



Class Agents Letter

Class of 1980

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Classmates,

I hope that each of you had a good summer, and that Autumn is turning out to be delightful as well. Due to illness, I was unable to attend the Class Agent forum in Crawfordsville on September 11. Fortunately, the College sent me some information to pass on to you.

First, the good news. The College met its Annual Fund goal this year, exceeding \$3.8 Million in donations. For the eleventh straight year, we had 40 percent alumni involvement in giving for the year. This keeps us in the upper echelons of colleges and universities throughout the country in terms of alumni involvement.

While these numbers are certainly impressive, there is nevertheless room for improvement. While over 46 percent of alumni are actively engaged with Wabash to one degree or another, 43.6 percent of alumni are only passively engaged: Occasionally following Wabash on social media or other means, and rarely involved in fundraising or other activities. The Alumni Office points out that there are over 120 events for alumni, students, and prospects that are held throughout the country each year. Also, Wabash holds remote events for those who cannot attend events in person. I encourage all of you to participate in these events in the coming year. Furthermore, if you are in contact with classmates who are only passively engaged with Wabash, please encourage them to participate more actively. Thank you.

Our annual Day of Giving will be held next April. I will apprise you of the exact date as soon as possible.

In news from classmates: **Eugene Mszar** and his wife Lori returned to Wabash last month to attend Greg Huebner's Retrospective Art opening, and to catch up with Professor Huebner as well. Eugene and Lori live in the Virginia suburbs of Washington, DC.

Regrettably, I must also announce the passing of two of our classmates:

John Barry died unexpectedly at his home in Naperville, IL on August 30. A member of the Little Giant football team that played in the Stagg Bowl in 1977, John was an independent and an economics major. (I remember him most for his active participation at the Newman Center.) He worked for many years as a broker at the Chicago Mercantile Exchange and the Chicago Board of Trade. However, his greatest pride was as a husband and father. He is survived by his wife Karen, and his sons Ryan and Matthew.



Joseph Light died at his home in Forest, KY on September 15. He was an independent. After attending Wabash, he worked for his family business and for Federal Mogul before retiring. According to his family, he proudly wore his Wabash hat wherever he was. He is survived by his wife Pamela, his sons Zachary, Nicholas, and Jacob, his daughter Jessica, and his five grandchildren.

If you have any news that you would like to pass to our classmates, do not hesitate to contact me. I will be contacting you again before the end of the year.

Yours in Wabash,

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