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Dear 53'ers:

Our College has named our 16th President. Many of you have probably seen the press release:

Gregory Hess Named 16th Wabash President

by Jim Amidon

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Stephen S. Bowen, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Wabash College, announced today that Gregory D. Hess has been elected the 16th president of Wabash College.

"I am honored and privileged to lead an institution that transforms gentlemen into everyday heroes," Hess said upon accepting the position at the 900-student liberal arts college for men.



Dr. Hess, who is currently the Dean of the Faculty and Vice President of Academic Affairs at Claremont McKenna College (CMC), will begin his responsibilities on July 1, and will follow Patrick E. White, who announced his resignation last May.

"The Trustees could not be more pleased with the work of the search committee in identifying an extraordinary pool of candidates," Bowen said. "The Board is proud to announce the election of Gregory Hess as Wabash's next president. He brings an impressive record of achievement as an economist, teacher, scholar, and administrator, and we look forward to working closely with him to help Wabash College achieve its mission."

In addition to his role as Dean of the Faculty at Claremont McKenna, Dr. Hess is the James G. Boswell Professor of Economics and a George R. Robert Fellow. In his current role, he oversees all aspects pertaining to academic affairs, including the curriculum, the Center for Global Education, the Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurism, athletics, institutional research, student learning outcome assessments, and information technology.

“Promoting and identifying Wabash College’s distinctiveness as a 21st century liberal arts college for men is a critical element for the new president to articulate,” Dr. Hess said. “Wabash needs to be known as an institution that understands the unique abilities and needs of young men, firmly grounds them in the liberal arts, and resolves to fully develop their cultural and skill-based competencies. A Wabash education must be made synonymous with the superb preparation of men to be the next generation of ethical and responsible leaders who will address the key challenges facing our country and their communities.”



A native of San Francisco, he earned his bachelor’s degree with high honors from the University of California-Davis, and his master’s degree and Ph.D. in economics from The Johns Hopkins University.

In his tenure at Claremont McKenna, he implemented the academic fundraising outcomes of The Campaign for Claremont McKenna, including 27 professorships, a new Dean of Science position, the Robert Day Scholars Program for undergraduates and graduate students in a new Master of Finance program, and nine grants from national and international foundations. He initiated and facilitated a review of faculty governance at CMC, which included a complete revision of the faculty handbook and significant changes to the college’s appointment, promotion, and tenure policies.

Dr. Hess has led several important curricular changes at CMC, including the establishment of a year-long freshman humanities and writing program, the Robert Day School of Economics and Finance and its master’s degree program, and new Arabic and Portuguese language programming. He also helped establish summer programs in Amman, Jordan and Seoul, Korea, and created the Silicon Valley Semester Program and CMC’s India Initiative in Delhi.

Dr. Hess has held teaching positions at Carnegie Mellon University, the University of Kansas, St. John’s College (Cambridge), the University of Cambridge, London Business School, and Oberlin College.

Outside the academy, Dr. Hess has previously worked as an economist for the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, as a consultant for Honda Motors of North America, and as a member of the Ohio Governor's Council of Economic Advisors. He has served as a visiting scholar for the Federal Reserve Banks of San Francisco, St. Louis, Cleveland, and Kansas City, the International Monetary Fund, and the Bank of Japan.

He has published over 40 articles in refereed journals and is the author of 20 book chapters and books. He has appeared as a guest lecturer or invited seminar speaker at more than 80 conferences and meetings around the world.

Hess and his wife, Lora, have two daughters, Abigail and Meredith.

President Pat White's years at Wabash are deeply appreciated. His wife, Chris, has served the College as well as the community in helping the downtown area and the Christian Nursing Service. Best wishes go out to them in their future.

This spring will be our 60th Reunion. More information and details will be forthcoming. We had a pretty good turnout for our 55th, so hopefully several of us can make it back to C'ville. It is very interesting to be on campus and see how much has changed and yet how much has stayed the same (or almost the same). Mark your calendars now for Big Bash 2013 –May 31 – June 2, 2013.

Congratulations to George Littell and Lois Lane who were married in Greensboro, NC on May 26. They are residing in Winchester, MA.

Al Stolz received the Connecticut Yankee Council's Distinguished Citizen Award for his leadership and dedication to community service. Al has been active in Boy Scouts for 68 years and has engaged in volunteer activities for the Red Cross, American Heart Association, conservation projects, and his years with Camp Cody.

Three members of our Class have passed away: Dick Howell, Bob Dickinson and Ruth Miller, Bob's wife: Following are their obituaries:

Richard Leighton Howell

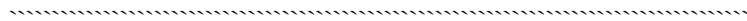
Jan. 21, 1932-Oct. 13, 2012

Richard Leighton Howell, 80, passed away Saturday evening at his home. He was born Jan. 21, 1932, to Forest and Margaret Howell. He graduated from Crawfordsville High School in 1949 and from Wabash College in 1953. He belonged to the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity.

Richard served in the United States Army for two years. He married Marilyn Boze on Oct. 5, 1958, and were blessed with two children, Michael Howell (deceased) and Malinda Howell. He is survived by Malinda and two grandchildren, Nicholas Howell and Joshua Howell and a great-grandchild, Henry Michael Howell.

He was the owner of Indiana Printing Company, Indiana Pad and Paper, The Messenger Crier Newspaper and Everything for the Office, which his son later owned. Richard was a railroad enthusiast, and a member of the Elk's Club, Rotary Club, Lion's Club and was a Mason. He was a

lifetime member of Wabash Avenue Presbyterian Church. A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday on Wabash Avenue Presbyterian Church, with the Rev. John Van Nuys officiating, with a visitation beginning at 1 p.m. A private burial will take place at Oak Hill Cemetery at a later date. Donations may be made to Wabash Avenue Presbyterian Church.



