



## WABASH COLLEGE

### *Class Agents Letter*

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Class of 1966

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Dear Wabash Class of 1966,

We, Cal and Stan, attended the 2008 Wabash Class Agent Forum at the College September 19 & 20. Once again we came away feeling very proud of our Alma Mater. I have extracted bits and pieces of articles on the website, [www.wabash.edu](http://www.wabash.edu), which give some of the reasons for our pride in Wabash.

To date more than \$1 million has been pledged to *The Wabash Edge: The Fund for Athletics Facilities*, a \$6.2 million campaign to upgrade the College's outdoor athletics facilities. The project includes construction of a dedicated baseball stadium just southwest of the Allen Center. The stadium will include permanent seating for fans; a press box, concession, and restroom complex; and batting cages, bullpens, and a new scoreboard. Mud Hollow Field will be transformed into the home of the Wabash soccer team with a new stadium with permanent seating, synthetic playing surface, press box, and restrooms. Mud Hollow will also have two synthetic fields that can be used for football practice and intramural sports. An additional natural grass field will also be developed and used for varsity sports practice, intramural sports, and field events during track and field season. A synthetic playing surface will replace the sod in Byron P. Hollett Little Giant Stadium. New advances have produced a number of quality surfaces, which reduce on-field injuries and are less expensive to maintain. For more information on the facilities and how to support the effort, please contact Steve Hoffman '85 by email



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Both Tau Kappa Epsilon and Delta Tau Delta have improved houses. Members, alumni, and college officials helped dedicate the new Tau Kappa Epsilon house Saturday morning. The \$4 million house houses more than 40 students. The men and alumni of Delta Tau Delta enjoyed a Saturday ribbon-cutting ceremony Saturday. The \$3.2 million project refurbished the entire house. The College continues to offer the very best in facilities for Wabash students.

**The 12th spot in the first-ever *Forbes* ranking of [America's Best Colleges](#)** puts Wabash ahead of not only all other Indiana institutions but also above all other "peer institutions" in the Midwest. In comparison, DePauw was ranked 47th, Notre Dame 77th, Earlham 94th, Hanover 132nd, Indiana University 214th, University of Evansville 252nd, Butler 333rd, Ball State 461st, and Purdue 487th. *Forbes* methodology included rankings from more than seven million student evaluations. They looked at how many of the schools' alumni, adjusted for the size of the school, are listed among notables in Who's Who in America. A large percentage of their ranking method

included: debt level at graduation, percentage of students graduating in four years, number of students or faculty who have won nationally competitive awards like Rhodes Scholarships or Truman Scholarships. The story on the *Forbes* website wrote specifically about Wabash's high standing: "*Several relatively unknown schools do surprisingly well in our rankings. Wabash College, a tiny, all-male school located in Crawfordsville, Ind., ranks 12th on our list, and Centre College, a highly-regarded liberal arts school in Danville, Ky., ranks 13th. With an entering class of just 250 freshmen, Wabash benefits from both high student satisfaction with their courses and lots of graduates who received distinctions in their post collegiate careers.*"

Wabash has traditionally done very well in such rankings but this is its best showing ever. Wabash was 52<sup>nd</sup> in the 2008 *U.S. News and World Report* rankings. [The College was highly praised](#) in the recent Princeton Review as one of *The Best 368 Colleges*.

We were treated to a delightful speech by Dean of Students Mike Raters '85. He contrasted the Wabash men of old with the current students who seem to possess all of our good characteristics, with few of our flaws and present some new challenges. One interesting development is the "helicopter parents" made possible by today's modern communications. Parents are much more a part of the College scene for better and for worse. They can be a great help in recruiting, but become a problem when they can't seem to cut the apron strings. When Stan arrived at Wabash his dad dropped him off in front of the Campus Center and started on his return cross country drive to Scottsdale, AZ. The cost of long distance calls and the limited number of pay phones eliminated Stan's parents from the College. The US Postal Service was the main stay for keeping in contact. The apron strings were pretty well cut in our day.

Chief Financial Officer of the College Larry Griffith provided detailed insight into the College's accounting system. We were impressed with the impact of the Annual Fund which topped the \$3 million mark last year. Our class participated well falling just short of a 50% participation rate. We came in at 49%. I hope you will help us break the 50% level in the 2008-2009 fiscal year.

#### **Class of 1966 list of Donors for '07-'08 Fiscal Year**

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Gifts to the Annual Fund go to current operations of the College and reduce the cost to students. Our gifts to the College are important and as the rankings indicate, a gift to Wabash is a good investment. We urge you to make a gift. You can visit the website ([www.wabash.edu/alumni/egift](http://www.wabash.edu/alumni/egift)) and setup a payment plan with automatic monthly charges to a credit card. Make a tax deductible gift and gain points on your credit card for whatever it is your card offers. Stan has a card from the Kroger grocery store chain to earn coupons for purchases, since food is still a big item in his budget.

New Head Football Coach Erik Raeburn has recorded three impressive wins. Wabash defeated Denison 41-17 in their opener on the road September 13, defeated the University of Chicago 49 - 7 on September 21 and defeated Kenyon 55-13 on the road September 27. True to his word, Coach Raeburn has put more emphasis on the running game while keeping the passing game sharp. We expect big things from this year's Little Giants on the gridiron. You can watch the game over the internet by going to the College website and you can check out how the other teams are doing.

The College website ([www.wabash.edu](http://www.wabash.edu)) is full of information about all aspects of life at Wabash. We urge you to check it out. There are some very interesting comments by students in their Blogs which are not edited by the College. Wabash relies on the Gentleman's Rule much more today than in our time.

In 1962 Cal was a Midwesterner from St Charles, IL and Stan was a Westerner from Scottsdale, AZ. It is reversed now as Cal has relocated to Phoenix and Stan resides in Crawfordsville. Stan had to make the long trips back and forth by bus. Fortunately, Cal can make the trip by air. We hope all of you will look to making the trip in June 2011 to celebrate our 45 Year Class Reunion.

Best wishes,

Cal Black and Stan Walker



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