



## WABASH COLLEGE

### *Class Agents Letter*

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Dear Classmates,

This month's letter is just a bit different, as I will relate a few news items that are Wabash, but not necessarily Class of '67 specific.

#### ***Professor John Fischer H'70***

Dr. Fischer received an Honorary Degree in a ceremony at Commencement on May 16. He arrived on campus about the same time we did; although I did not have a class with him, I think many from '67 did. Here is a link to some of the pictures from the party, hosted by the Lambda Chis:

[http://www.wabash.edu/photo\\_album/home.cfm?photo\\_id=53679&photo\\_album\\_id=4220](http://www.wabash.edu/photo_album/home.cfm?photo_id=53679&photo_album_id=4220).

### **JOHN FISCHER H'70 – LIFE CHANGER**



Prof. John Fischer, honorary alumnus and now holder of an Honorary Wabash Doctorate, was on campus this past weekend to receive his degree. A few Lambda Chi leaders – Scott Eggers, Greg Estell, Ted Grossnickle, Greg Castanias, and many others – arranged a reception for John on Saturday afternoon. The guest list hit 150 bringing alumni back from every corner of the Country. A special thanks goes to Sarah Estell for doing a great job on everything for invitations to guest lists to logistics.

John was a teacher at Wabash for 40 years. His subject matter expertise wasn't so much in a subject as it was in "being". *Being* a gentleman. *Being* a responsible citizen. *Being* accountable. *Being* trustworthy. He also had a class called "No whining." You did not want to get labeled "feckless" by this man, I assure you!

John Fischer changed men for the better and those men have gone on to make our world be better. Is there any greater purpose?

John Fischer – Some Little Giant!

### ***NE Ohio Alumni and JCU Fraternity***

Terry Evitts, '78 is one of the stalwart members of the NE Ohio alumni association. For many years he has provided a suite for our group at one of the Lake County Captains (Level A) baseball games. He has also sponsored a suite for the John Carroll University Lambda Chi Alpha chapter, where he is a chapter advisor. I attended the game with him this year and had a great time with the JCU students. It is gratifying to see that a few college students, in addition to Wabash gentlemen, are interested in a meaningful career, possess good manners, and seem to enjoy leisure time with a couple "older guys"! In addition to baseball, the conversations with these students covered a wide range of topics, from post-graduate plans to fraternity pranks. What a pleasant contrast this was to the typical media hype bashing college males, fraternities, traditions, and career-motivated students.

## ***Real Scholar-Athletes Are Division III Ones***

Joseph Epstein's describing the "Big Dance" as a "Wallflower" is appropriate at this March Madness time ("A Wallflower at the Big Dance," op-ed, March 27). However, Mr. Epstein can recover his athletic idealism by attending any of the NCAA's Division III nonathletic scholarship colleges. Those male and female athletes are the true "scholar-athletes." They play for the love of the game. They do so at such schools as Sewanee, Wabash, Williams and Centre. All would welcome Mr. Epstein at their small football stadiums and basketball arenas. At those schools "one and done" means the student flunked out.

JIM SEIDULE  
*The Villages, Fla.*

## ***Wabash in The Wall Street Journal***

This letter to the editor appeared in a recent WSJ. Looks like our reputation is far and wide:

## ***Athletics***

### **Wabash Wins Fifth Straight NCAC Title**

The Wabash track and field team won its record-tying fifth straight North Coast Athletic Conference Championship Saturday. Denison won five straight from 1985-89 as did Allegheny from 2003-07.

The Little Giants finished with 256.50 points, followed by Ohio Wesleyan at 193 and DePauw at 80. Oberlin (66.50), Wittenberg (65), Allegheny (61), Denison (41), Wooster (30), and Kenyon (22) rounded out the NCAC field.

"This is special because there are only two other programs that have won five consecutive men's outdoor titles," Wabash head coach [Clyde Morgan](#) said. "That's pretty elite company to join, which makes the accomplishment pretty special. But we've really gone into each season focused on winning that title, not what we did last year. I'm not really sure this accomplishment will hit the guys until sometime this summer. We'll go right from this meet to competing at final qualifying meets before heading to nationals, so there's not really much time to take this in until after the season ends the last weekend in May. There's just not time to reflect on the past few years until the season is over. It will probably hit our alumni who have been part of the first few titles and our seniors who will graduate with the conference title having only been at Wabash during their careers in many different ways. We did exactly what we wanted to do --- not focus on the title but to have a blast, be high energy, get your point and just take things event by event," Morgan said. "That's been our philosophy here since I've been coaching."

