



## **WABASH COLLEGE**

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Dear Classmates and Friends:

Daryl Townsend passed away on March 4, in Rock Island, Illinois, where he was born. He was an Econ major, a Phi Delt and participated in varsity basketball, football and track. Daryl was an administrator at Modern Woodmen of America, retiring in 2001. Daryl is survived by his wife, Bonnie, a daughter and a son. Mrs. Townsend can be reached at 4112 35th Street, Rock Island, Illinois 61201. Phone #: 309-788-9780.

A couple of weeks ago I received a message from one of Bob Little's daughter's thanking me for inviting him to the reunion. However, he can't attend because he died two years ago. Somehow the news of his passing didn't get to me. His wife passed away several years ago. My recollection of Bob is that of a quiet, studious kid. He was a Delt, Math major and a Christian Scientist. I was reminded of the time he had a rather severe upper respiratory infection which set off theological discussions at the evening meals in the Delt House.

You may recall that Dr. Sparks was raised a Baptist and became a Christian Scientist. When we were in school, he fell breaking a hip. He did not have surgery, but walked again. Years later he had appendicitis. He had surgery.

Professor Haenisch was also a Christian Scientist and a diabetic. He lost both legs to the ravages of diabetic vascular disease. A sad ending for a fine man and great teacher. In my small practice I had a few diabetics, who were not Christian Scientists, who lost parts of lower extremities to diabetes--a vicious disease. I will remember Dr. Haenisch for "Moles, Gentlemen, Moles" in Phys-Chem and Oral Comps. He asked about the progression of acids. I had no idea! He jumped out of his chair and ran to the blackboard. I didn't know a man as big as he could move so fast.

Tobe Morris '57 and Don Caplinger '57 recently passed away. I did not know Tobe well, but I do remember him. He was a Phi Gam, English major from Indianapolis, where he was living at the time of his death. Caplinger was from Lebanon, Indiana, a Delt and Political Scientist major. He lived in Indy and worked his whole career for L.S. Ayers. I used to see and chat with Don at Indianapolis Symphony concerts. That was when I could afford tickets, but the

Great Recession of Obama, Geithner and Bernanke has not been kind to my pocket book. Ah, those gentlemen are disciples of the discredited John Maynard Keynes, whose flawed theories prolonged the Great Depression and the current financial debacle.

I've had a couple of communications with Fred LaCosse '56 in the past week. He is busy running "here and there" in California giving his "American Freedoms" show. You can view it online: [lacosse.net](http://lacosse.net). It's pretty good and worth a look see.

Sports:

The Wabash Swimming and Diving Team was named Scholar All-Americans for last semester's 3.33 GPA. That was 10th highest in Div. III. Our friends to the South were in 38th place.

Sophomore Ronnie Posthauer finished in 5th in the 60 meter hurdles at the Div. III National Indoor Track and Field Championships. His time was 8.22 seconds. His teammate Jake Waterman '13 won the 800 meter race -- 1:50.30 -- just a tick of the clock off the record. Waterman was second in 2010 and '11. He won the outdoor 800 meters a year ago. I'm sure he is the favorite to win it again this spring. Jake and Ronnie are 2 great All-Americans.

Coach Clyde Morgan was named the Great Lakes Region Indoor Track and Field Coach of the year. He had that honor last year, too.

Wrestler Reece Lefever '15 --157 pound level--was 7th at the National Championships. Another All-American.

The basketball Little Giants had a tough season--9 & 17. Defense wasn't bad. The guys just had trouble getting the ball to go into the basket.

The lousy weather here has played havoc with the baseball schedule and caused the annual track and field Wabash Relays--now the J. Owen Huntsman Relays--to be canceled.

March here has been brutal! Temps from the teens to the 40s. Rain, ice and snow. Doom and gloom. A second February.

News from Greencastle:

The DePauw women's basketball team--the UNDEFEATED team--34-0--won the Div. III Basketball Championship last weekend (3/16). Hearty congratulations! They won it all in 2007, too.

55th Reunion:

You should have gotten the colorful Big Bash brochure by now. A few things to note:

1. The Colloquium: Life as a Buddhist Monk. Jotipalo Bhikkhu '88 is Donny Sperry '88, son of Don '59 and Dottie Sperry.
2. Places for us to gather: Tommy's Scarlet Nickel--a tent with tables and chairs and a bar! Located on the lawn West of Morris and Wolcott. The fraternities will be open Saturday afternoon.
3. All of us Golden Little Giants along with the Class of 1963 are invited to a reception at President White's home.
4. It is likely our class dinner will be in Trippet Hall with all the golden oldies on Saturday evening after the President's reception.

Jack Wilhelm has registered. Rand, Jack, Mauri and I are planning to attend.

Cheers,

Gordon