



Class Agents Letter

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Gentlemen:

As this Fiscal Year closes out for Wabash on June 30th, I wanted to send a brief note **asking/urging you to once again contribute to Wabash's Annual Fund**. I imagine all of you have benefitted from the great education and experience you gained from our Wabash days almost 50 years ago (goodness!). Now is the time to give something back...so that the College and current/future students can continue to grow in the future. While the College financial situation is good, even with the pandemic, every little bit from all of you can help. We should never take for granted that others will all come through for Wabash, and that we don't have to give a little back. There are so many of our class who contribute each year...and I thank you for that!! There are others who sporadically contribute, and unfortunately a few of you have never given. Let's get together and have a record percentage of giving this year from the **Class of '72**. It is so much appreciated by the College, from the alumni and from me!

Deadline for making your gift, whatever you can contribute is **June 30th**. Here's how:

- Email: giving@wabash.edu
- Phone: 877-743-4545
- Online: www.wabash.edu/give

THANK YOU!

Big Bash 2022

Next June, 2022, we will be celebrating our **50th Reunion** at the Big Bash weekend on campus. Please strongly consider attending all or part of this celebration. **I want to challenge all of you to be there**. It's a big deal. On Friday night for the all-campus dinner, **our class will be honored**. I'd like to have the highest percentage of class attendees ever for a reunion. I know we can do it.

I will be communicating a lot about this over the next 12 months, but start thinking about it now. Friday night is the Honor Banquet, Saturday Chapel Sing and other events, Saturday night individual class dinners, Sunday Reunion Chapel.



I want the Class of '72 to shine that weekend. I don't have to tell you we have the best class ever to graduate from Wabash. Let's show the alumni, College Administration, and other attending classes what we are all about. More to come.

Day of Giving-April, 2021

Just wanted to say a big "Thank You" to the **39** of you who contributed to the Annual "Day of Giving" last April. Our Class gave a total **\$11,300** to this Annual Event. The College received a total \$1.37MM from 3400 Alumni. While I hoped we could have had a higher percentage of our class giving, I was proud by those who reached into their wallets and gave something towards current and future education at Wabash.

Those who gave from the Class of '72 are listed here:

Badgley, Barnes, Birney, Bridge, Butler, Cameron, Dockendorf, Dreyer, Fobes, Fritch, Goff, Goodwin, Hagaman, Lehman, McClelland, McDowell, McGar, McQuillan, Neidert, Ottinger, Pulver, Schmidt, Smith, Spitler, Trela, Wilson, Wolf.

Thanks Guys!

News From '72

Some news from **Hayden Wetzel**: "I donated my collection of over 4,000 recordings of English and American choral church compositions to the University of the South; much of the Wetzel family was there for the dedication, which was a wonderful event. Last year, I published a second volume of DC history over Amazon: "Two Studies on the History of Southwest Washington DC". Also (I) recovered from a severe back problem which (took) me out of the tour business, I'm sorry to say. Many of my classmates will understand, we all reaching A Certain Age. I get together with TKE Tom Pulver weekly now for breakfast and gossip and adventures around town, something we both look forward to.

I am sorry to say, though not surprised, that our old Chinese professor Ho-Ming Hsia died at his home in Texas (reporting from an email from his son Andy). He had been on a four-year contract at Wabash and moved to Naptown after that and then (after his lovely wife died) to Texas where he had a brother. His few students were very attached to him." Thanks for the news, Hayden.

Earlier this year I received this sad news of the passing of classmate **Fred Stults**. His obituary follows:

"Fred M. Stults, III, passed away Tuesday, January 12, 2021, at his home in the Pilsen neighborhood of Chicago, IL, where he lived next door to his son and grandchildren. He was born in Gary, Indiana on December 9, 1949, son of Joan (Cage) and Frederick M. Stults, Jr. Fred (a.k.a. Pug) was a graduate of Lew Wallace High School, Wabash College, and Valparaiso University School of Law. He practiced law for 30 years, beginning in 1978, and had even prevailed in a case he presented in front of the Indiana

Supreme Court. Fred loved nature, watching sports, and one of his favorite past times was toiling in his garden.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Joan; father, Fred; and brothers, Philip and Tommy. He is survived by his aunt, Sandra Brown; son, Stephen Stults (Lina); daughter Jenna Wright (Ben); grandchildren: Angela & Morgan Stults, and Jackson Wright.” My sincere condolences to the Stults family.

Let me know what you are up to.

Guys, I just wanted to put in another request for you to please **email me news about you!** I usually just receive less than a handful of responses from you guys after every Class Letter. I know I need to send more letters, but I do try to keep you up to date on things from the College and from your fellow classmates. **But, I can't do it without your emails.** Just a few lines to me is fine. As we get older, learning about the rest of our class becomes increasingly important to all of us. Since my last letter in December, I just received **one email from you!** Please send me something about your life: your family, what you are doing, where you are traveling, if you are working or retired. I know everyone wants to know.

No more pleading, but thanks for listening.

Have a good rest of the summer, and I'll touch base in the Fall.

All the best, Rick