



WABASH COLLEGE

Class Agents Letter

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Dear Classmates,

Nostalgia

My wife and I were watching an old Ed Sullivan DVD the other night, which featured the pop groups that appeared on his show in the mid-60s. We had fun laughing at the clothes, haircuts (or lack thereof), and some of the lyrics. Actually, we were able to sing along with most of the tunes. I'm not certain when it happened, but sometime in the past 45 years the performers forgot how to enunciate.

Several thoughts crossed my mind as we watched the show: Did anyone ever have more energy than Tina Turner? How did Frankie Valley keep a straight face while singing "Walk Like a Man" in falsetto? Didn't the surfer and hot rod songs have the best lyrics of all time?

But, another fact struck me - - - Wabash hosted several of the top recording groups while we were in college: The Association, The Astronauts, The Kingsmen, and The New Christy Minstrels. In addition to the pop groups of the era, we saw some of the all-time great big bands (such as Les Elgart and Si Zentner) before they faded away. And, we saw them all for very little cost.

Reunion Déjà vu

Speaking of reminiscing. Some people are already thinking about our 50th reunion!!! We received this message from **Phil Coons**:

Earl,

I just got my most recent Wabash Class Agents letter from you. I appreciated Chris Bird's comments about the "Big Bash 2012" book that I assembled. I am now working on "Big Bash 2017" and it will be totally new material. If you have any Wabash Stories that you want included, please forward them to me at pcoons@iupui.edu

Phil

The Wabash Experience

One of the NE Ohio alums organized a Wabash outing to a recent baseball game of the Indians local Class A team. He had a suite, which was filled to capacity, the weather was great, and the locals won the game. We had alum from as early as 1965 and as recent as 2005. As with all Wabash outings, numerous "scarlet yarns" were told. Regardless of the class year, many of the experiences were similar and all of the alums expressed appreciation for having a Wabash degree. Based on my conversations with friends who have not attended Wabash, this "brotherhood" is special and a key factor in keeping Wabash unique.

Annual Fund Record

Many thanks to all of you who made a contribution to the 2011-2012 Annual Fund. As you can see from the article below, we set a new record. The link at the end of the article will get you to the Honor Roll on the Wabash web site, where individual names are listed.

Wabash Annual Fund Tops Previous Record
by Howard Hewitt • July 16, 2012

Wabash alums, friends, and supporters gave generously to the College in the just-completed fiscal year establishing a new fund-raising standard. Giving topped \$3,175,000 from more than 4,300 donors in the recently completed giving year. That's nearly \$51,000 above the previous single-year record of 2009.

"The Annual Fund is the life blood of the College, providing the unrestricted support to make so many good things happen for Wabash men," President Patrick White said. "This year's record Annual Fund is testimony to the commitment that alumni, families, faculty and staff, and other friends of the College feel for Wabash.

“I join with everyone at Wabash in thanking those who contributed this year and in congratulating Joe Klen, Director of the Annual Fund, Tom Runge, interim Dean for Advancement, and Alison Kothe, Director of Development, and all in Advancement who worked so hard to bring this success home. “

The annual campaign detail breaks down the successful result. Of the top 10 classes in terms of participation, nine of the top 10 had 50 percent or more participation. Young alumni are continuing the long tradition of supporting their alma mater. The Classes of 2003 and 2007 are the only young alumni classes dating back to 1991 with more than 70 donors.

The classes of 2002-2009 all had participation increases.



“I am overwhelmed at the generosity of alumni and friends of the College in helping set a new record for dollars contributed to the Annual Fund,” Director of Annual Giving Joe Klen said. “The increase in unrestricted dollars directly impacts those students and faculty who live and learn together on the Wabash campus every day.

“This year the College demonstrated how gifts to the Annual Fund support the relationships that are at the heart of a Wabash education — relationships between students, with professors and coaches, and the relationships that make the Wabash alumni network second to none. When alumni and friends support the Annual Fund, they are investing the relationships that are at the core of the College’s mission to educate men to think critically, act responsibly, lead effectively, and live humanely. “

The effort to surpass 3 million annually and grow the fund toward 4 million is aided by tremendous alumni support.

“I greatly appreciate the role of alumni leaders who helped reach out to fellow alumni to support the College,” President White said. “Class agents, reunion gift chairs, NAWM leaders including President Greg Castanias and Kip Chase, who participated in an important June appeal, and many other individuals modeled in their own giving and in their messages to their friends the importance of giving to Wabash. This commitment and these efforts play a huge role in this success. “

Visit the [online honor roll of donors](#) to see a list of alumni, parents, and friends who made gifts to the College during the 2011-2012 fiscal year.

Campus News

This likely comes as no surprise to any of us, but three more sports teams were recognized as national scholarship teams. Here is the link to the article on the Wabash website:

http://sports.wabash.edu/news/2012/8/2/TRACK_0802125221.aspx?path=golf

I think this recognition exemplifies what we alumni know about our Alma Mater and was one of the key factors in our selecting Wabash – the emphasis on both academics and athletics. Wallies are true STUDENT-ATHLETES! By the way, both the football and cross country teams are nationally ranked going into the season.

Deep Thoughts

- 1. When you are dissatisfied and would like to go back to your youth, think of Phys-Chem.*
- 2. You know you are getting old when everything either dries up or leaks.*

Enjoy the fall. Catch a Wabash event in your area.

Duane