



## WABASH COLLEGE

### *Class Agents Letter*

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**Class of 1951**

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Dear Men and Ladies of the Wabash Class of 1951:

What is this? Two class letters in two consecutive months. Griesser must be losing it. He has been acting funny since he hit eighty. True I am, and it may be getting worse.

The truth is that I want to push Homecoming one more time. We never know how much time we have and it might be well to take in every chance we get to get back to Wabash. September 26 is the date. The alumni chapel and our first football game of the season will be worth the effort. But just getting back to Wabash, seeing other class mates and friends and getting the “feel” of Wabash will be priceless. Hope to see you there.

On a sadder note, I received an email from Carol Yoder telling me that her husband and our class mate, Richard, passed away August 26. He had been diagnosed with a brain tumor in July. He was treated with radiation to shrink the tumor but it was unsuccessful. Carol said he was a faithful Christian and unafraid of death. He slept away and had a peaceful, quiet death.

Carol goes on to say that Richard enjoyed being part of the Wabash community, even though he never attended our functions. He looked forward to mail about and concerning Wabash, and was a faithful contributor to the school. He always said he received a wonderful education and he wanted that to continue for other young men.

He was the father of Kenneth (Barbara) Yoder and Linda (Bill) Mauer. His grandchildren are Laura and Katie Yoder and Angela, Nicholas and David Mauer.

Our sympathies go out to Carol and the entire Yoder family.

Nick Longworth continues to be one of my best sources of ideas and information. One of his suggestions was to include some stuff from that great Wabash publication of the good old days, *The Wabash Caveman*. He sent me some pages and I'm including one with this letter. Hopefully it will spark some old memories. I think *The Caveman* went out of business during our time at Wabash when an issue of it hit the drug stores of Crawfordsville with a joke: “I know a girl that wears mink all day and fox at night” in it. Seems Dean Trippet and the administration did not like all the phone calls they received from the good citizens of Crawfordsville.

Speaking of memories, Nick passes on one from his freshman Kane house days. Kane house had a WWII vet who was appointed house captain and had the only room on the main floor where he could watch the coming and goings. Nick says he was overbearing on the freshmen while completely aloof and unfriendly. He says that he and several of his freshman buddies slid about ½ pound of black gunpowder on a piece of paper under his door while he was concentrating at his desk. They lit the paper and it went off in a big puff of smoke. He ran out the door screaming, apparently his subconscious reacting to his WWII warfare attacks. They felt bad and knew they had overdone it big-time. It burned the varnish off the door almost to the door handle. Dean Trippet came to a house meeting saying there would be no more Guy Fawks events in Kane House. Guy Fawks was a guy who planted tons of gunpowder in the basement of UK Parliament but was found out before the stuff went off. The house captain after that never bothered anybody never talked to anyone and never lifted a finger on house discipline. I'll save the story of the trip to DePauw to blow up the Owl for some other time.

Nick says there was a WWII vet at Kane who had a crippled leg from a shell fragment and could barely get around. His name was Tom Lee. Does anyone know what happened to him?

The Annual Fund for the year ending June 2010 is just getting started. Right now the list of donors is quite short. Here they are: **Marianne Cullinan (Mrs. Daniel J.), John F. Emery, Richard H. Griesser, William A. MacDougall, Robert W. Montgomery, William R. Orman, James R. Slagle, and William N. Von Der Lehr.**

Many thanks to these early birds.

Best wishes to all.

Richard H. Griesser

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