will be the next house to begin construction.

Ground breaking for the new house, to be located just south of the current facility, will be sometime late spring or early summer.

Phi Kappa Psi - *After some time in what you might call a holding pattern, the Phi Psi's appear to be back on track to become the next fraternity, following the Fiji's, to begin construction.*

Tau Kappa Epsilon - *The TKE have made great strides over the past months and fundraising efforts are projected to be completed around the end of October.*

Delta Tau Delta - *The Delts are in the schematic or design phase of the process and have made initial strides in fundraising efforts.*

Kappa Sigma - *The Kappa Sig's are in just about the same position as the Delts.*

We hope that this letter finds you in good health and good spirits. It is definitely a pleasure and an honor to serve you as a class. You will be hearing from Jon, Klint and I quite frequently this year. It is our hope that this will build significant momentum towards the promotion of our Big Bash reunion next year, that it will encourage return visits to the college for each of you (it has continued to become an amazing campus – check it out soon) and will foster a renewed desire for all of us to keep in touch with one another a little more diligently. Thanks again for all you do to spread the fame.

Peace,

Carpe

On a lighter note; in the news:

Was anyone else a little freaked out to see **D. Brent Waltz's** name on the Indiana Election Ballot for District 36 of the Indiana Senate? While it is very cool that Wabash is representing in the state senate, seeing a contemporary of ours in that position makes me feel a bit old. Waltz's campaign spokesman, a small lab rat named Pinkie, was unavailable for comment when asked about alleged statements from the Waltz campaign about their plans for world domination. Just kidding – well done Brent!

Some of you may have seen **Chris Lux** on the news recently. He was in the midst of a near daring rescue of some men who tried to drive a van through raging water in Shelbyville during the recent floods. That look of happy bewilderment never grows old – great guy!

OLAB: Summer Business Camp at Wabash for High School Students

Opportunities to Learn About Business (OLAB) was founded 33 years ago by a group of Wabash College professors, Indiana business leaders, and the Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce to show high school students that running a business can be fun, challenging, creative, and worthy of respect. **OLAB**, a week-long introduction to business and college life, is open to young men and women who will be high school seniors in Fall 2005. **OLAB** focuses on learning about the free enterprise system and participating in various simulated aspects of the rapidly changing business world. Teams play "The Game" based on teamwork and an intense schedule of lectures, computer and video simulations, and group projects. Participants live in dorms and have the unique opportunity of attending lectures and classes taught by Wabash professors and Indiana businessmen.

OLAB is free for those students who are accepted into the program – absolutely no cost except for transportation and personal expenses. Participants do not have to be Indiana residents or planning a career in business. If you know a current high school junior who would be interested in participating in **OLAB**, find out more on the web and download an application at <http://www.wabash.edu/olab>. Applications for **OLAB 2005**, which will run from July 10-16, 2005, are currently being accepted. The

deadline is April 15, 2005.

The College's Archivist (Beth Swift) needs our help. If you have any back issues of *The Bachelor* that you would like to part with she would like to have them for the archives. You can contact her directly at (765) 361-6378 or swiftb@wabash.edu.

Other Classmate Updates:

Matt Slane and his wife, Kristi, became parents on August 28, 2003, with the birth of their daughter, Mia Elizabeth. Matt digs fatherhood, and both parents are enjoying watching their baby girl grow and learn. Matt is currently the manager for legal document sales for IKON in Indianapolis.

Darren Cambridge writes: "After several years working on learning technology in higher education in Washington, D.C., I am now Assistant Professor of Internet Studies and Information Literacy in New Century College of George Mason University. I continue to be involved in community organizing with the Washington Interfaith Network and DJing for DanceFree DC."

Shawn Tabor has a new mailing address: 718 El Carmel Place, San Diego, CA 92109. He can also be contacted at 415/816-4919 or stabor30@yahoo.com.

Ruben Morales can now be reached at rubenm1220@msn.com.

Lance Conway, no longer a single man (sorry, ladies), is now residing at 5886 Hobbs Drive, Anderson, IN 46013. For those of you who haven't been keeping up with the latest issues of Wabash Magazine, Lance recently shared that he married his best friend, Jamie Sue, in February 2004. Congrats, Lance!

On a sadder note, we recently learned of **Gordon G. Beemer's** death. For those of you who didn't know Gordon personally, he was an honorary alumnus of our class. Gordon was a staunch supporter of Wabash in both word and deed, and the Wabash family mourns his passing. Please keep Gordon and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

Got some sightings or memories to share? Send them our way – our class' story is still pretty darn compelling no matter where it occurs.