



## WABASH COLLEGE

### *Class Agents Letter*

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**Class of 1967**

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Dear Classmates:

### ***Classmate Comments and News***

From **Ron Brown**:

Duane,

I enjoyed this month's class letter and the d3 rankings. The last couple of years I've had the pleasure of watching Wabash play Ohio Wesleyan, where Judy's nephew is a center. This year Wabash slipped off the schedule, so I will have to watch Kenyon play Ohio Wesleyan, but perhaps can return for another game.

I enjoyed your commentary on aging, and noted that I looked younger than many of my high school classmates, who joined together in June to celebrate our 45th anniversary. I wonder if we look and feel younger because we absolve ourselves from aging, while we are quick to spot it in others. I too still remember the Big BASH and hope all is well with you.

Incidentally, I regularly look at 6 college alumni magazines (Butler, Southwestern, Texas State, Purdue, Wabash, and Univ. of Illinois) and the Wabash Magazine wins hands down.

Thanks too for sending me a late order shirt. It evokes lots of interest as I take my morning and evening walks around the neighborhood.

I have just finished a project with the National Park Service which broadened my interest in the National Trails System (40th anniversary this year) and encourage members of the class of '67 to spend some time discovering our National Scenic and Historic National Trails.

Best,

Ron Brown

From **Me**:

My wife and I were in the Detroit area in early August and met **Peter Keenan** for dinner. Pete is doing well and spending virtually all of his time with his law practice. In fact, he met us for dinner and afterward returned to his office to put in a few more billable hours. Since Pete was unable to make the reunion, we spent most of the evening reminiscing about our Wabash experiences; there were even some stories my wife had never heard!

From **John May**:

Earl,

Nicely done. It's always a pleasure to hear from and you and Duane. Ranking civilian? - Your wife? Do you have to salute or just rise to your feet when she enters the room? I do that now with my wife, but that's a natural reaction prior to sprinting out of target range and preparing for the worst!

Is it my imagination or do all classes began earlier each year? Really nothing going on in Western Iowa to speak of. Keeping body and soul together and watching the corn grow. But I promise to share anything juicy - yeah like that's going to happen any time soon!

Just remember this, even though you and Duane may not elicit a response from your adoring public, it doesn't mean that the letters were not read or enjoyed. Just keep us informed - and we will respond – maybe...      John May

### ***Class Agents Forum***

Earl and I spent last weekend on campus for the Class Agents Forum and the thrashing of the Maroons from Chicago. One of the highlights of the Forum was the information on the financial health of the College. Despite the chaos of the stock market, the endowment stands at roughly \$360 million and the alumni participation in the 2007-2008 Annual Fund was up in terms of both percentage of givers and total amount given.

Last year there was a total of \$3.1 million given in unrestricted monies to the Annual Fund, which was up nearly 13% over the previous year. The number of alumni donors was 4,073, which was up 4% over the previous year; this represented a 38% participation rate. Unfortunately, we lost the Challenge with DPU, as the Dannies had a 39% alumni participation rate.

Again, we would like to thank the 96 members of the Class of '67 who participated in the Annual Fund for 2007-2008. The men of '66 had 103 donors in 2003 and the men of '65 had 102 donors this past year. We are off to a good start to top these classes, with nine men of '67 already on the boards!

During the Forum, we were also shown architectural drawings of the planned athletic facilities enhancements. The direct link for details and drawings is:

[http://www.wabash.edu/news/displaystory.cfm?news\\_ID=6189](http://www.wabash.edu/news/displaystory.cfm?news_ID=6189)

And, three fraternities had special events...

The Tekes celebrated their new house

[http://www.wabash.edu/photo\\_album/home.cfm?photo\\_id=8605&photo\\_album\\_id=1721](http://www.wabash.edu/photo_album/home.cfm?photo_id=8605&photo_album_id=1721)

The Kappa Sigs had a mini reunion

[http://www.wabash.edu/alumni/news.cfm?news\\_ID=6196](http://www.wabash.edu/alumni/news.cfm?news_ID=6196)

And, the Delts celebrated the new addition to the “new” (since we were on campus) house.

{I realize that, if I were computer savvy, there would be pictures of all these buildings within this newsletter; however, I ain't and so there aren't!}

### ***Campus Activities***

After the Class Agents Forum dinner on Friday night, Earl and I wandered over to the Lambda Chi house, at the invitation of one of the students sitting with us at dinner. It didn't take long for us to feel like we were back in school, but the constant traffic of females in all areas of the fraternity house still required a bit of adjustment for an old-timer.

The students, at least the Lambda Chis (!), still have a zest for life, are humorous and articulate, speak positively about Wabash, are not hesitant to share ideas, and, perhaps most importantly, know how to schmooze alumni.

One of the students, Jake Ezell '11, even wrote about us on his blog. You can see his entire post at

[http://www2.wabash.edu/blog/jakeezell2011/2008/09/alums\\_party\\_little\\_brother.html](http://www2.wabash.edu/blog/jakeezell2011/2008/09/alums_party_little_brother.html).

Fortunately, for all concerned, he limited his comments to the constructive part of our visit to the house.

### ***Sports Report***

The football team is off to a 2-0 start under new coach Erik Raeburn. After witnessing the first six quarters of football, against Denison and Chicago, I was a bit concerned about the season. However, in the second half of the Chicago game the Little Giants seemed to come alive and show a level of solid play that, if sustained, can take the team a long way into the playoffs.

The rest of the fall sports seem to be in rebuilding years, as there are few seniors on the squads. Soccer is 3-3-2 with only four seniors on the team. Golf has only two seniors on the team of twelve, and placed 9<sup>th</sup> out of 14 teams in its first outing. The cross

country team has 11 freshmen on a team of 20; they were 2<sup>nd</sup> of 9 at Hokum Karem, 4<sup>th</sup> of 8 at GLCA, and 13<sup>th</sup> of 21 at the Indiana Intercollegiate Meet.

As always, please check out the College website for more details.

And with apologies, or thanks, to Readers' Digest:

*Give a man a fish and he'll eat for a day;*

*Teach a man to fish and he'll spend all day in a boat drinking beer!*

Keep the classmate news rolling in!!

**Duane**

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