



## **WABASH COLLEGE**

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Dear Many Miler:

### ***Merry Christmas and Best Wishes for a Healthy New Year!!!***

Our Wabash athletes have just completed probably the most successful fall season in modern times!

Football 11-2      Soccer 14-3-3      Cross Country NCAC Champions      Basketball is 5-2

Swimmers beat DePauw and have established over a dozen new record times

Wrestling team is ranked #2 in Div III by National Wrestling Coaches Assoc with six men ranked #1 in their weight class.

Phew! What success!! Of course, Wabash beat DePauw for the sixth consecutive year. The Monon Bell game only saw 8000 fans (down from over 11,000) this year in the Little Giants' 27-3 win. DePauw has not entered the Wabash end zone for something like 15 quarters! Almost! One Jay Robinson got behind the Wabash defense and was rambling toward a wide open, untouched touchdown when he inexplicably tripped over his own feet at the 5 yard line. (He will NEVER live that down as long as he lives) The vaunted Wabash defense forced a field goal!

Even though Wittenberg defeated Wabash for the second year in a row, the Little Giants got a playoff bid. They entertained Franklin College (IN) and won on home field. Next was Wisconsin Whitewater!

Hey J B

I'm sure you saw the score. Whitewater may well win it all again. I went with my son Tony. Best thing about it all may have been the temperature--low 40's with a wind. It was fun though. Wore my W jacket for probably the first time out of the house in 50 years. Didn't see any other coats resembling it in any way. I wondered if the UW-W fans are too used to winning. I swear we had about as many fans as them. But no band.

Happy Holiday season from Rosie and me.

Mike Hughes

Many Thanks for representing the "Many Milers" at the game. We know you gave it your best shot, as did the Little Giants. Sounds like Wabash may have just gotten worn down in the second half.....As far as bands go.... (one of my pet peeves, is we can't even muster a pep band for home games anymore.) Where is Mitchum when we need him!?!.....Anyway, Mike, say "hi" to Rosie and hope you both have a blessed holiday season.

.....Birdy

Wabash played to a 10-7 deficit at half, then, WWW got in gear and won 38-14. The football team stands tall once again. Their defense was ranked near the top of Div III all season. I see that as of this weekend WWW has won again and will face Mount Union (OH) for something like the 20<sup>th</sup> time in a row! The WWW coach set the record for the quickest climb to 100 victories (100-6-2) in eight years. He has accepted a job at Buffalo U. - guess he doesn't mind snow!

John,

Thanks for the Birthday message. I feel blessed to live in a society Where 75 is the new 50. [Ted Todd](#)

Thank you!

I've been so busy that I hadn't read my e-mails for a few days. We had a great Thanksgiving with both my daughters, their families, three of Vicky's grandchildren plus a couple of long time friends. Hope yours was great too!

Don Weddle

JB,

Can anyone help me with Jack Carroll. None of the phone numbers I have led to a contact of any sort. jb

Heard he is suffering from Alzheimer's and was admitted to a facility this past week.

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From Panzer....

Here's the YouTube video of last night's Toastmasters presentation. My assignment was to analyze, interpret & read an oratorical speech: for me, Ike's Military-Industrial Complex speech. I was allowed 10 minutes, 30 seconds; I closed my book at 10:29. But then there are just 3 kinds of public speeches; the one you wrote, the one you delivered & the one you wished.....

The closing almost seems like a wrap, but I cut 3 paragraphs. No biggie -- except I wanted to challenge the audience to listen to Ike & then reflect upon today's Washington, D.C. Looney Tunes. Ike called it, 53 years ago, when he warned us, this is what we'd get if we, the people, relaxed our vigilance on our government -- such is the fate of a democratic-republic.

This was my third speech in a series I call "Fart Proudly" inspired by Grandson Brian who gave me a book of Franklin's

Awesome, stupendous, amazing presentation last night! Here's the link: <http://youtu.be/3JQLv2UYSpQ>

Thanks, Carol

And now for the GREAT NEWS!!!



### Senior Jacob Burnett Named Rhodes Scholar

Jacob Burnett '15 was recently selected as a Rhodes Scholar, Wabash's 9th in history.

Check this young man out on the College website ([www.wabash.edu](http://www.wabash.edu)) He is from Mishawaka. Byron Trippet was a Rhodes Scholar. My pledge father, Bob Ashman '60 and David Kendall '66 (Clinton lawyer) also. The most recent Rhodes Scholar was Jeremy Robinson '04.

Unrelated, but of interest to Hoosiers is that current TSA chief John Pistole has been elected President of Anderson University as only the Fifth president since founding in 1917. Cal Black served in the FBI with John and reports he is as good a man as they come. A lot of the misalignment he got at TSA was not anything to do with him! I remember watching him shoot free throws as an Anderson Indian as my kids were growing up – he hit a lot of them!

I had a wonderful conversation with Joe Barnette recently. He sounds great! Positive and optimistic. He is working very hard in therapy to get back use of his left hand. Charlene was in Florida making all the arrangements for Joe to continue therapy there. They plan to fly down just before Christmas. He tells me that while most progress following a stroke is in the first six months, they tell him that improvement can continue for up to two years. Joe isn't one to give in or give up easily, so we all wish him the very best!

Barbara & I send our very best wishes to you and hope you are able to be with family. Most of us crossed the big 75 mark this year. I am a little amazed by how many of us are still hanging around, even if each day gets a little more difficult getting out of bed!

*Many Miles Before the Night.....*

*JB*