



Class of 1985
Class Agent Letter
December 2015

Dear Class of 1985:

1. Sports News:

- A) The football team played into December this year. They finished the year with a 12-1 record as NCAC champs. The only loss came in Minnesota against St. Thomas quarter-final round of the D-3 playoffs. Senior Mason Zurek was named D3football.com North Region Offensive Player of the Year and head coach Erik Raeburn received Regional Coach-of-the-Year honors. Eight other players were also selected to the 2015 All-North Region Team. The most important victory for the year was the 45-17 Monon Bell game. That's 7 years in a row against the Dannies!
- B) The cross country team finished 8th in the nation. More details are at:
http://sports.wabash.edu/news/2015/11/21/CROSS_1121155134.aspx?path=cross
- C) The soccer team finished their year 11-5-2. Kind of like when we were at Wabash, except a lot better.
- D) The wrestling team is currently ranked 9th in the nation. More details are at:
http://sports.wabash.edu/news/2015/12/10/WREST_1210150437.aspx?path=wrestling
- E) John Kerezy '77 is writing a book about the history of Wabash sports, particularly the 1970's and 1980's. He has requested input from folks with good stories (especially about such things as the basketball national championship our freshman year). You can reach John at john.kerezy@tri-c.edu

2. Some students have been busy exercising their passports. For the latest news about the immersion trips, check this post from South Africa about an encounter with Archbishop Desmond Tutu:

<http://blog.wabash.edu/immersionlearning201314/2015/12/02/major-anti-apartheid-activist-delivers-sermon/>

3. A little news about our classmates – **Bill Brady** and **Cory Olson** both joined **Jim Davlin** on the Wabash College Board of Trustees. **Steve Hoffman** will become the new Director of Alumni and Parent Relations effective with the retirement of Tom Runge this spring. Of course, **Mike Abbott**, Assoc. Prof. of Theater and **Mike Raters**, Dean of Students, continue to work for Wabash. A big thanks to all 6 of you for your service to Wabash!

4. Other Wabash news:

- A) CBS Moneywatch named Wabash in their "25 Colleges with the Best Professors" list. More details are at:
<http://www.cbsnews.com/news/us-colleges-with-the-best-professors/>
- B) Campus Services recently won a national honor from the Professional Grounds Management Society for its working keeping the campus looking nice. More details are at:
<http://blog.wabash.edu/fyi/2015/12/01/campus-services-wins-national-honor/>
- C) Payscale.com ranked Wabash in their annual list of top 50 colleges for "20-Year Return on Investment." Of the colleges ranking higher, 22 were in the "engineering school" category, so if you want to be both rich *and* broadly educated, Wabash ranks even higher. More details are at:
<http://www.payscale.com/college-roi?page=86>

5. Time for a pitch from Dean of Admissions, Mike Thorp '86:

"Never shy away from a conversation about costs. [Besides the fact that everything is more expensive than in the 1980's, Wabash has improved since then. It also has a better 4-year graduation rate than many other colleges which helps keep down the true cost of a degree.] Our 4-year graduation rate is 70-74%. For comparison, the rate at Purdue is 37% and at I.U. it's 49%. It would take a student 6 years of tuition/room/board at those schools to come close to our 4-year rate. After our average scholarship, it's less expensive to graduate from Wabash."

6. Alumni referrals are down this year, despite all the good stuff above, so please help out the Admissions staff (and the young men that you know) by making some referrals at:
<http://www.wabash.edu/alumni/student/refer>

7. More Wabash news is available at www.wabash.edu

8. More Class of 1985 is available on Facebook at:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/206066189687/>

Besides posting your news to Facebook, you can also pass it to Kyle Carr (231.935.6129 office; 231.271.2758 home; kcarr1@mhc.net) or me, and we'll include it in our next letter.

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PS – My boss at the IRS wanted me to point out 2 things:

- A) If you want to deduct your contribution to Wabash on your 2015 tax return, you need to send the gift by the end of December. You can mail a check (so 20th Century!) or use this website:
<https://www.wabash.edu/giving/give>
- B) If you're worried that a multi-million dollar deduction could *lower your taxes too much* and break Uncle Sam's budget, just remember this rule, "You have to report all your income, but claiming all your deductions is optional." No worries!