



## WABASH COLLEGE

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Greetings Gentlemen,

Spring is here, it's currently snowing, my bracket is thoroughly busted and it is far too cold to test out the new fly rod I picked up the other day. So, while my girls amuse themselves with some classic Looney Tunes fare, I thought I would take a few minutes to drop all of you a line.

Firstly, we have a number of news updates to share with the Class, in no particular order. Back in January, shortly after my last letter, we received word that Rich Bramer had been appointed to the post of Special Deputy Attorney General in Washington, DC. Rich is working with the members of Indiana's Congressional delegation to monitor and review legislative matters of concern to the Hoosier state. Congrats Rich and thanks for keeping an eye out for us. You can read about Rich's appointment here <http://tribstar.com/local/x2056585402/Sullivan-native-assigned-to-work-in-Washington>

Next up is the "Proud Dad" section of the letter. A number of us have children getting ready to enter the college ranks this fall and here are a few updates I've been able to capture. Congrats go out to Steve Cox as his daughter, Katie, was recently named Valedictorian for the Class of 2013 at Franklin Central High School. Great job to Katie! Another proud dad would be JC Morgan as his son, Kyle, recently returned from Honor Scholar Weekend at Wabash College. To quote Kyle regarding the Honor Scholar exams in a text he sent his dad "those were sooo hard". I seem to have a similar recollection about those tests, too. Continuing the theme, another round of congratulations go to Loren Anderson as his daughter, Emma, successfully submitted her portfolio and was accepted into the School of Art at Ball State University. Finally, I get to play proud dad and share a bit of personal news. Our elder daughter, MacKenzie, recently completed her audition for the School of Music at Anderson University and my wife Dawn and I are very proud to announce that MacKenzie has been accepted and will be studying Music Education there this fall. If your son or daughter is heading off to college, please let me know so we can share their story with the Class.

In my last letter we said a big thank you to all of our classmates that had made a gift to Wabash up to that point in time. I am very happy to say that the list has grown and here are the newest members:

Jotipalo Bhikkhu Chris Colson Booth Jameson Eric Nizamoff Bob Oppman David Paik Scott Quick

Andrew Roush Scott Schrader Mike Simmons Scott Uloth Eric Waddell Tim Warrick Jim Williams

Phil Woods

What a great increase! We are up 15 donors, taking us from 44 to 59 for the year. Our goal is 75 and the stretch goal is 88. We are just 15 gifts away from reaching goal and a mere 29 from achieving our stretch goal. You have to admit, 88 would be a poetically appropriate number to reach.

Looking at the information that the Alumni Affairs people sent me, there are 37 men reading this who made a gift to Wabash either last year, the prior year, or both years, who have yet to make a gift this year. I know many of you have a set date by which you make your gift. Many of you do it just prior to the end of the fiscal year on June 30<sup>th</sup>. But, you see, here is the problem, our Donor Challenge ends on the reservation deadline for the Big Bash, which is May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

So, we are asking those of you who have historically made a gift to Wabash, particularly in the past two years, to make your gift early. Please get it in prior to May 22<sup>nd</sup>. And if you haven't made a gift in the past few years, or ever for that matter, please consider making a gift in honor of our 25<sup>th</sup> reunion. Several men have already done that. Of the 59 gifts so far, 11 have come from men who had not made a gift in the prior 4 years or longer. Now is the time, step up and give to Wabash. As the parent of a high school senior that is looking at paying for college this fall I know one of the most often uttered phrases around our house is "We are still waiting to hear about scholarship awards from the school". Well, lots of prospective Wabash students and parents are saying exactly the same thing. Some of them may be you.

Sure, I want to make our Donor Challenge goal, which should be easy at this point. Yes, I want to make our stretch goal of 88 donors, which we should be able to do. Heck, I honestly think we can hit 100 donors and look at winning an award at the Big Bash. But honestly, none of that matters in the bigger picture. It is getting harder and harder to pay for college and Wabash is no different. I couldn't have made it through Wabash had it not been for the generosity of those who came before me. Many of you were likely in the same boat. So please, help the next generation of Wabash men fulfill their dream to attend the best school out there. It isn't hard, just go to <https://www.wabash.edu/alumni/egift> and make a gift. The gift amount doesn't matter; it is the act of giving that is important.

