



## WABASH COLLEGE

### *Class Agents Letter*

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Dear 49ers:

Certainly fall has arrived in Central Indiana and on this rainy day, I thought it would be a good time to get a letter out to the class.

On August 23<sup>rd</sup>, Wabash welcomed 250 young men to make up the class of 2013. I have personally met with a few, and I am impressed with the make-up of this class. The Admissions department and alumni are doing a great job of finding young men for Wabash. The composition of this class is interesting – 23 Hoosier Boys State delegates, one Iraq war veteran, a foreign student from Japan, an assistant Fire Chief, 27 actors of high school or community plays, and one a bingo caller. Dean Klein (Admissions and Financial Aid) said this class represents 17 states and nine foreign countries, with a total of 21 international students; also he states this maybe the largest number of foreign students in the school's history. There were over 1600 applications received this year for the Class of 2013. Wabash's total enrollment is 888 students.

As you probably know, just a year ago the Board of Trustees approved the Strategic Master Plan, a blueprint for expanding and enhancing key aspects of the facilities, operations and personnel, but all of that has been slowed, as you might imagine, in these economic times. Of course, this includes plans to renovate or rebuild Independent Housing units, a new Student Center and Athletic facilities are all postponed indefinitely.

The endowment was \$375,000,000 in 2008 and one year later in 2009 was \$250,000,000. Since the interest from the endowment makes up 52% of the operating costs, there has been a major adjustment in the budget, such as early retirements for faculty and staff. The College is projecting a balance budget for 2009-2010, kudos to President White and his staff in meeting these financial challenges.

The football team is off to a good season 5-0. Coach Raeburn seems to find outstanding football players that can handle Wabash's rigorous academic life.

## Other News Around Campus

The Kappa Sigs dedicated a new and beautiful \$4,000,000 house on September 26<sup>th</sup> and it will house 45 men.



## Class News

I heard from Bob Gluth, recalling some of his experiences at Wabash. Bob came to Wabash as a V-12 student in 1944. In 1945, Wabash made up a football team from the 150 V-12 students and a few older men, but none had ever played football. Bob (5'8") played halfback and said they had lots of them, but never won a game. After his discharge Bob came back to Wabash and finished in 1949. Bob and his family (consisting of his wife and two children) lived in Mud Hollow with concrete floors and baby bottles made of glass. After Wabash, he joined his father in the roofing business, where he's been very successful, employing over 100 men plus two branches in adjoining cities. I might add that Bob has been a loyal supporter of Wabash.

In closing, I would like to thank everyone who made a contribution to Wabash, especially the widows of our classmates, in 2008-2009.

Our class participation was 50%: Baur, Beardsley, Burns, Cherry, Compton, Conboy, Gluth, Joyce Haywood (Mrs. David C.), Hendryx, Himes, Johnson, King, Ellen Luse (Mrs. Harvey D.), McCormick, McIntyre, McKay, Milligan, Pine, Ragan, Romaine, Toody Wagner (Mrs. William B.), Warren Wagner, Welch, and Wosilait.

Wabash raised over \$3 Million for the unrestricted Annual Fund for the second year. There were over 4200 total donors this year including alumni (33.66% participation), parents and friends.

Again, thanks for your support.

Dale