



WABASH COLLEGE

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Dear Class of '53 Guys and Gals:

Dr. Patrick E. White was recently elected as the 15th President of Wabash. He is currently Vice President and Dean of Faculty at Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame. He will succeed Dr. Andrew T. Ford on July 1. He will also serve as Professor of English at Wabash.

Dr. White has served in his present position at Saint Mary's since 2002. Previously, he was Associate Dean of Faculty from 1998 till 2002 and Professor of English. He has spearheaded a number of academic initiatives at Saint Mary's.



Prior to his service at Saint Mary's, he served as Chair of the Department of Language and Literature at Pfeiffer College from 1985-1988 and taught at Westmar College from 1976-1985. He graduated with honors from the University of Chicago in 1971 and earned a Master's and Ph.D. in English and American Literature from the University of Iowa.

Dr. White and his wife, Chris, have two daughters who are juniors at Saint Mary's College and a son who is a third year student at the Indiana University School of Medicine.

We all appreciate the thirteen years Andy has served as President and we wish Andy and Anne a happy retirement. Andy recently told me that they have purchased a home in Wheaton IL and they are looking forward to retirement and spending time with their two grandchildren. Andy also said that he is looking forward to taking part in Alumni functions and playing golf.

Roger Drummond emails that he is providing testimony for a group of people wanting to create a horse racetrack near Laredo TX. Cattle fever ticks are present and can cause bad problems if the ticks get on the horses. Roger is providing information on the biology and control of cattle ticks. He will appear before the Texas Racing Commission in Austin. Roger says "Fun and games for an old guy!"

Al Stolz writes "This past year, thru January, has been the warmest since 1953 and now here it is again, 53 years later. We always knew that '53 was hot stuff!"

Charlie Crume still consults part time at the Y-12 National Security Complex in Oak Ridge, TN ".....in order to support the habit of flying my own plane." Charlie will be interviewed for an article in the *Wabash Magazine*. Charlie's step-daughter, Laura Johnson Arneson, is finishing a dissertation in the field of Immunology at the Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN.

Moose Williams had dinner with the Dickinson's on Feb. 8 and checked out their Sarasota home. He also had lunch with the Korb's in Ellenton and has an upcoming visit with the Nyce's in Frostproof.

Chuck Barnes is the proud great-grandfather of twins born recently to his grandson, David, and his wife, Shannon, in Forest, OH. The twins are Kayson and Eden, boy and girl. Chuck reports they are doing well. The great-grandfather reports that he was visiting in Ohio and held each twin before they were three hours old.

Our world traveler, Jean Williams, spent two weeks in Argentina and Chile over the Christmas and New Years holidays where one of her granddaughters is perfecting her Spanish. To quote Jean: "The Chileans really know how to party. They don't call it a night on New Years Eve until 6 AM. But I was a wimp and went to bed at 3 AM. Guess I'm getting old." (Ed. note: I wish I had a dollar for each time I had to turn in at 3 AM instead of 6!)

During the current fiscal year which ends on June 30, 2006, gifts and pledges from our Class totaled \$59,806 (as of Feb. 21). 35.3% of our class gave or pledged. For all classes between 1945 and 1955, we ranked second in total dollars with only the class of '55, which had their 50th Reunion last spring, showing a higher dollar amount. **During the 2005-2006 year, Wabash will receive \$1.25 from Lilly Endowment Inc. for every \$1.00 contributed by alumni up to \$2 million, for a total match of \$2.5 million.**

We had an Alumni luncheon at Gateway Golf and Country Club in Fort Myers on March 7. Andy Ford was present along with Joe Emmick and Mike Warren from the College. This has become a yearly event. Andy spoke about happenings at the College and our new president.

Bill Augspurger had a Carotid artery procedure done this week and is recovering at home. Bill and Dianne's address is: 1950 Ariana Blvd., Auburndale FL 33823. I spoke with Bill and he said that he has a long list of "can't do's" which Dianne (his RN/spouse) is helping to enforce.

Michele Tatar was named an honorary Class Agent at our Class Agent Forum last September in gratitude for her tireless and efficient work in getting Class Agents' letters out to Alumni, an award which was very deserved. Michele is Coordinator of Alumni and Parent Communications. The Class of '53 sends congratulations to Michele. Michele, we appreciate all the work you do for us.

The best news this time is no obits have been reported.

I came across some information recently regarding one of the Wabash professors from our era. While working for the Rockefeller Foundation in Europe in the 30's, John VanSickle interviewed many young European scholars and Economists. He later helped some of these people get out of Germany and Austria. Later, when John V. was retired and living in Colorado, several came to thank him for helping them get to our country. John was acquainted with Austrian Economist Friedrich Hayek, who wrote "Road to Serfdom" and taught at the University of Chicago. Hayek

later visited John V. in Colorado where John lived after retiring. John V. used to also tell of being on a train in Germany in the 30's when Hitler was trying to gain power. Hitler happened to be on the same train making "whistle-stop" speeches at small German towns. John was appalled at the lunacy of Hitler's claims and the response of the crowds. Not much later, John managed to return to the U.S.

Since St. Patrick's Day is near, perhaps we should see what Paddy is up to. Paddy's wife has passed away at the age of 85. The pallbearers are carrying the casket in the cemetery with Paddy following. There are several poles in the ground marking the grave site. The casket accidentally bumps one of the poles. Some moans and other sounds come from inside the casket. Paddy's wife is alive! In fact, she lives 10 more years. After she passes, they are at the cemetery again, Paddy following the casket. Paddy says "Careful boys. Mind the poles!"

Everyone have a great year. Please keep providing us with news items. It makes our job easier!

For Jack and Bob,

Fred

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