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Dear Class of 1997,

Life travels fast when you are approaching 40! Can you believe many of us are creeping up on this milestone (forgive me if you've past it already)? Before you know it, we'll be organizing our 20 year Big Bash reunion.

This letter is meant to give you the best overview of Wabash information possible, but I'd like to send out another letter in late May with some personal updates from the class of 1997. If you have news to share about your life and accomplishments, please send them to me. I would love to hear from you, and I would love to include the news in my next letter. My contact information is at the end of the letter (read through to the end for a flashback as well).

There's a lot of great news to share about Wabash these days. Many of you may have seen this news on the Wabash web site, via Facebook, Twitter, or other outlets. But just in case, let me aggregate the headlines here. Remember you can find all this and more at <http://www.wabash.edu/>

- Over 300 prospective students attended Honor Scholar Weekend.
- Three Wabash Seniors have been awarded Fulbright Scholarships this spring. This makes five Wabash Fulbright winners since 2001.
- Admiral Bobby R. Inman, former Director of the NSA and Deputy Director of the CIA, recently visited the Wabash campus to present "Inman's View of the World" and spend time interacting with students.
- The Bachelor has been named Newspaper of the Year by the Indiana Collegiate Press Association for the third time in the past six years. See Bachelor issues here - <http://www.wabash.edu/bachelor/>
- Students took spring immersion trips to Washington, D.C., Israel and Paris.
- Spring sports are in full swing, and all the news can be found here - <http://sports.wabash.edu/>
 - The *Princeton Review* recently ranked Wabash Athletic facilities among the Top 10 in the country – the only Division III school to make that list.

- The Wrestling team recently sent 6 team members to the NCAA nationals, with Riley Lefever winning Div III Nationals at 184 lbs.
- The Baseball team is second in the West Division of the Conference at 15-11 overall and 6-2 within conference.
- The Lacrosse Team is 2-3 in its final year as a club sport. Next year the team will compete as a varsity sport in the North Coast Athletic Conference.
- The Golf Team is 11-14 and 1-1 in within conference.

Career Services is doing well and is much improved since we were on campus (in my opinion). The 2013 *Princeton Review* notes it as the 6th best in the nation with 91% of 2013 graduates set after four months. There are many ways for you to get involved with Career Services. They offer lifetime services to Alumni. Stay in touch and informed at <http://www.wabash.edu/careers/>

The Admissions Office is always looking for quality referrals. If you know someone who would make a good Wabash man, please reach out to the Admissions office staff (admissions@wabash.edu or by phone 1-800-345-5385 /1-765-361-6225). You can also refer a student on-line at: <http://www.wabash.edu/alumni/student/refer>.

As you know, alumni gifts to Wabash are a major component of the day to day operational budget of the college and assure the long term health of Wabash. Many of us, including me, directly benefited from scholarships or grants derived from this source. If you haven't already given this financial year, please consider giving to the Annual Fund by visiting <https://www.wabash.edu/giving/give>

Finally, the flashback: Remember, we still have the Class of '97 facebook group active. There are 52 members, but posting hasn't been too frequent since the Big Bash in June of 2012. But, if you are in the mood for a throwback moment, the photo of a special Big Bash attendee taking a "nap" at Rex Ryker's basement bar after a long Saturday night of Big Bash revelry is still posted. Take a peak for a walk down memory lane.

Remember – send me your updates. Note that I'm in Austin, TX now. So, if you find yourself in Central Texas, let me know! Also, my Co-Class Agent Craig Miller has moved as well. His new address is 22366 Merritton Road, Frankfort, IL 60423 (Cell 708-238-0649).

Yours in Wabash,

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