



## WABASH COLLEGE

### *Class Agents Letter*

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## Class of 1990

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Season's Greetings!

I hope that you and your families are well and that you're enjoying a wonderful holiday season.

**Bell Game** - As many of you probably know, the Bell will stay in Crawfordsville for yet another year (**Wabash 27 – DePauw 3**). My sister and I attended this year's Bell game. She's an alumna of DePauw. Prior to the beginning of the game, we decided to toss a coin to decide on which side of the stadium we'd begin watching the game. I won the toss and elected to sit on the DePauw side during the first half. As you can see from the accompanying photo, I sat among students.



No beer was dumped on me. I was not pelted with trash. Times have certainly changed. If memory serves, I witnessed at least a handful of fistfights during my first Bell game back in '86 (Wabash 24 – DePauw 23). The DePauw students were well behaved. When one student wondered why Wabash had no cheerleaders, I explained the role of the Sphinx Club to her. DePauw's president stood nearby, and he seemed popular among the students. His rapport with students reminded me of President Salter. Wabash just out-played DePauw. For all intents and purposes the game was finished by the end of the first half, so there was nothing like the last-second excitement of '86 game.

It was so good to be on campus on a cold—more wintry than autumnal—November Saturday.





**25<sup>th</sup> Reunion** – 2015 is the year for our 25<sup>th</sup> reunion. Next year's Big Bash will be held **June 5-7**. Here are our goals for the reunion: Thirteen class members attended the last reunion. Realistically, thirty-five of us should be able to make it back to Crawfordsville next year. This is a modest goal. A couple of years ago, the Class of '88 set a record for 25<sup>th</sup> year reunions when sixty members attended. I think that we can exceed this number by *at least* two. This is an ambitious, but achievable, goal.

There is a **Donor Challenge** given to reunion classes by the College. If our class reaches its reunion goal of 50 donors (31.06%), then we will have an open bar (instead of a cash bar) available to us during our class dinner on the Saturday of the Big Bash weekend. Since we achieved this number last year (see below), meeting the challenge should be an easy. The deadline for making a contribution is Wednesday, May 27<sup>th</sup>.

Some classmates have already inquired about being or volunteered to be their living unit's representative. If you're interested in helping organize the reunion please contact me, or the alumni office at 765.361.6371.

The College now has the **Big Bash 2015 website** up and running. Here's its URL: <http://www.wabash.edu/alumni/reunion/schedule>. Registration for the Big Bash will begin on January 1, and updates will be made to the site between this date and the event itself. Also, the Class of 1990 has a meeting room set aside for us at the Hampton Inn and Suites, so please try to reserve your lodging here. If you call to reserve a room, ask for the Wabash rate discount.

**Giving** – Last year, the number of those giving to the Annual Fund reached 31% (a total of 50 class members, up from 45 in 2012-13), the highest percentage during the last decade. As I mentioned, our target for the reunion is 50 guys. I think it would be great if we could raise this year's number to 75—<http://www.wabash.edu/giving/>. Thanks go out to the following for their contributions to the Annual Fund for fiscal year 2014-15: Mark Baker, Keith Bickley, Mike Brandt, Mike Fulton, Chuck Keil, Dave Livingston, Todd Lukens, Patrick McEuen, Andrew Miller, Steve Palmer, John Petkovsek, Matt Price, Scott Richardson, Chris Rozzi, and Munir Shah.

**News:** We received the following news back in August: “**Rey Balcazar '90**, a Principal in Mercer's Employee Health & Benefits practice in Indianapolis, has assumed the role of Midwest Exchange Solution Leader. His responsibilities now include subject matter expertise, market education, sales pursuit support, contracting and ongoing client engagement for Mercer Marketplace in the Midwest. Mercer is a global leader in talent, health, retirement and investments.”

Finally, it's with deep regret that I must tell you that my wife, Ruth Anne Ashton, died of cancer on June 27 while receiving hospice care at her sister's home in Kaneville, IL. Ruth was diagnosed just a few months after the last reunion. Some may remember that she attended the last two reunions. She always enjoyed traveling to Crawfordsville and being on campus.

Wabash Always Fights,

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## **LOST ALUMNI**

### **CLASS OF: 1990**

Brooks, Eric  
Burkey, John  
Christianson, Kent  
Crannell, Joseph  
Floyd, Robert  
Gica, Diosdado  
Jackson, Terrence  
King, Thomas  
Levenda, Timothy  
Lopez, Miguel  
McCloud, Dalton  
McLary, Darrin  
Moore, Gerald  
Nelson, Matthew  
Oba, Minoru  
Oetjen, Herman  
Ramsey, Christopher  
Rice, Timothy  
Srmack, Peter  
Stallcup, Jamie  
Stewart, Everette  
Sullivan, Edward  
Suzuki, Masato  
Walters, John

In an attempt to engage Wabash alumni, we are including the above "lost" alumni in our class. If anyone is in contact with classmates listed above, please contact the alumni office at [alumni@wabash.edu](mailto:alumni@wabash.edu) or by phone (765) 361-6369.  
Thanks for all you do for Wabash!