Seems to me I previously mentioned that the reservation deadline for Big Bash 2013 is fast approaching on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Formal invitations were mailed from the College this past week and you should all have them in hand by now. So why not get registered now and let everyone know you are going to be there? The following is a list, in no particular order, of those who have indicated they are hoping to attend, those with an \* after their name have already completed the registration process (which is actually pretty painless):

Greg Teague*	Brad Baldauf*	Chris Whitfield	Scott Smalstig*	Scott Quick*	Jeff Eslinger	Kurt Spoerle
Erik Dove	Dan Albaugh	Nick Roth	Lee Hargitt	Ali Raheem	Scott Fendley	Loren Anderson
Adam Price	Stefan Kreisher	Marc Lorber	Marvin Massey	Jeff Stahly*	Doug Mawhorr	Gary Bacon*
Greg Redding	Steve Prince	Ben Grisemer*	Dave Mares	Jeff Short	Jon Zink	Dave Hawksworth
Rob Smith	Jim Minatel	Jim Lewis	Steve Simms	David Weir	Mark Gilbert	Adam Brazus
King Lumpkin	Terry Jackson	JC Morgan	Rob Quirey	Jon Reitz	Eric Stark	
Jotipalo Bhikkhu (Don Sperry)	Arun Muralidhar		Garrard McClendon*	Joe Bentivoglio		

As you can see, we have already heard from over 40 guys who are hoping to be at the Big Bash and celebrate our 25<sup>th</sup> reunion and I am sure there are several others planning to be there that we have not heard back from. If you are one of those, please let me know. You can reach me at [teague\\_greg@comcast.net](mailto:teague_greg@comcast.net) or by cell phone at 317-727-2303. Better yet, just get registered at <https://www.wabash.edu/alumni/reunion/signup> or via the invitation you recently received in the mail.

Whether you can only make it to golf on Friday, dinner that night, for Chapel Sing and dinner on Saturday night, or you plan to attend everything from start to finish, whatever works for you, we want to see you there. Do as much or as little as you like but please get registered. Also remember that our preferred hotel is the Holiday Inn Express on 231 North, next door to the old Holiday Inn. We have a hospitality suite reserved there and it is probably the nicest place in town. My recommendation would be to CALL them to make reservations (765.323.4575) and tell them you are with the Big Bash as there is a discounted rate. If they show no vacancies online please call them as they may still have rooms reserved in the Big Bash block which are not available online. There are blocks of rooms at most of the hotels but they are going fast. You can find lodging information at <https://www.wabash.edu/alumni/reunion/lodging>. If you haven't made hotel reservations yet, you probably should do so soon.

One final bit of information to share with you before the Looney Tunes wind down and I have to attend to other duties. We thought, in honor of our 25<sup>th</sup> Reunion, that it might be nice to put together a commemorative shirt to remember the event. What we came up with was a bit different from what other reunion classes have done in the past. They usually do a golf shirt or t-shirt of some sort. We thought a change of pace might be nice and came up with a camp shirt design. Included with and or attached to this letter you will find information about it, including design, price and ordering information.

We believe it is a pretty good looking shirt, suitable for cookouts, the beach, ballgames, Chapel Sing and Class Photos. Yep, the goal is to have everyone decked out in one of these shirts for Chapel Sing on Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup> at 11:00am and for our Class Photo after lunch at 1:15pm. We will have shirts available, for those who **pre-order** them, for pick up at the sign in desk for Big Bash in Chadwick Court. So, make sure you stop by there, sign the attendance book and pick up your stuff before Chapel Sing if possible. Now, this is not something that is mandatory and we don't want anyone to feel obligated that they must buy a shirt to attend the Big Bash. We simply thought it might be a nice keepsake from a great weekend and look good at Chapel Sing and for our Class Photo on a warm summer day. Yes, there is a cost for the shirts that is not included in your Big Bash registration fees. You won't order your shirt when you register for Big Bash online, please use the included order form or contact me directly. Specific details can be found on the order form but I have to have shirt order forms, including payment by check, in hand by Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup> in order to have the shirts made and available for pick up at Big Bash. Let me get the disclaimer out there, too. Rob Paugh '92 is making the shirts for us and we are selling them at our cost. We hope you like what we put together.

That's it for now. If anyone has any questions about anything please don't hesitate to reach out to me. Here's to reaching our Donor Challenge goals and seeing everyone at Big Bash in two months. Yeah, it's that soon, you better get registered now.

Wabash Always Fights,

Greg Teague '88