



## WABASH COLLEGE

### *Class Agents Letter*

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**Class of 1965**

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Dear Men of '65,

There is always something to say about the class of '65; especially, this year. For the majority of us our age matches the year of our graduation. How often can this happen? Only once in a lifetime. However, it can only happen for about 50% of the classes; the rest are either too young or too old. It's not a particularly newsworthy item, but I guess those odd thoughts occur when one doesn't have enough to do.

Much has occurred at Wabash this spring. Rob Johnson has retired after thirty-seven years of coaching track and cross country at the College. There is so much to be said about Coach Johnson, I couldn't possibly fit it all in here, but to give you a small idea: assistant coach for the U.S. Track and Field Olympic team in 2000, NCAA Division III Cross Country Coach of the Year, and an impressive record for his teams at Wabash. To me, however, Rob Johnson is a man of extraordinary character—a man one had to respect and like. One year, one of my former students at Wabash, for some reason or other, was not attending practice. Rob was unable to get the student to respond to his efforts to contact him. Rob called me and his mother. We were able to help. Rob has been a coach that has sincerely cared about the students. He will be missed. If you'd like to read more about Rob Johnson, go to [www.wabash.edu](http://www.wabash.edu) then type in Rob Johnson in the search engine.

Replacing Coach Johnson as head coach of the track and field program is Clyde J. Morgan, who is the third such coach since World War II. (Who was the coach preceding Rob Johnson?) Coach Morgan was the head track and field coach at Thiel College in Pennsylvania where he won the Presidents' Athletic League Conference in 2004 and also the conference Coach of the Year.

Another big change in the athletic department is the departure of Vernon Mummert. Stepping into the roll of Athletic Director is Tom Bambrey '68, who has been Dean of Students for the past eleven years. Mike Raters '85, who has been the Associate Dean of Students, will be the new Dean of Students.

It would appear that beginning in the 2009-2010 school year, football and soccer will begin playing on artificial turf. In addition to the new playing surface, Barney Hollett Little Giant Stadium will have renovated restrooms and a renovated press box. (Not in the same place.) A new soccer field with permanent seating will be located near the Lambda Chi house. There will also be a new baseball stadium with a grass field. The only question remaining is whether blood makes the turf grow greener.

There was a new campaign by our friends to the south: Beat Wabash. This time it has had nothing to do with athletics or academics. DU would like to surpass Wabash in the percentage of alumni participating in annual giving. For the Class of '65 it does not take such a challenge to

encourage your generosity to the College. You are most generous. The Class of '65, as of this writing, has participated this fiscal year at a 49.16% rate, which puts us third of all classes with over 100 living members. For those of you who aren't onboard yet, please consider making a gift to the College before June 30<sup>th</sup>, the end of the College's fiscal year.

As I am concluding this letter right before this year's Big Bash, I remind you that our 45th is only two years away. Our planning and organization will begin shortly. If any of you have any suggestions please email me or Jay at [jayjanp@earthlink.net](mailto:jayjanp@earthlink.net) or [pactorp@aol.com](mailto:pactorp@aol.com).

I hope you all have a great summer.

You're some Little Giants,

Pete