



WABASH COLLEGE

Class Agents Letter

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Class of 1959

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Dear '59ers:

Roger Billings and I were on campus Thursday, Friday and Saturday for Homecoming. The weather for Homecoming was beautiful. We went to the Alumni Chapel and the football game. Wabash beat Oberlin 51-0.

Thursday evening, we heard Ann Walsh (wife of Trustee Tom Walsh '73) speak about "Creative Destruction" (Sigma Seven or Continuous Improvement). Ann is Assistant Chief Investment Officer for Fixed Income at Guggenheim Investments.

Friday morning Wabash President Greg Hess reviewed where Wabash is in the competitive world of Higher Education. Although Wabash has a strong engaged faculty and good facilities, much needs to be done. Faculty, Trustees, Alumni, Parents and others are actively working on several projects, such as the Liberal Arts Plus programs, which seek to enhance the Wabash experience. Planning is underway on Wabash 2032. Roger and I toured through the remodeled Martindale Hall and the new dorms on the West Campus. What an improvement!

Saturday at our Class Agent Meeting, Dean of Admissions Mike Thorpe '86 said that Wabash could always get a large Freshman class, only to have many drop out. As this is very costly for Wabash, last year the decision was made to only admit those who were likely to succeed. High School grades and test scores matter to a degree, but determination and the will to work hard also matter. Our Admission Staff has the experience to sort this out. Recruitment now starts in the Freshman year of high school. Most complete their college visits in the Junior year. Wabash needs names, email and home addresses of young men in your community, grandchildren of you or your friends, etc. Federal financial aid forms FAFSA are due by December 1 of the Senior year.

Scarlet Honors - Wabash Honor Scholarship exams this year are December 2 and 3. This fall 91% of last year's Freshmen returned. This is our best retention ever.

This summer John Horner had bypass surgery. John is home and doing great. Rex Henthorn's grandson is a Freshman and one of our top Cross Country runners. Delta Tau Delta is now an active chapter with 80 members.

Your Class Agents would like to hear from you. My contact information is:

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Bell Game coming up on November 12. Go WABASH!

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