



## WABASH COLLEGE

### *Class Agents Letter*

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Fellow classmates,

I hope that you all are well.

Great News! If you haven't already heard, the Bell has returned to its rightful place on the Wabash campus. After a tough contest with the team from Greendingle, the Little Giants finished their regular season an undefeated 10-0. The team started the post-season last weekend with a 38-20 win over Albion. Wabash will face Capital at home in the second round. Ruthie and I had the chance to be on campus for the blowout against Denison, and we also had the opportunity to attend a telecast party in Chicago for the Bell game. I'm thinking that a road trip might be in order this weekend.

### **Wabash Annual Fund**

Well, we've made progress on reaching our goal of 33.3% participation for this fiscal year. Since the last letter, the amount of our total giving has increased to \$2,325 (from \$925) and the number of contributors has increased from five to eight (for a total of about 5% participation). Mike, David, and I would like to thank the following for their contributions: Greg Estes, Andy Hecker, Mitchell Marcus, Loren McCoy, Jon Porter, Michael Seale, and Munir Shah.

Make your 2005-2006 Annual Fund gift today!

1. MAIL-Wabash College, Annual Fund, P.O. Box 352, Crawfordsville, IN 47933
2. PHONE-877-743-4545
3. ONLINE-<https://www.wabash.edu/alumni/egift>

### **Lilly Endowment Matching Gifts**

Remember that during the 2005-2006 fiscal year, the Lilly Endowment Inc. will match alumni gifts to the College on a \$1.25 for \$1.00 basis up to \$2 million. So your support of Wabash between now and the time we reach \$2 million will allow the College to receive an additional \$2.5 million from the Lilly Endowment, more than doubling the impact for Wabash students.

### **Fall Phone-a-thon**

The College's Annual Fund Fall Phone-a-thon is currently in progress, and I hope that many of you have been contacted and pledged your support. The drive began on October 23 and it will run through December 1. Wabash students may be calling to ask for Annual Fund gifts and

pledges. Please take a few minutes and talk with the students. While the primary goal of their call is to ask for an Annual Fund gift, the students are also very excited about hearing your Wabash story and about sharing their Wabash story-how they came to Wabash, what they are studying, professors, athletics, etc. So please take a few minutes to talk with our current Wabash men. **Remember the end of the calendar year is approaching and now's the time to make a gift to the school and also claim a deduction on this year's tax forms.**

### **From the College Archives**

Mike Warren ('93) is Associate Director of Alumni and Parent Relations at the College. He does an excellent job of coordinating events on campus and communicating pertinent information to the class agents on a monthly basis. He included the following historical tidbit in his last bulletin, and because I found it interesting, I thought I'd include it in this month's letter.

**Senior Bench.** "Among the student traditions at Wabash is the painting of the Senior Bench. The stone bench, which sits in front of Center Hall, has been painted by virtually every campus group. Fraternities scuffle over it as pledges paint and then protect it. The Bench serves as a canvas upon which students project their message. Recently, the Bench has also served as a memorial to lost friends.

A look at the history of this monument shows that the bench is a memorial to a family that gave a great deal to the early college. The Senior Bench is really the Thomson Bench. The Thomson's were a family dedicated to education and to the young Wabash College. James and John Steele Thomson were two of the founders "kneeling in the snow" in 1832. John Steele was the third member of the faculty behind Caleb Mills and Edmund O. Hovey. The Thomson family helped to build and then sustain the Wabash College and are worthy of remembrance.

The Bench almost immediately became the sole province of the Senior Class. Woe to the lowly who dared to sit on the sacred bench. The photo below shows members of the Class of 1916 enjoying the privileges of their recent elevation. Also shown are the inscriptions now lost beneath hundreds of layers of paint. The Senior Bench sits at the center of the campus and painting it is a key tradition for generations of Wabash Men."



## **Admissions**

If you know of someone the admissions staff should be recruiting for the class of 2010 (yikes!) or later, you can submit his name to the admissions office online at <http://www.wabash.edu/alumni/student/refer> or contact an area admissions counselor. There's a list of the admissions counselors, the areas they cover, and their travel schedule for the following 14 days that can be found at <http://www.wabash.edu/admissions/visit/counselor>.

## ***Not Just Another Blog***

The Public Affairs Office has begun utilizing some new technology to share the stories of Wabash College and its students, alumni, faculty, and staff. Wabash FYI is linked from the College home page and other places throughout the Wabash website. To have a look visit <http://www2.wabash.edu/blog/pa/>. In addition, Alumni and Parent Relations Director Tom Runge has a blog that he's calling the **Grunge Report**. It can be found at <http://www2.wabash.edu/blog/alumni/>.

You can also stay up to date on all upcoming **Alumni Activities** by following the events calendar at [www.wabash.edu/calendar](http://www.wabash.edu/calendar). Check out the events calendar and coordinate your schedule so you can attend the next Wabash event in your area or on campus.

Wabash Always Fights!

Keith