



## **WABASH COLLEGE**

### ***Class Agents Letter***

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Dear Men of '66,

Freshman Saturday was on 8/20, and the College now has 226 new freshmen. The class is smaller than hoped for, but the quality is outstanding. More than 60 of the freshmen are out for football and others are participating in soccer, cross country, wrestling, swimming, baseball, track, basketball and lacrosse. The overall diversity of the class is terrific with many students interested in the fine arts, music, theatre, speech, instrumental music and, of course, the academic courses that will eventually lead to their chosen careers. I have met many of the freshmen, and they are genuinely happy to be at Wabash. They come from seventeen states and seven foreign countries. Congratulations to the Admissions staff, the coaching staff, faculty and alumni for recruiting the class of 2020!

The six new dormitories are now occupied by independent men, and the renovation of Martindale Hall is nearly completed. It will be re-dedicated on October 22 when we have a home football game against The College of Wooster. The fraternities are still reaching their pledge class goals and feel the quality of the freshmen is truly outstanding. One house reported that their entire pledge class had a high school GPA of 3.5 or better!

The Delts have had a very successful recolonization of their chapter getting sixty-nine new pledges during the last academic year. They hope to once again occupy their house on West Wabash Avenue next fall. Their alumni have been outstanding in their continued support of their chapter while it was closed for the last several years, and their faith, loyalty and determination will bring Delta Tau Delta back as a leader of Greek life at Wabash. Some Little Giants-The Delts!

Marsha and I arrived back in Crawfordsville on 8/15 after a three day drive from our home in Phoenix, AZ. Our "tailgate cabin" is across the street from the Wabash athletic complex, and we continue to decorate it with anything that relates to Wabash. Our agreement is that I don't decorate our home in Phoenix, but I can decorate our home in C'ville however I want! So, you can imagine what the place looks like-a little museum of Wabash history and lore.

I have the pleasure of attending athletic team practices each afternoon, and all of the teams look excellent-at least against each other. Football had 137 members arrive for football camp on 8/14, and most of them are still out although there are a few injuries. Soccer has had an impressive camp thus far, and cross country has been off campus for

training for the last several days. Jake Martin '03 is the new head baseball coach (coming from DePauw where he was the head coach), and the fall practices start this week. So, the campus is alive with activity, anticipation and Little Giant Spirit.

Jay and Marty Fisher will bring their tailgate gear from Michigan when they arrive for the first home football game on 9/17 against Allegheny. They always invite all of our classmates to attend their tailgate parties prior to, and after, the Wabash home games. There is no need to let them know ahead of time as all are welcome. They set up red and white canopies right behind the Wabash stadium so they are easy to locate. They do accept donations of food or drink, but that is certainly not necessary as they much prefer the comradery of old (and young) friends. You will enjoy the Fisher tailgates!

The first football game of the season is at Albion College on 9/3 at 6pm for an evening game. We played Albion in the first Division III playoff game last year, and we beat them 35-14 in a blizzard in Crawfordsville. They will be looking for us, so if you can be there to support the Little Giants it will be very important. We will also have a tailgate at this game details are below.



Kickoff is set for 6:00 p.m. EDT at Sprankle-Sprandel Stadium on the campus of Albion College. For anyone planning to attend, we have identified, with the help of the Albion administration, Belmont Manor as the tailgating location for Wabash alumni, families, and friends.

The map shows the location in relation to the stadium and they have noted there is ample space for RV parking as well.

Please bring your own food and beverage - this is NOT a catered event.

We look forward to seeing many of you this fall when you return to campus, and again, thank you to all of you for what you do for Wabash College.

“These fleeting years...”

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