



Class Agents Letter

Class of 1972

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Gentlemen:

In September, I attended the Class Agents Forum at Wabash, where the College briefs class agents on important matters. Presenters included Dean for College Advancement, Michelle Janssen; Director of Alumni and Affinity Group Engagement, Ron Dostal; Associate Directors of Advancement Initiatives, Hugh Vandivier and Emily Vetne; and President Scott Feller. Those folks gave us a detailed picture of the state of the College, and I now pass my

Dean Michelle Janssen explained that the Advancement Office was getting ready for Wabash's Bicentennial in 2032, just over seven years away and, incidentally, coinciding with our Class's 60

th reunion year. Why do the powers that be think we need another capital campaign after the successful Giant Steps campaign?



Five are doing well, two are doing OK, and three have issues. Not all national fraternities will survive.

More About Engagement

In my last letter, I told you about the College's emphasis on engagement. Ron Dostal continued his messaging on this topic. Overall, Wabash has 15,000 living alumni. Of these, 10,000 are graduates, and 5,000 are considered alumni by virtue of attending two or more semesters without graduating. An "engaged" alum donates, attends events, or both. The percentage of engaged alumni, according to Ron, is 46%. The percentage of engaged graduates is 60%, but this is only 6,000 people. Why is all this important? Because Wabash's future depends on engaged alumni. If you want to become more engaged, it is easy. There are several online activities that you can participate in for free. Go to the website, "Whenever. Wherever. Wabash." at www.wabash.edu/www. There, you can sign up for "After the Bell" virtual sessions with current professors. The next "After the Bell" session is December 9 on the subject of sports betting with Economics Professor Eric Dunaway and Ryan Rychl

already met with a positive reaction from students, faculty, staff, and visiting

the meantime, I wish you all the best for a Happy Thanksgiving, a Happy Holiday Season, and a Happy New Year!

Yours in Wabash,

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