



## WABASH COLLEGE

### *Class Agents Letter*

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**Class of 1967**

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HAPPY HALLOWE'EN!

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It's hard to believe that October is drawing to a close already. Just about time to put the lawn mower and weed eater away for the winter and start splitting some firewood for those chilly nights ahead. I spent yesterday planting a new flower bed with shrubs and annual grasses – a few square feet less to mow come next year's growing season. I have a stream at the back of my property. The county sent me a letter a few weeks back about a Stream Re-Leaf program. After some negotiations, I got an agreement from the county for them to come in and plant about 70 trees and 50 shrubs (they even let me pick the types and the general locations) along my stream front property --- FREE! I have been spending weekends clearing the area along the creek bank to get it ready for planting in mid-November. It was just too good a deal to pass up. And all I have to do in return is promise not to deliberately kill the new plants! Not a bad deal.

October also brought us W A B A S H Day, with alumni groups all over the country volunteering their time and talents to their communities. You can see some of the various events on the Wabash College home Page. Did any of you happen to participate this year? If so, let us know where and what...and pictures would even be better. And this reminds me of the questions Duane raised in the last letter (and for which we got no responses. Hint, hint.) How many of you participate in alumni events in your area? If not, why not? And what type of event might entice you to join in? (Of course the next question might be – would you be willing to help organize or host an event?) I didn't send Duane an answer either (my bad), so I'll answer publicly. My local Alumni group is in Washington, D.C. That's a bit over 40 miles from where I live. The regular event is a monthly luncheon – just a pain to get to (and it is on one of the two days a week I am now working). Their special events are usually evening ones, and the commute is just very inconvenient. So I don't go. If there were something more convenient, I very well might. (Okay, Earl, so stop talking and start acting – get off your butt and organize something! Well, I'm looking at that. I've been checking the alumni directory to see how many guys there are in Maryland, but outside the DC-commute area, and I'm thinking of contacting some of them and trying to set up a dinner, or a bowling night, or something. Now that I've put it in writing, I guess I'll have to follow through. More reports later.) So – what might entice you to go out for a gathering of Wabash men in your area? Something convenient – both location and time? Lunch? Dinner? Some activity? How far would you go to participate? Give us some ideas of what you'd like to see.

How about staying in touch electronically? How many of you are on FACEBOOK? (I am.) How about LinkedIn? (Again, I am.) Both have Wabash sites and are an easy way to stay in touch virtually. I have started a Class of 1967 alumni group on Facebook. It is open to all and could be a forum for staying in touch, sharing information, or announcing events. Feel free to join "Wabash Class of 1967". Also check out and join the Wabash College Alumni group. It is an easy way to stay connected. And feel free to "friend" me on facebook. I've reconnected with several old classmates over the past few months via Facebook. My wife got me hooked when she came back from the Air War College and found out how many military members use Facebook as a way to stay connected as they move about from assignment to assignment. So, join in.

Football season is moving right along. Wabash is 6 -1, with our only loss to Wittenberg two weeks ago. Quarterback Matt Hudson has been out for the last two games with injuries, but is hoping to be back next week. Three games remain in the regular season. A Hallowe'en contest against Oberlin, a last home game on November 7 against Hiram. And the Monon Bell game on November 14<sup>th</sup> at DePauw. I've enjoyed being able to watch the home games' telecasts on my computer. The rest of my family are all attend(ed) big schools – Penn State, Tennessee, West Virginia – so when they are watching their schools on the big screen TV, I sneak off to the den and watch Wabash on my computer. Last week, I tuned in to the Wooster web site and caught the telecast there. Pretty neat. HDNet will carry the Monon Bell game again this year, so check it out. There are lots of telecast parties being scheduled all over the country. You can check the Wabash alumni web site ([www.wabash.edu/alumni](http://www.wabash.edu/alumni)) to find one in your area.

Last, but not least, thanks to all of you who have made a financial contribution to the College so far this year. I saw twenty names on the Honor Roll of Donors. There is still plenty of time this tax year, so think about making a supporting contribution to the College. Any size contribution makes a difference.

Got to go. My wife gave me two kittens for my birthday last month. Why, I have no idea. We have two dogs already, but we now have two kittens as well. As I have been typing this letter, they have been climbing up my legs, walking across the keyboard (my excuse for typos), and intently watching the monitor screen as the cursor moves. (I admit, I did spend a few minutes teasing them by making the cursor go from side to side – and watching them move their heads to follow it.) But their sharp little claws poking through my pants legs are taking their toll on my legs! So it's time to go.

Happy Hallowe'en. And please let us know how you feel about local alumni events – it is nice to stay connected in person as well as electronically.

Earl