



## WABASH COLLEGE

### *Class Agents Letter*

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Dear Classmates,

### ***Classmate News***

Are all of you hibernating after our BIG BASH?!? Only a couple news items.

First, from my colleague, **EARL**:

Hi Duane --

I see you made it to the Homecoming events.

I'm heading to California the end of the week to do some winery visits. I plan to stop by to see Ted Klopp and will take some pictures for a future letter at his vineyard. Haven't heard from anyone else in a while so I have no other people news to include. Maybe you saw some guys at Homecoming?

We just finished clearing and fencing a 3 acre addition to our little farmette. We put the horses and donkeys on it yesterday for the first time and they ran all over the place checking it out. Now to clear out several years' worth of pine straw and pine cones and get some additional grass planted. I don't remember working this hard when I was working!

Hope all is well with you. Enjoy the Fall.

Earl

As for classmate appearances at Homecoming, I did see **MIKE BUTLER** and **PAUL ROBINSON**.

**Mike** always makes the most of his time in C'ville, this trip spending a week visiting with profs (from our era as well as more recent) and sampling local

cuisine. We spent a few hours together Friday evening reliving memories of Homecoming pasts, accompanied by the appropriate beverage.

**Robbie's** grandson, Paul, is a freshman this year. He seems to really enjoy the whole Wabash experience, including being a Phi Delt. Robbie is retired and enjoys doing nothing – I think he's had some practice at that!!

### ***Homecoming Activities***

Much of the usual --- Queen contest (they haven't gotten any more attractive), living unit "floats", awards chapel, Celebrating Wabash lunch, and a football win.

Some new wrinkles --- student tailgate area in Mud Hollow, wrestling team tailgate and celebration of recent top 3 performances at Nationals, and numerous alumni/parent tailgate spots in all the parking lots.

I particularly enjoy walking through the tailgate area, reconnecting with alumni from multiple years and talking with parents. Over the years, Mary Ann and I have attended a few Big Ten games as well as numerous NCAC road games. There just is nothing like the friendly and spirited atmosphere at Wabash.

Several new sights --- Martindale has been completely renovated, Crawford Street is now a Residential Life District (which includes Rogge Hall), the Delt house is reopened, the Lambda Chi house had a major renovation, and the campus looks great!

#### **Rogge Hall and Lodge**

Rogge Hall and the adjoining lodge are part of the Residential Life District on the west side of campus and were opened in 2016. The buildings feature a total of 56 beds in a variety of room and suite configurations, including single and double rooms, as well as three- and four-man suites. Additional features of the Hall and lodge include a connected seating area, a family room, study and meeting spaces, and a shared kitchen. There are also common outdoor patio areas and a barbecue for residents' use. Rogge Hall is named in memory of Professor of Economics and Dean of the College, Benjamin A. Rogge H'53, LHD '79, who taught at Wabash College from 1949 to 1980.



Of note, the Ott Residential Life District dedication was held on Saturday, October 7. Read the full story at the link below ([https://www.wabash.edu/news/displaystory.cfm?news\\_ID=11088](https://www.wabash.edu/news/displaystory.cfm?news_ID=11088)).

There are “naming opportunities” still available in many buildings, if any of you are so inclined to make a memorial.

### ***Campus News***

In case you missed the communication on an Insiders’ Look at Wabash’s 2016-2017 Fiscal Year, here is information from **Kevin M Andrews ’10**, Director of Annual Giving and Advancement Services

Friends,

You made an impact on Wabash and its students this past fiscal year. Your involvement on the 4.19 Day of Giving and during the end of our fiscal year strengthened student experiences, scholarships and financial aid, programs, and faculty and staff support.

2016-2017 Annual Giving Outcomes:

- The Annual Fund finished the year at \$3.274 million—an increase of nearly \$150,000. Not only does this have an immediate impact on students’ lives and the College’s operations, but a \$1,000 gift to the Annual Fund has an equivalent dollar impact on the College’s budget as a \$20,000 gift to the endowment.
- The Annual Fund had a record 5,922 alumni, parents, spouses, partners, students, faculty, staff, and friends make an unrestricted gift. This is an increase of over 600 people, showing the Wabash Community’s commitment to enhancing the culture of philanthropy.

- 5,132 alumni made a gift (unrestricted or otherwise) last year, which is another new record.
- 639 individuals made an Annual Fund gift of \$1,000 or more.
- Wabash finished with a participation rate of 43.9%—an increase that will get us in or near the Top 10 of all nationally-ranked liberal arts colleges. Participation rates are used by grants, foundations, and others to determine the health of an institution and to measure student satisfaction.
- Wabash's 4.19 Day of Giving raised a total of \$887,000 from 3,386 individuals through 4,250 gifts—all Wabash records. If you were to take the total raised and divide it by the number of students on campus, 4.19 had an average impact of \$1,000 on each student. Based on our research, the next closest impact from a day of giving was by Purdue—a \$700 impact on each student.
- Led by the Sons of Wabash, current students took it upon themselves to organize, to strategize, and to execute a plan to reach one hundred percent student giving on 4.19.
- While the Class of 1967 stole the show with their \$9.6 million gift for their 50<sup>th</sup> reunion, the Class of 2007 broke a 10-year reunion record for their giving participation (46%) and the Class of 2012 broke a 5-year reunion record for number of donors (87).
- The Class of 2015 made a statement by, for the second year in a row, having the second highest number of alumni donors of any class with 110 alumni making a gift.

I hope you feel proud of how you made a positive and lasting difference on students' lives this past year. As we turn our attention to 2017-2018, look for more information and future ways to get involved as we try to grow Annual Giving and expand who supports it.

I would like to add my **Thanks** to all of you who made a contribution to Wabash. Obviously, most of you believe in our Alma Mater, as evidence by the record-setting check our class presented to President Hess at Our 50<sup>th</sup>. Many campus folks commented to me how much the Gift is appreciated.

### ***Your TO DO List***

1. **Send us your news**
2. Send a check to Wabash
3. Try something new
4. Join other alumni for an event in your area
5. ENJOY!!

***Duane***