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Dear Many Miler:

Many Miler 55th Reunion is June 3-5, 2016! Mark it on your calendars!!!

November 14, 2015. What a gorgeous day for a football game! The stands were full, save for the extra bleachers on the Danny side. Probably more Wabash fans in Greenydinge than DePauw had. But they had a very good season (8-2) and had they won, they would have gotten the automatic playoff bid for NCAC. So, a lot at stake. They were missing some starters, so while they were highly ranked for rushing defense earlier in the season, Mason Zurek ran for 39 trips gaining 288 yards, an all-time record for Wabash. (I could only think about Jay Moore and Mike Hughes and how the amount of running they did caused a lot of pain in their knees in later life!) The Thursday dinner in Indy, now coined "The Spirit of the Monon Bell" gig, was well attended but no longer includes any DePauw people (their choice.) Very nice affair at the Skyline Club with a great view of downtown Indy!



From Jay Moore:

Sorry I missed your recent call. So glad to see the win over DePauw, and the fantastic season for our guys. The game always reminds me of our game of 55 years ago when they beat us in the last minute. Hope we can maintain this string of victories; also hope these young men understand how much we appreciate their spirit and hard work in spreading the fame of Wabash. Things going OK here. Visited Jim & Jan Wood before their exodus to Florida. Woody has shown unbelievable strength through some very tough health issues. Brigance didn't like the use of the word "very", but would definitely approve in Jim's case. Want to thank you again for your willingness to keep us up to speed with Wabash. Don't know if we can make it for the 55th, but will try our best to do so. Best to you & Barb and family

In the first game of the football playoffs, Wabash hosted Albion at Barney Hollett stadium on 11/21. In a blizzard, the game was slow in first half so they took 50+ minutes to scrape off the snow. Zurek ran for 314 yards which Wabash won 35-14 after blanking them in the second half. The next playoff game was also at Barney Hollett Stadium against Thomas More College in KY. Very close, hard fought game ending in a tie. On the first play of overtime, Wabash sacked the QB and scooped up his fumble to run 45 yards for a final of 33-27. The boys awarded the game ball to the man who scraped off the snow during half time!

The next week was something else! University of St. Thomas in St. Paul. (10,000 students!) Wabash never really got on track, losing 7-38. What a great season!!! 12-1. Mason Zurek (3.89 GPA headed for law school) is the North Region Div III offensive player of the year, and Coach Erik Raeburn is Coach of the year. If you have a few minutes, go to Wabash.edu and look up Liz Raeburn's Chapel Speech before the game! Good stuff.

Max Servies is ranked #9 in DivIII coaching wins in wrestling with 487. There are still a couple of active coaches ahead, but we're proud of Max. His legacy is on-going with a fantastic program which will soon have its own practice facility. The Wrestling Center will sit directly south of the indoor tennis courts and directly west of the Knowling Fieldhouse.

By now you probably have heard that Tom Runge '71 is retiring from Wabash in March. He has set the bar so very high during his 15 years as director of Alumni and Parent Relations. Of course, he reimagined reunions with the Big Bash weekend (1st during our 45th) which was a big gamble at the time, but how it has paid off big time... hard to imagine the old days when reunions were held during Commencement and Homecoming weekends!

Tom also instigated the Alumni Recruitment program, which results in over 1000 referrals each year. There is a MUCH higher chance of matriculation with alumni referrals. I think John Birdzell has probably brought in more Region guys than anyone else in our class. Keep up the good work. A Wabash Man may be lurking in your neighborhood! The new Director is Steve Hoffman '85 who is no stranger to Wabash affairs. We wish him well! Runge, Some Little Giant.

Note: Changes in the Federal scholarship programs will probably dictate that Wabash hold Honor Scholarship weekend in the Fall rather than in March. Soooo, you need to step up your recruiting program. Seeking out good high school freshmen and sophomores is not too early!

Dave McAfee had a good story. He was in line at the grocery before Memorial Day when the lady in front of him was buying a large quantity of wine bottles. The clerk asked her about it, and she explained that she was having a party for Army friends who had served our country. Dave spoke up and said: "I served too. Can I come to your party?" Then as Dave checked out, the clerk looked at him and asked: "Did you serve in World War II?" First time Dave was speechless.....

Wabash tuition this year is \$37,100, plus approximately \$9,200 for room, board, and fees. About 90% of all students receive some financial aid. 98% of faculty members hold a PhD or terminal degree in their fields. Student/Faculty ratio is 11/1 and the average class size is 13. Jay Moore and I and one other junior had a great class in Oral Interpretation with Charlie Scott. It was a great class and I wish I had kept the text!

It was my honor and privilege to represent President Hess at the Inauguration of John Pistole (TSA fame) as the fifth president of Anderson University. I remember watching John play as a very tall and highly accurate free throw shooter for the Anderson Indians. He rose up to be the Number Two man at the FBI before Obama appointed him to the TSA Directorship. John is a very quiet and humble guy who has accomplished a bunch. It will be interesting to see how he pulls Anderson U thru their 100th anniversary in '17 and beyond. The speaker was Jim Cromey the current Director of FBI. (Cromey is even taller than Pistole @ 6'9") Barbara grew up with John's older sister. Amazing that AU has only had 5 presidents in 100 years, and only a few people, including Barbara, can say that they have known all of them. Morrison was president for 49 years, so Barbara was only 11 but remembers him. Bob Reardon was a neighbor and his daughter is a close friend. Bob Nicholson directed the choral music for many years (I knew him well from Rotary) and Jim Edwards was in school when Barbara was a student. It was an awesome experience to march between Hanover (1827) and Franklin (1834) as the academic procession is by year of founding... Harvard was not there, but Yale and Princeton had representatives. DePauw chose not to participate!!! Thank you, Greg!