Robert E. Dickinson

81, of Indianapolis died on December 8, 2012. He was born 26 June 1931 in Indianapolis to George and Eleanor Dickinson. He lived most of his life in Indianapolis except for a few of his early teen years in Tennessee and Kentucky. He attended John Strange grade school, The Kentucky Military Academy, Broad Ripple High School, Wabash College, and Indiana University. He was later a trustee at Franklin College for 25 years, served on the Franklin board as chairman for six years and holds an honorary doctorate from that college. He was a member of the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity.

Over the years, Bob served as Vice Chairman of allocations while on the board of the United Way of Central Indiana. He was a board member of the YMCA and YMCA foundation. He also served as chairman on the founding board of the Child Support Center. He once held the office of trustee on the town of Williams Creek and was an Emeritus Member of the Junto of Indianapolis and was a member of Junto for 42 years. He was also a volunteer Guardian ad Litem serving Sarasota County at risk children. He was a member of the Young President's Organization and the World President's Organization, serving as Chairman of the Indiana chapter of YPO for two years.

Bob joined his father's business, Mobile Drilling Co, in 1953 and later took the helm as president. He and his brother, Richard, developed the business world wide and enjoyed traveling and developing business in nearly every country in the world. Bob was active in the drilling fraternity having served as president of the Diamond Core Drill Manufacturers Association, Founding Chairman of the International Drilling Federation, and later Chairman of the National Drilling Association.

Bob and Dottie have spent their retirement winters in Sarasota, Florida and were members of the Church of the Palms and have enjoyed summer family gatherings at their Lake Wawasee house where he served 10 years as a volunteer deputy sheriff patrolling the lake on a part time basis. He also served several years on the Wawasee Property Owners Association; two years as chairman.

Bob loved sailing, hunting, and golf but his greatest passion was his wife, Dottie, whom he met while attending KMI in Louisville, Kentucky. Their marriage of 60 years produced three great kids and eventually 10 grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Bob is survived by his wife, Dottie; his sons, Douglas (Karen) and David Dickinson, and his daughter, Cheryl (Tom) Sagehorn, as well as his two brothers, Richard (Helen) and David (Mimi) Dickinson; also grandchildren, Kate (Jon) Clapp, Scott (Tracy) Sagehorn, Anne (John) Mannelly, Laura Sagehorn, Kristina (Nick) Hanna, Christopher Dickinson, Analise Dickinson, Julie (Derek) Dant, Drew Dickinson and Austin Dickinson; great-grandchildren, Ben Clapp and Luke Sagehorn.

Family and Friends will gather on Wednesday December 12 from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. in Leppert Mortuary, Nora Chapel with Celebration of Life Service on Thursday, December 13 at 2:00 p.m.

in Second Presbyterian Church, of which he was a member. *Published in the Indianapolis Star on December 11, 2012*

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Ruth Elaine Miller

Sept. 3, 1933 - Oct. 29, 2012 ANDERSON, Ind. - Ruth Elaine (Manring) Miller, 79, of Anderson and formerly Alexandria, passed away unexpectedly Monday, Oct. 29, 2012, at Community Hospital in Anderson. She was born Sept. 3, 1933, in Alexandria, the first daughter of Herman and Deloris I. (Slain) Manring. As a teenager she survived a tornado in 1948 that moved her family's house approximately 100 yards. She graduated from Alexandria High School in 1951, Ball State University with a bachelor of science degree in 1955, and then in 1957 from Northwestern University with a Master's degree in music.

She married Robert W. Miller on Dec. 21, 1958. She was a music teacher and consultant for several years for the Anderson Community Schools and even wrote the Madison Heights school song. She also taught as an adjunct professor at Ivy Tech College. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, a past president of Tri Kappa Society, served many years as a docent for the Indianapolis Art Museum, and was a realtor for Caldwell Banker Realty. She was an avid home decorator and gardener, and was featured in The Anderson Herald newspaper for her creative children's bedroom designs. She was a foster parent and adopted three of her foster children. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

Ruth is survived by her loving family including her husband of nearly 54 years, Robert W. Miller; her six children, Alan R. (wife, Susan) of Anderson, Brian P. (wife, Kathy) of Greendale, Wis., Mark D. of Anderson and Eric G. of Anderson, Jill E. (husband, David Lucas) of Cicero, and Amanda E. (husband, Paul Hoback) of Simpsonville, Ky.; her two sisters, Camilla Smith of Alexandria and Darlene (husband William) Warfield of Alexandria, seven grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; and her sister, Doris Mae Kellum.

The *Princeton Review* has rated Wabash as a “**Best Value College**” and one of “**Best in Midwest**”. The rating was for “...stellar academics and for making their college affordable.” We have all known this for many years! Hard working students who bring excellence to the College are the life blood and tradition at Wabash College, enabling Wabash to maintain its high standards. Your support over the years of fund raising campaigns has helped Wabash College to compete for these students. Alumni referrals and help in recruiting are more important than ever. So if you come across a young man that you think would make a great Wabash Man contact Chip Timmons at 765.361.6054 or timmonsc@wabash.edu.

Here are two gentlemen we have all known and respected: (photos of Bob Mitchum and Bob Harvey from pages 46 and 47 of the winter 2013 Wabash magazine.



Everyone have a great 2013!

For Jack, Bob and myself,

Fred Warbinton