

## Class of 1994

### Class Agents

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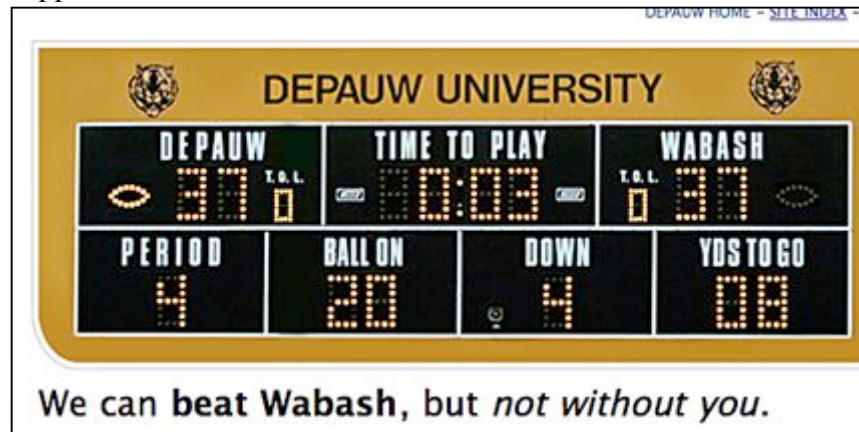
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Hey guys,

**This letter is about two things: giving to Wabash and our reunion next year.**

### **First, the DePauw challenge.**

This picture appeared on the DePauw website:



Last year, Wabash and DePauw tied with 37% of all graduates giving to their respective institutions. **This year (2007-2008), our friends from the south challenged their alumni and alumnae to beat Wabash in giving percentage.** So, yes, this is about giving, but it's also about bragging rights.

Are you a little riled up? Good. (Jack Littrell, please don't show this letter to Kathy until after June 30<sup>th</sup>). **June 30 is the fiscal year end of the college, and it's the date on which our percentage giving for this past school year will be counted.**

At last count, 21% of our class (39 of us) has given this year. That is one more than gave last year. I am told by the college that there are over 45 of our classmates that have given in the past four years that haven't given yet this year. There are 185 of us. If just the guys that gave in the past few years can give again, that would increase our rate to 45%! Just think of what could happen if those who have not given recently did so.

Remember, giving to Wabash is more than just this challenge – it's about keeping Wabash a national leader in liberal arts education for men. Forbes Magazine ranked Wabash #10 in the nation (DePauw was #31!) based upon the most important criteria

there is – outcomes. We want Wabash to remain that kind of institution and be even better in the future. It won't happen without us.

If you have already given, thank you. If you have given in the past but haven't yet done it this year, please do so now. If you have never given a gift to Wabash, please do so now. Even a nominal gift will help.

Please visit this link: <https://www.wabash.edu/alumni/egift> and show your support for Wabash. You may also give by calling 877-743-4545 or by sending a check payable to Wabash College to:

Wabash Annual Fund  
PO Box 352  
Crawfordsville, IN 46733

As you have most likely been told by the college, Indiana residents can get a tax credit for a portion of their gifts (50% on the dollar up to \$200 credit per family for individual gifts – businesses can get more). So, not counting any Federal deduction you might take, Indiana residents can help beat DePauw for a 50% discount! Also, don't forget to check to see if your employer matches gifts.

Anyway, that is enough persuasion. *Please give today.*

## Secondly...BIG BASH 2009

A few weekends ago, I was talking to Mike and Lisa Thibault (yes, it was soccer season again). I hate to admit it, but Mike's daughter Sophie took one to the house against my Katie. That's OK, Katie kicked Sophie's next attempt into the next field. Anyway, I believe Mike was shocked when I told him our **15 year reunion** will be next year.



This is the first in a series of letters regarding the reunion. You have received the "Save the Date" mailing from the college asking you to mark **June 5-7, 2009** for our reunion. The college changed the reunion weekend to June from during the school year so that we can come back and enjoy the college at our leisure. The college focuses on classes every 5 years, so our time has come again. During our last Big Bash, we all gathered for dinner at the library in the room at the top of the steps. Hopefully, we'll have even better attendance this time around and can demand larger digs.

Kevin and I are looking for a few guys to step up and help with encouraging their friends, dorm mates, and pledge brothers to come. So far, here are the guys so far that I am aware of that have agreed to help out. Thank you!

Kappa Sigs - Jack Littrell, Shawn Cox, and Darnell Frazier

Phi Psis - Lee Hoagland  
Sigma Chis - Eric Eversole and Shawn Dunahue  
Tekes - Keith Mason  
Independents - Chris Doer  
Betas - Andy Dorrel  
FIJIs - Pat Crane

If you've stepped up and Kevin and I don't have your name, please let me know at [tom.welch94@wabash.edu](mailto:tom.welch94@wabash.edu) and I'll add you to the list.

So...what happens at the Big Bash? With a few variations, next year's Big Bash will be a lot like this year's. For a detail of the schedule from this year, please visit <http://www.wabash.edu/alumni/reunion>.

For those of you that don't want all of the details, here's the 20,000 foot view.

**Friday:** Registration, colloquia, campus tours, a golf outing, and a reception and dinner for the combined reunion classes (we have our own tables). This year, since Tommy's is "gone", the College added a *Tommys Scarlet Nickel*, an on-campus TWR refreshment station I'm told was a big hit. It's open in the afternoons on both Friday and Saturday.

**Saturday:** Fun run/walk, Alumni Chapel Sing (notwithstanding the vocal power of the Sig Chi pledge class, we have A LOT of glee club members in the class of '94 – we can take this), more colloquia, campus tours, a picnic and class photos. This year, they have added Scarlet Yarns (think public radio's Story Corp with a Wabash twist). Any good stories you would like to add to the archives? Perhaps some of us should show to keep some stories from being told. We will also have our class dinner on Saturday evening.

**Sunday:** On campus Church service, and the Awards Brunch.

One of the things we are kicking around is a hospitality suite at one of the local hotels where we can gather to catch up and share a few drinks. Some of the houses or living unites may want to coordinate small group reunions as well. If you do that, please don't schedule somthing that conflicts with the Big Bash schedule. It's our reunion; let us know what you would like to see and we'll see if we can work it in.

**Watch for more information coming soon on Big Bash 2009 and remember to give to Wabash before June 30<sup>th</sup>. Let's beat DePauw!**

In Wabash,

Tom