During meetings at Homecoming, I sat with Bob Wedgeworth'59. Wedgie was showing off his wrist watch. His mother had given it to him when he came to Wabash. He wore it all thru college and beyond. Last year he came across it in a drawer. He wound up sending it to Europe

to be refurbished, (at some expense!), and he was proudly wearing it. Bob has had an outstanding career in the library field.



Bob Wedgeworth, Class of 1959.

Great to see Joe and Charlene Barnette on campus at Homecoming!

Yes, that is Andy Ford on the left. Wonderful to see Anne and Andy again....



At the Class Agents' 60th Anniversary, we were exchanging stories, many about Tommy Kummings Silver Dollar Saloon. Mike Warren '93 of the alumni office admitted that he never go to go to Tommy's before he was 21 because he was sure his parents would be there!!! Rather than "W" haircuts, they now spray a big red "W" on the white t-shirts of every freshmen who knows the song.

DELTA TAU DELTA BEGINS ITS RETURN TO CAMPUS!!!

Finally the brothers of Beta Psi Chapter can pull together. National Delt officials and Wabash alumni headed by Jim Dimos '83 and Nick Prihoda '99 will lead to recolonization effort at Wabash, interviewing potential brothers in January. They will be initiated in mid-February. This is great news. It should pull the Greek percentage back up to the mid-60's, and bring back a great portion of Wabash Greek heritage. Of course, ALL fraternity houses on the Wabash campus will have to get their acts together as the College opens brand new

housing. Martindale (built in 1962) will be completely redesigned and reconfigured to be reopened 2016-17. Students live differently than we did, and the College must respond!

Many in our class were Scarlet Masque participants... Wabash theater has been recognized as excellent. *Princeton Review* ranked Wabash 7th in the country for theater this year. Carnegie-Mellon was #1.

Well, the old coffee pot doesn't quite cut it anymore!!! This is the "coffee bar" at the Beta House during Homecoming!



Wasn't it great when we only had "on" and "off" switches!

Paris. The news coming out of Paris over the past couple of days has not surprised me. What with the large influx of refugees streaming into Europe, I have been expecting for several days that the jihadists were smuggling their goods into the heart of the continent and that it was just a matter of time before the attacks began. In the many years that I have lived in Israel, I recognize very well what's going on. I've said it before and I say it again the jihadists' cult is a Satanic belief - and westerners still don't understand this. It is, I'm sorry to say, what has been the main problem with creating a Palestinian State - the area is just too full of this.

George Oshry: A day without sunshine is like...well, it's like night.

From: john r [mailto:jrbirdzell@hotmail.com]

Speaking of the Cubs....this is Callum, my 5 year old grandson, and me at the Cubs-Cardinals game during the National League Division Series that the Cubs won.....We had blast at that game.....lots of home runs, etc.....He has become quite a Cub fan, with all the risks (and potential rewards) associated with such a commitment.



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Sorry to end this on a sad note, but we have lost another Many Miler: **Don Greene**

Our deepest sympathy to his Wife: Carol S. Greene

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GREENE, Donald Adrain, age 76, of Kettering, passed away on Sunday, November 29, 2015 at home. Donald was born on January 25, 1939 in Greenfield, OH. to the late Donald and Velma Greene. He graduated from Wilbur Wright High School and attended Wabash College in Crawfordsville, IN.

Donald served his country in the U.S. Army and worked at DESC for over 30 years. He retired from Wright-Patterson Air Force base. Donald was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church and Faith Lutheran Church. Preceded in death by parents and his stillborn baby brother. Donald is survived by his wife, Carol (Pfander) Greene; daughters, Melanie (Charles W. II) LeVan and Kimberley Anne (Timothy E.) Meehan; grandchildren, Joseph, Mike, Grace and June Meehan. Family will greet friends from 9:00am-11:00am on Wednesday, December 2, 2015 at Routsong Funeral Home, 2100 E. Stroop Rd. Kettering with a funeral service to follow at the funeral home. Burial in Woodland Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Down Syndrome Association of Greater Cincinnati, 4623 Wesley Ave. Cincinnati, OH 45212. Carol told me that Don had no symptoms and died of a heart attack during the night.... She said that Don liked his time at Wabash though he didn't stay active.

To each of you, Barbara & I send our warmest wishes for a Merry Christmas and very Happy New Year! We are still in Tennessee, but we hope to be in Noblesville, IN by mid-January! We will communicate (post-New Year) when we are settled. Email should remain the same, as will my cell phone, 615-351-0900.

Many Miles Before the Night.....

J B

P.S. If you could use a solid tax deduction before year end, remember Dear Old Wabash! Here's the web site to make an online gift. <https://www.wabash.edu/giving/give>.