



## WABASH COLLEGE

### *Class Agents Letter*

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Men (and their women) of '59,

### **Class of 1959 – 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion - June 5-7, 2009.**

Your reunion chairmen, Hoyt Miller and Sherm Franz, met on campus with fellow class agents Craig Green and Bob Wedgeworth and alumni relations staff member Tom Runge recently to begin the process of planning for our 50<sup>th</sup>. The reunion schedule will give us a balance between reunion activities and time to catch up with each other. **Make your plans now to arrive in Crawfordsville on Thursday, June 4<sup>th</sup>**, as we'll begin our reunion that evening with an informal get-together. That way we'll be on our way when the "official" reunion activities start the next morning. More details coming in the next letter as well as a complete list of our reunion committee.



Here's an email that we received from Jim Holmes:

Hi, my wife and I plan on attending the 50th reunion. I'll bet that I am the only member of the class of 59 that has two sons currently attending Wabash. John is in his senior year and is a double major (just like his father was) in mathematics and economics. He is currently applying for PhD programs in both mathematics and economics. (he was in the summer research program in mathematics held at Wabash and, as a result, has two articles in mathematics currently under review at professional journals.

Both his mother and I still have difficulty believing this given his poor performance in high school. But I was in the bottom half of my high school class, go figure.) He and I spent almost 3 weeks in August wandering out to Colorado mountains in our Roadtrek. We tubed several rivers, mountain biked on our Hummer folding bicycles, went soaring in a glider, and hiked. We had a great time and at the end he expressed his interest in possibly becoming a college professor like his old man. I have had, and still have a very good life.

Michael is a freshman and a pledge at Phi Kappa Psi, where his brother belongs (he was vice president last year). We have high hopes that he will blossom this year at Wabash.

If anyone is interested in any of my personal information, I believe it is available in recent editions of "Who's Who in America". not listed there is the fact that I gave a lecture at Wabash last year on my research (joint with my wife) on the minimum wage and, ironically, it was financed by the Ben Rogge foundation (who was the professor that nominated me for the Ehrhardt fellowship at the University of Chicago).

If anyone is interested in this research, including the late Milton Friedman's response, they can find this at <http://www.economics.buffalo.edu/people/faculty/holmes/>.

Best wishes, and have fun, Jim

Here is some (mostly non-reunion) information that I have decided to give you in the form of short takes, in no particular order. You can pick out what seems interesting and get through this letter quickly.

- A high school student in Dallas told Chip Timmons '96 of our admissions office, "I have the impression that at Wabash it's cool to be smart. It's not cool to be smart in high school." Incidentally, one of the freshmen this year is the son of the mayor of Dallas. You can refer a student to Wabash on the web site at: [www.wabash.edu/alumni/student/refer](http://www.wabash.edu/alumni/student/refer).
- The College has filmed a new "virtual campus tour" and it will be available in the near future. Stay tuned to the Wabash web site ([www.wabash.edu](http://www.wabash.edu)) for more details.
- Wabash is exploring an academic relationship with FuDong University, a top Chinese university. Speaking of China, there are ten Chinese students in the freshman class among 16 foreign students overall.
- One very easy way to give to the College is the recurring credit card option. \$84 per month puts you in the top rank of givers, the 1832 Society. It's easy and you can do it securely on-line at: [www.wabash.edu/alumni/egift](http://www.wabash.edu/alumni/egift).
- Did you know: We are (as far as I know) the only college with one rule of behavior, "The Gentleman's Rule"? Most colleges and universities have codes of behavior. And Wabash is a very rare college that refused to get on the degree bandwagon: we offer only the bachelor of arts degree. DePauw, for example, added education and business degrees and a masters degree or two and called themselves a "university".
- A high school student in Rhode Island applied to 17 colleges, but not Wabash. As a joke, some friends got his name on our mailing list. On a lark he attended honor scholarship weekend. He fell in love with the place. He is a freshman.
- Did you know: Dean Jagger attended Wabash. He was academy award winner for best supporting actor in "Twelve O' Clock High" starring Gregory Peck. He had important roles in over 60 films, including White Christmas with Danny Kaye, Bing Crosby and Rosemary Clooney.
- DePauw tried to rev up annual giving by challenging Wabash to beat them in percentage of alums that give. Our number was 37%. They CLAIM 39%. We should always be over 40% as a college. In fact it would be nice if the college were over 50% like the class of '59. **Nice going, men.**

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