



WABASH COLLEGE

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Class of 1951

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Dear Members of the Wabash Class of 1951:

It is still raining. I've had an inch and a half in my rain gauge since yesterday afternoon.

In the brief time since my last letter, I've heard from **Stu Jacobs** with some comments on my health and from **Bill Dunbar** who was down in Indiana for the Bowers-Darlington Alumni banquet last Saturday. He went by Wabash and saw a few people who were at the alumni weekend.

In my last letter I had to bring you the news of the death of John Orr. Now it is my duty to share the shocking report of the death of **Charlie Finch**. I received an e-mail Wednesday evening from the alumni department with the notice. No details. Yesterday I called Mary Ellen who said Charlie suffered a heart attack sometime between 11:00 P.M. June 8 and 5:00 A.M. June 9. He had been feeling well and was working on his computer in his study.

Charlie's remains will be cremated and his ashes brought back to Ohio. Mary Ellen will have a memorial service to celebrate his life on Saturday, November 27, 2004 (details will be forthcoming) which will work out best for her and his sons John and Nathan. Should any of you wish to contact her she may be reached at 7516 Teasdale Ave. University City, MO, 63130-3922. Phone 314-727-9535.

Mary Ellen said that memorial gifts may be made to Wabash College in Charlie's name.

Since the day I became your Class Agent, Charlie has been in almost constant contact with me. He has kept records of everything, and I do mean everything, and was a source on all kinds of information about our class and about the college. He served on the Alumni Board, as a track and cross country coach at Wabash and, I know has been active in the alumni association in St. Louis. He's been a friend and a dedicated Wabash Man. He will be missed. I know all of you join me in extending our deepest sympathy to Mary Ellen and the boys.

It seems like part of Murphy's Law that whenever I write a class letter the next day or two there arrives a new and more up-to-date report from the college. So it was again after I sent the college my last letter to you. **Our class now is at 51.5%**. Only one class of all the post WW II classes, the 1954 reunion class, stands higher than us. What a wonderful testimony of your love for Wabash.

Here are those of you who have participated by sending a check to Wabash: Fritz Albershardt, J. Bentley, Larry Byers, James Carper, Robert Clipsham, Daniel Cullinan, Joseph Daszek, Willard Dunbar Jr., Willis Ellis, William Everitt, Charles Finch, Charles Goering, Richard Griesser, Marcus Gumz, Elmer Halwes Jr., Mrs. Winifred Harries, W. Heazlitt Jr., Lawrence Honan Jr., Warren Jackson, Stuart Jacobs, Paul Jones, Edward Jube, Paul Kortepeter, Herman Kuehn, Robert LaSalle Jr., Ellwood Lewis, Loree Long, Walter Longworth Jr., William MacDougall, Donald Martin, Mrs Joanne McGill, Donald Mefford, Kenneth Millican, Robert Montgomery, Donald Mosiman, William Orman, John Orr III, Roger Parsell, Donald Partridge, Richard Regnier, J. Mark Rhoads, Philip Robinson, Robert Rogers, Jack Schenck, Tully Shaw, Donald Shepherd, James Slagle, Joseph Smith, Joseph Lee Smith, William Von Der Lehr, Mrs. Mary Beth Wahl, Donald Wise, Richard Yoder.

Best Regards,

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