Greetings!

These are not the best of times in southern California. The good news is that the weather has changed dramatically as very cool damp air has replaced the hot dry air which fueled the fires. Then we have a couple of governor’s running around drumming up money and assistance from Washington. More good news…..neither the incoming or outgoing needs votes at this stage of their political careers.

The campus looked exceptional in September. The new science building. Nameless, was dedicated; there was a successful Class Agents forum; and we ran over Earlham on the football field. The Freshman class is some 245 strong. It has the potential to be a sharp class. The over-all GPA is near 3.6 and the SAT’s were close to 1200. A majority of the class, 65%, pledged fraternities. We were told that the first few weeks of pledgeship went smoothly. Then a pledge and upper classman binge drank themselves into trouble. The circumstances of the incident were not made public to the weekend visitors but we know it was a harried time for Dean Tom Bambrey and others in administration. Alcohol and its use is probably not much different than when we were in school. What is different are the legal and financial consequences.

Speaking of fraternities, Wabash continues to fund the building and/or re-building of houses. Makes sense when you think students have to be boarded and roomed. The Sig house is new and very good looking …located just west of the Delt house. Plans are either off the ground or completed for the Phi Delts, Phi Gams, Kappa Sigs and Phi Psi’s. The Beta and Lambda Chi renovations have been completed. By the way, while the college has fronted the money, it expects alumni gifts to pay the tabs. Its my understanding that this has been the rule and not the exception, i.e. alumni have paid the majority of fraternity house costs.

Recruiting prospective students is at the top of the Wabash wish list. The admissions department depends on alumni to stoke the fire for prospects. The class of 2007 was filled by 43% who had some connection with Wabash alumni. You can refer at [www.wabash.edu/alumni/referform.shtm](http://www.wabash.edu/alumni/referform.shtm) or send names to Steve Klein at P.O. Box 352, Crawfordsville, IN 47933. Hats off to Bill Wilson and Dick Stephenson for sending in some names!

Now to the Wabash football team. It has been a season of highs and lows. There is a lot of talent out there but the team lost a number of key players from both sides of the ball.
We lost the first game to a very good Kalamazoo team. We lost a heartbreaker to Allegheny, 7-6, in the muck. Then we clobbered Wittenberg at our homecoming game. After that game, many of us thought we were on our way to run the table the rest of the schedule. Wrong! We played Wooster away and lost 23-7….couldn’t get the ball into the end zone. Now we will go into the DePauw game, 1:00 c.s.t. on Saturday, November 15th at Greencastle, with hopefully a 7-3 record after this weekends (Nov 8) home game against Hiram College. The Dannies, who will probably be 6-3, are good plus this will be the last coached game by Nick Mourousis. He has been an institution at DePauw so you can imagine how fired up its team will be. Note that the game will be nationally televised on the HDnet (High Definition) network. The alumni office will/or has notified you about a site to see it. It should be a close hard fought game.

Here’s a picture of the new science building for those who have not made it back to campus to see it.

![science building](image)

Take care of yourselves and look forward to a nice Thanksgiving.

Tom