



## WABASH COLLEGE

### *Class Agents Letter*

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Class of 1964

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Dear fellow classmates,

First off, as a real pest for soliciting cash for the college, I want to thank you for your contributions this past fiscal year. Our percentage of giving was over 53%, the highest in recent memory. The numbers, however, were that 90 out of a possible 173 came forward. Jim and I are grateful for you 90 men, and will be actively pursuing the balance this year.

This year's Class Agent Forum will be held September 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. On Saturday the football team will be hosting the University of Chicago. Anyone remember their heyday years ago under coach Amos Alonzo Stagg?

The Wabash Club of Northwest Indiana seems to be taking off. In April our baseball team played North Central in Gary's Steel Yard Stadium. In May we had a fine turnout for a dinner in Merrillville honoring President and Mrs. White. Wabash has a knack for recruiting top notch individuals on every level, and President White is certainly no exception. Next month we will be sponsoring a golf outing in Valparaiso. I realize that most of you couldn't care less about Da Region, but I sense an increased enthusiasm among alums everywhere for participation in events like these.

Hope to see many of you on campus this fall.

Ron Nichols

Gentlemen of the Class of 1964:

I would like to add my thanks to those Ron mentioned above. I am a little bothered that DePauw managed to best us in the challenge they extended regarding the percent of donors. I am afraid this may be an indicator of some kind of trend. First, they win the Bell game on the last play of the game; next, they edge us out in percent of donors. What's next? Will we lose the tidily winks championship as well?

Perhaps all is not lost. Forbes Magazine has just published its list of college rankings: ([http://www.forbes.com/2008/08/13/college-university-rankings-oped-college08-cx\\_rv\\_mn\\_0813intro.html?partner=email](http://www.forbes.com/2008/08/13/college-university-rankings-oped-college08-cx_rv_mn_0813intro.html?partner=email)).

Wabash is ranked twelfth. Of those ranked in the top twenty, aside from the military academies, only Wabash at \$35,550.00 and Centre College, Danville, Kentucky, (ranked thirteenth) at \$37,000.00 had annual expenses under \$45,000.00, and only Wabash had SAT scores that ranged below 1,100. Since Loren Pope says that "at only four of the 11 Ivies and Little Ivies do the seniors perform as well or better on the MCAT," something good must be happening in the three

and a half years leading up to those tests. By the way, DePauw ranks forty-seventh. Maybe things are not so bad after all. Maybe the tidily winks championship is still safe. Wabash continues to be highly ranked by the Princeton Review and the other ranking services.

**Our 45<sup>th</sup> class reunion is scheduled for next year – June 5-7, 2009.** Ron was good enough to volunteer us to share the reunion chairmanship, but we still need volunteers from most of the living units, including my Kappa Sigs. Remember I know things about all of you. Do you want to take the chance that your most embarrassing moment will appear in my “bulletins from Wabash past”? I hope that Emily Dickenson will forgive me for paraphrasing her in a case of blatant blackmail.

Regards to all,  
James R. Durham