

WABASH COLLEGE

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Greetings Friends and Classmates:

Where did the year go? It seems we just took down the Christmas decorations and now we are putting them up again. They say that time flies when you are having fun. It's been a fun year, I guess; we are up and about and able to take nourishment.

The new living units along Crawford Street are close to completion and students are moving in to them. On December 28, work will begin on Martindale Hall, which will be gutted and redesigned. Instead of housing 100 students, 78 will live there with study rooms and larger social areas.

The College is in talks with the Delta Tau Delta National to reactivate the local chapter. That's a good thing, I think. Many of my Delt friends were not happy with the College; I hope they are feeling better now.

Director of Alumni and Parent Relations, Tom Runge '71, announced he is going to retire this coming spring. Tom did a great job in the Alumni Office, and I was pleased to work with him as a class agent. Steve Hoffman '85 will be the new director.

The Red Pack, the cross country team, won the league and regional meets both for the third consecutive time, and then finished 8th in the National. Nice going coaches and men!

The soccer team had a winning season, but no cigars. I would like my grandson to be on the team in 2017.

Most of the excitement on campus was centered around the football team. It was undefeated and untied in the regular season, beat DePauw for the 7^{th} straight time – a Wabash team in the 1920's won 7 in a row, and went to the quarterfinals in the Div. III playoffs.

The team recorded 12 wins and 1 loss. A terrific year! The Bell Series is 60-53-9.

This year there were many football heroes, but I think Senior RB Mason Zurek was the most outstanding. Against DePauw he ran for 278 yards and 2 touchdowns. A week later versus Albion, "The Beast" as he is called, rushed for 312 yards and 4 TDs. He broke the rushing records of the great Stan Huntsman '54, Darryl Johnson '81, and Chris Morris '04.

Along with his football prowess, Zurek has recently been named an Academic All-American. Truly, Some Little Giant!

Sophomore Cornerback Brian Parks deserves mention. He is a "math brain" who was offered a full ride academic scholarship from Purdue. He declined, because he wanted to attend Wabash College!

Have a Blessed Holiday Season.

Gordon

PS: Please join me in sending a gift to the College before the end of the year.