Wabash won its fifth straight indoor title earlier this season to add to its dominance in of the sport in the NCAC over

the last half decade. Wabash scored 50 athletes with 22 earning All-NCAC honors this season by finishing in the top three of their events. The Little Giant coaching staff was also honored as the NCAC Coaching Staff of the Year.

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## **4.22 Day of Giving**

As Earl mentioned last month, this was a terrific day for fundraising. We'd like to share this note from Joe Klen:

Friends,

It has been a little over two weeks (*Ed. note – this was sent to us a few weeks ago.*) since we concluded our Go for 2 on 4.22 Day of Giving for Wabash College. Late yesterday, we completed all of the gift processing work for gifts made as part of the day. We have spent some time today analyzing all of the data. I am excited to be able to share with you a first look at some of the final results.

### **Gifts and Donors**

- 2,848 gifts were made on 4.22.
- 2,561 unique donors were part of the day. This includes 1,636 alumni, 533 current students, 155 parents, and more than 150 faculty and staff.
- 1,165 people renewed their support of Wabash and made their first gift of the 2014-2015 fiscal year on 4.22.
- 383 current students made their first gift **EVER** to Wabash on 4.22.
- 147 other people made their first gift **EVER** to Wabash on 4.22

### **Dollars**

- \$505,677 raised on 4.22.
- 83% of the dollars on the day were allocated to the Annual Fund.

### **Class Statistics**

- The Class of 2004 led all alumni classes for the second year in a row with **90** donors on 4.22 (up from 62 last year on 4/30).
- The Classes of 2011 (56), 1991 (51), 2013 (49), and 2003 (47) rounded out the top five alumni classes for the highest number of donors by an alumni class on 4.22.
- 10 alumni classes had more than 40 alumni give on the day.
- Every** class between 1959 and 2018 had 10 or more donors.
- Every class since 1949 had at least two donors.
- The Class of 2018 (freshmen) led the four undergraduate classes with 157 students making a gift (narrowly beating the Class of 2015 who had 153 seniors give on 4.22).

### **Affinity Challenges**

- There were 47 affinity challenges by individuals or groups.
- Nearly 1,400 gifts were attached to affinity challenges (some applied two codes to a single gift).
- Top Affinity Challenges with more than 50 codes entered:
  - PhiDelt165 (244 gifts)—Phi Delt Chapter Advisory Board
  - Beta (177 gifts)—Beta Undergraduates

Feckless (115 gifts)—Alumni of Lambda Chi Alpha  
Wabash Women (89 gifts)—Sherry Ross  
Glee Club (80 gifts)—Richard Bowen  
Chicago (68 gifts)—Chad Cleaver '00  
Current Student Housing (61 gifts)—Dave Pancost '69 and Paige Franklin  
Psych Special 650 (58)—Psychology Department  
Bachelor (55)—Howard Hewitt

We will be sending updated class giving statistics to Class Agents early next week.

Starting on Monday (5/11), our office will be in touch with those individuals or groups who launched Affinity Challenges on 4.22.

Again, on behalf of all of us in the Advancement Office, I thank you for the many ways you helped make 4.22 another great Day of Giving for Wabash College!

-Joe

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Joseph Klen '97  
Associate Dean for College Advancement

### ***Trivia***

As a follow up to Earl's letter last month, in which he mentioned a few classmates (Mike Butler, Peer Lykke, Tom Werner, Alan Witte, John May, and I) have been exchanging emails on the value and support of a traditional/Wabash Liberal Arts education (including its usefulness in such endeavors as Trivial Pursuit), I offer this conundrum from a Columbo episode (mentioning Columbo is, in itself, an opening for trivia):

**"I'll give you four words, and you tell me which one does not belong and why:  
Uncle, Delight, Asphalt, Leave."**

I will treat the first respondent with the correct answer to a TWR at Homecoming this fall.

Enjoy the weather, wherever you are, and SEND NEWS!!

***Duane***

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