



Class Agents Letter

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Gentlemen:

Hope your holidays are going well so far, and that you and your families are getting ready for 2019! Just think, in a little over a year, most of us will be turning 70...a positive (or not so) exciting time for us, depending on who you are and what you are up to these days. As I talk with many of you, I see that we are all in various stages of employment, unemployment, retired, second career, or some combination of the above. We'll be celebrating our **50th Reunion** in the Spring of 2022 at the Big Bash (I am aiming for big-time attendance from the Class of '72). In some recent conversations with **Bob Ivancevich**, it looks like a number of us may also try for some "mini get-togethers" during our 2020, when we celebrate our 70th birthdays.

Whatever you are doing these days, I hope you are doing well, and happy.

I wanted to get a few news items out to you before the end of the year.

News from the College

FY '18 Giving

Once again, our Class of '72 did well in our class giving for the fiscal year, which ended June 30th, 2018. While we can and should do better, our class did do well, and we've traditionally set a good example for other classes in class participation and dollars given. We have an active roster of 176 in our class. **41.48%** of us gave some dollar amount to Wabash in FY '18, a total **\$116,400**. Average class participation is 44%. In total, the College raised \$3.3M last fiscal year.

Thanks to all of you who participated in the Annual Fund. The College thanks you and I thank you!

Giant Steps: A Campaign for Wabash College

Last Fall, the College kicked off the largest comprehensive campaign in the College's history: "*Giant Steps: A Campaign for Wabash College*". The goal is to raise \$225 million by 2023 – largely focused on growing our endowment to fund scholarships, faculty, academic programs, and immersive experiences for all students. The campaign will help ensure that Wabash continues to produce well rounded and motivated young men who can *think critically, act responsibly, lead effectively, and live humanely*, and who *recognize the value of listening to and considering the ideas and opinions of others*.

President **Gregory Hess** said it best at the Giant Steps kickoff: "*Wabash is a truly remarkable institution. We have the second-ranked alumni network and ours are among the happiest and most successful alumni in the nation. We are proud of that, but we must do more for the generations of dynamic, innovative leaders who will follow in these giant footsteps.*"

This campaign will also act as a strong step for solidifying the College's position as it aims towards its Bicentennial in 2032.

Many of you will be contacted by the College's alumni, advancement and/or admissions folks about the Campaign. Please give whomever contacts you a listen. All of this is to keep our Alma Mater strong for many years to come. I actually attended a terrific dinner here in the Chicago area last week about the Campaign, hosted by President Hess, and including other alumni, Trustees (including my good friend Jim Kilbane), and other senior leadership from the College.

Monon Bell Game

Wabash 24; Depauw 17. (same score as yesterday's Bears win over the Packers!!). Anyway, **Need I say more?** This was Wabash's ninth victory over the Dannies in the last decade! *Ooowaawaa!* 9500 fans were in attendance!

Class Agent's Forum

This past September, I attended the annual "Class Agent's Forum", where Class Agents from many classes get together at Wabash to meet and hear from leadership at the College, plus share "best practices" so that we all can do a better job. We talked a lot about communication, reunions, Big Bash, State of the College, etc. All looks good. By the way, the campus looks better than ever. If you haven't been to C-Ville in a while, it's worth the trip. I noticed that the College has completed renovations and upgrades in its fitness center; painted the exterior of the Chapel; completed new ADA access to Trippet Hall; and **created "Wally's", a restaurant and pub, in Sparks Center!** How about that? We will all make a toast (or a few) there at our Big Bash (at the latest).

A few other College facts I learned which are interesting:

- Student enrollment is 900: from 33 states and 20 countries
- Student faculty ratio is 10:1...Average class size is 13 students
- There have been 9 Rhodes Scholars from Wabash
- Over 100% of the Class of '18 have already secured employment, fellowship, or postgraduate education within 6 months. Pretty good results.

News for '72

Right before last summer, I heard this from **Steve Crowley**: "This summer I will be touring Ireland in a horse drawn gypsy wagon with my wife and daughter. To make up for all the blissful peace and quiet, the route we'll follow stops at a pub each night for a meal, Guinness, and some foot tapping music. The gainfully retired need to keep balanced somehow." Great message, Steve!

Also heard from **Hayden Wetzel**: "I retired some number of years ago from the US Dept of Commerce and now read in coffee shops and work as a free-lance tour guide here in Washington DC, which has kept me quite busy. Am active in my church (the Quaker meeting) and with historical preservation work; this latter has led me into a good deal of very interesting research and will soon publish a book on (!) the history of the city's dog pound ("Mangy Curs and Stoned Horses"). Divorced many years ago, with three much grown children and four grandchildren who I love very much. Haven't been back to the school for much too long!" Thanks Hayden. Great 2nd career activities and interests!

I am sorry to report the passing away of **Guy (Sandy) McGaughey III**. He died in October due to complications of pancreatic cancer (as reported to the College by his brother Bruce). Guy is survived by his wife, Terri Hendersen, his children, Teddy and Berkley, and his brother. Bruce tells us that he died in his home in Naples, Florida. While at Wabash, Guy (or Sandy) was a Member of the Pre Law Society, WNDY Radio, and Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity. According to Bruce, Guy was a country club manager at various clubs: Greenbriar Hills and Westwood in St.Louis and Lost Tree and Boca Woods in Florida.

He had been President of the Wine Club of America.

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Lost Tree Club

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Our deep condolences to Guy and his family.

Finally, I've seen a few of our classmates over the past few months. During the summer, I teamed up with **Don Lawton** and others from our original high school rock band (called the Thundermen), to play at our 50th High School Reunion in Indianapolis. Great time, and the band was pretty good! We covered a lot of '60s hits from bands like the Rascals, Kingsmen, Outsiders, Beatles and Hollies. Great time. Don and his wife, Molly, still live in Indy. Don is slowly retiring from his Dentistry practice. His son, Samuel is married and is quite the musician, too!

I also had dinner last week with **Bob Ivancevich** at his beautiful home in downtown Chicago. Ivan and wife Sue made a wonderful dinner, and our conversations went well into the night. Ivan and Sue are retired but very involved in many activities and causes from Indianapolis to Chicago to Land 'O Lakes, Wisconsin! Ivan also set up some "FaceTime" (I love this technology!) with **John Failey**, then with **Paul Gojkovich**. They are all doing well, and honestly don't look a day over 65.

I continue to teach full-time at North Central College in Naperville, Illinois...Marketing, Consumer Behavior, Management, Market Research, Promotional Strategies, etc. I also teach one course from time to time, Intro to Global Business, at Elmhurst College. Just love it, and hope to continue a few more years. It's a great 2nd career, as long as your course evaluations are good, and you can remember your name and where you are! I've been very lucky. My two kids, Katie and Rich, live in the Chicago area. I'm also blessed with having 4 grandkids (Abbie, Emmie, Livie and Henry). I'm still playing keyboards in a band or two, playing usually a couple of gigs per month. The main band now is called "Big Brother's Vinyl". Check us out on our very amateur website: bigbrothersvinyl.com

Ok, enough for now. I haven't heard from most of you for quite some time. **Please** take a moment to just **send me an email** to let me know what's going on with you. Believe me, as we all get older, keeping in touch gets more difficult, but I think it gets much more meaningful.

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Have a good holiday!

All the best,

Rick