



WABASH COLLEGE

Class Agents Letter

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Dear Classmates,

Hello everyone! Hope this letter finds you well. We are on the cusp of spring, and it is time to take care of all those ritualistic chores of the season: shake the dust out of the house, fire up the grill, fertilize the yard, and ice up the beers. It has been a long winter, and I know that you are all ready for some warm weather, as I am. If only I had a job as a park ranger or something, sitting at a computer screen all day doesn't do much for my tan. What I really need is a job filming Corona beer commercials. Anyway...

Something New This Year

To help motivate class participation in referring students, the NAWM and the Admissions Office have decided to award the **Alumni Admissions Class Award**. This award will be given to any class that has either 18 members referring or 8% of the class making a referral (whichever comes first). Classes who reach the 18 member or 8% participation mark will be the inaugural winners of the Alumni Admissions Class Award. Refer a junior to Wabash today by visiting www.wabash.edu/alumni/home.cfm?pages_id=63 on the web, send a note to Wabash College Admissions, PO Box 352, Crawfordsville IN, 47933, or call Steve Marcou at 800-345-5385.

Okay, our class hasn't matched up to other classes in the way of giving (our numbers are pretty low), so I say this is something we should sink our teeth into. Lets make it a goal to each try to find one person to refer to Wabash. We probably all know one good potential Wabash man out there, either at church, or through family, friends, or whatever. Let's make our mark as a class that really wants to help our alma mater. (Channels ghost of John Belushi) What the %\$#@ happened to the Wabash I used to know? Where's the spirit? Where's the guts, huh? "Ooh, we're afraid to go with you Parker, we might get in trouble." Well just kiss my @#\$ from now on! Not me! I'm not gonna take this! Wormer, he's a dead man! Marmalard, dead! Niedermeyer...

Sorry, got carried away. But you get the point. Good luck, everyone....

Be sure to check out the summer Wabash Alumni events. I always try to hit a couple, and they are pretty fun. It's a good way to get in touch with the college again, and to make new friends and business connections. Here are a couple that I recommend:

Alumni Golf Outings

These are always a great time, and they aren't just limited to Indiana. Check the alumni calendar occasionally for scheduled events. The big daddy is the "IAWM Mitchum Crock", held every year in Indiana. I don't think there is a date yet, but I'll be sure to let you know.

Monthly Luncheons

Several Alumni groups across the country hold monthly luncheons. Again, a great time to grab some grub, make some business contacts, and reminisce about the good ol' days. Here are a few participating alumni groups: Pittsburgh, South Bend, Kalamazoo, Washington, D.C. (Happy Hour!), Lafayette, Cincinnati, and St. Louis.

Check the alumni web page for dates and times at <http://www.wabash.edu/alumni>. These and other special events are always posted on the alumni calendar, so check it out.

And now the news...

- On February 20, Wabash received its **1350th application for admission to the College**. Wabash has never received more applications and this is the third consecutive year it has surpassed 1300 applications.
- **Fraternity Partnerships Update:**

Phi Delta Theta:

The Phi Delts have raised 50% of their fundraising goal and are now in a position to begin construction on their new house. They have completed the schematic design phase and will have renderings of the new house in the very near future. The new house will be built on the site of the current house, and the College is locating "swing" space for the Phi Delts at this time.

Phi Gamma Delta:

The FIJI's have completed the schematic design phase and will have renderings of their new house in the near future. They are gaining momentum in their fundraising efforts, and they could reach 50% of their fundraising goal shortly. The new Fiji house will be built on the lots to the south of their current house and, therefore, they will not need "swing" space while their new house is being built. After their new house has been built, the old house will be used for "swing" space for other fraternities as they remodel/renovate or build new.

- **Call for nominations!** Do you know someone who should be honored as an honorary alumnus or an alumnus who should receive an award of merit? Did you know that you could nominate them? Simply send the alumni office (alumni@wabash.edu) their name and reasons you feel they should be awarded such an honor and we will present it to the nominating committee on the NAWM Board. This call for nominations is also open for other honors such as the Athletic Hall of Fame, NAWM Directors, and Alumni Trustee.
- **Spring athletic schedules:**
<http://www.wabash.edu/sports/baseball/schedule.shtml>
<http://www.wabash.edu/sports/golf/schedule.shtml>
<http://www.wabash.edu/sports/tennis/schedule.shtml>
<http://www.wabash.edu/sports/track/schedule.shtml>
- The 111th Honor Scholarship Exam Weekend was a tremendous success! Over 320 prospective students journeyed to campus on March 19-20 to compete for scholarships totaling well over two million dollars. The students took exams in English, Math, a foreign language (or American history) and a science of their choice. Besides exams, the students had an opportunity to rush a fraternity and participate in some great

campus activities. Typically two-thirds of these prospects will end up attending Wabash, so the weekend is a pivotal weekend in our admissions year.

- Recently the College was awarded a five year Lilly Endowment grant that will help us prepare our students for business opportunities after Wabash. The College will be hiring an alumni career officer to administer the grant and the **Schroeder Career Center** will play an integral role in getting the most out of this grant. A sizeable portion of the grant funds will be used to subsidize internships in the state of Indiana. This year we have eleven students participating, all of whom will intern in Indiana during the Summer 2004. As always, if you know of an internship or employment opportunity for a Wabash student, please contact the Career Center.

The Schroeder Career Center has a new and improved web site. Check the entire site out at http://www.wabash.edu/career_services/. The information specific to alumni can be accessed at http://www.wabash.edu/career_services/alumni

Also, please contact the SCC if they can assist you with:

- Advertising a position
- Seeking a new employee
- Developing a summer internship
- Your career/job change
- Any other career-related need!

Contact the SCC at 765-361-6414

Class Notes

John Clamme

John has new contact info for everyone:
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Evanston, IL 60202
312.245.4978
johnclamme@yahoo.com

John Castro

I have changed jobs and I have a new email. I am still on the floor of the Chicago Stock Exchange, but am now an institutional floor broker for Cheevers and Co. My new email address is j1castro@chx.com

Anthony Santaniello

sonic fortitude is no longer located at the brewery much to our liking, we have relocated the facility to a 24 hour access, 100% music production (no residential!) building. it is a very exciting time and we hope you will come check out the new studio.

the new mailing address is:
p.o. box 5164
huntington park, ca 90255

Parker Lyons

I just started my own freelance web design business. Check out my website at <http://www.bright-lion.com>. If you need any help with a web design, send me an email at parker@bright-lion.com.

Cory Wright

I'll be in The Netherlands on a Fulbright for the next academic school year. I'll be a visiting scholar at Utrecht and Tilburg Universities, so folks can contact me there if they happen to be in the area.

Steve King

Steve King reports that Dr. Larry Bennett and the Wabash Glee Club made a welcome stop in Cincinnati during their Spring Break tour. The Greater Cincinnati Association of Wabash Men really enjoyed the performance and singing along to Dear Old Wabash. My Cincinnati men's chorus and my personal quartet gave a joint performance with the Wabash singers. They seem impressed that a bunch of older guys could sing their hearts out. It was a shock when I met a freshman and he said he was from the class of 2007. Feel older yet? I know I did .

Chris Atkins

Shallen and I were blessed with a daughter last year:

Savannah Grace Atkins. She was born on July 7th, 2003. She weighed 7 lbs 11 ounces.

Take care,

Parker Lyons

Craig Miller