



## WABASH COLLEGE

### *Class Agents Letter*

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Gentlemen:

Hopefully you and yours enjoyed a Happy Thanksgiving and are looking forward to the remainder of the Holiday Season!

What a year! How about Wabash football (at least until mid-November)? A handful of stalwarts were able to get together to catch up without the later part of the game interfering too much. Allegedly, our 30-Year Reunion this past June - - yeah, I know, I know, no need to remind me I did not make it, but sounds like a good time was had by all.

Check the College web-site for new athletic field plans, and the online version of the Bachelor is available at <http://bachelor.wabash.edu/>.

And unfortunately, some very sad news: the tragic death of Freshman Johnny Smith in early October, and the recent passing of Dr. Placher. The following is "lifted from" a recent e-mail from Jim Talley (no apologies, Jim, you did not copyright your e-mail, but thanks for the thoughtful message):

I am sure you each heard of the untimely passing of Dr. Bill Placher. When I heard the news I visited the Wabash College website for additional information. I confess before this month I rarely visited the web site. When I did it was usually to quickly catch a score of a football game. But I found during these recent visits to the web site not only lovely and deserving words written about Dr. Placher but also pod casts of several of his more meaningful lectures and speeches. They are even some of his C&T lectures on the pod cast. (You can also see a video of his Memorial Service and an audio of the Student Chapel session dedicated to Dr. Placher). Listening will take you back in time. I really enjoyed hearing his voice discussing topics which were and are so fascinating.

I also found on the iTunes Wabash College pod cast site under the tab "About Wabash" a promotional video touted as made in 1973; but in truth (I say with confidence because I saw several of your faces in the video) the video was made in 1974, the beginning of our Golden Age at Wabash. If you really want our past brought to life, view the video. It is called Wabash-A Way of Life and is by Steeg. It is worth the time. Your day will be better as a result.

I also found myself wandering through the alumni section on the web site and found each of your email addresses. (Not all of our classmates have email addresses listed and so I could not send this to everyone--pass it along as you think appropriate). But as I scrolled the list I found myself smiling and specifically recalling each and every one of you regarding some interaction

between you and me as students at Wabash. It brought me a great deal of joy to think of you and our times together in Crawfordsville.

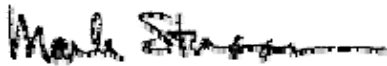
Dr. Placher's untimely passing makes me realize time is fleeting. When I saw many of you as freshman in the video and saw your names in the alumni directory I just had to write and say hello. I have spent considerable time over the last 10 days thinking about our brief but special time together. I found I just could not neglect to let you each know I think of you and wish you well. We are all connected by our common experience at Wabash and our love for the college. That is not an insignificant connection.

Jim's e-mail has prompted a number of other Classmates to respond and add their thoughts and feelings about Classmates, Dear Old Wabash and Dr. Placher in particular (Ron Smith, Gus Buktenica, Pete Davis, Kevin Chavous, Ted Seastrom and J.R. Builta to name a few).

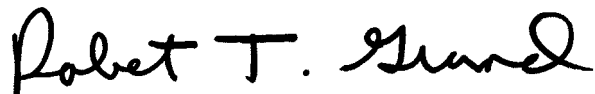
We would love to include recent info about you and your families in these letters, but we need you to get that info to us. Please shoot us an e-mail so that we can do so. Many thanks!

College Annual Fund - - Please make a contribution, even if the amount is relatively small before the end of the year. Every gift counts! You may donate on-line at [www.wabash.edu/alumni/egift](http://www.wabash.edu/alumni/egift) and make it in memory of Dr. Placher, if you like. It will boost percentage of our Class contributors, and nothing would make Grand happier than to be "No. 1" in something! Remember there are potential tax benefits by making a gift to the Wabash Annual Fund.

Sincerely,



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