



WABASH COLLEGE

Class Agent's/Reunion Chair's Letter

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Men of the Class of 1965,

Two main points I want to make to you:

1. June 30 is the end of the fiscal year for the college and we have just a short time to send off our annual contributions to P.O. Box 352, Crawfordsville, IN 47933-0352, to be counted for this year. I sent my final pledge payment for the Kappa Sig house and my annual payment to the college just a few weeks ago. It's a good feeling to have it done!

2. We need to all jump on board to help our 50th Reunion Chair, Phil Young, make our reunion in 2015, the best ever. We need living unit reps, callers, memory book chairs and some Indiana men to help with logistics. Please contact Phil at 210-496-0615 (home), 210-468-9513 (cell) or philipbyoung@gmail.com to help. Allan Anderson is already signed up as our Reunion Gift Chair and Bob Witherspoon as our Song Leader for the Chapel Sing (which we plan to win). We expect the 50th reunion will be the last weekend in May or the first weekend in June, 2015. Thanks Phil, Allan and Bob!

The next important thing I have for you is to share my thanks and appreciation for Pete Pactor for his tireless service as Class Agent. Pete is taking a well earned rest and I will continue solo. Way to go, Pete! Some Little Giant!

Now for some news:

- President Pat White presides over the 175th Commencement May 12, his last before moving to Millikin. Gregory D. Hess will follow President White as the 16th president of the College. Dr. Hess comes from serving as Dean of the Faculty and VP of Academic Affairs at Claremont McKenna College. Dr. Hess' specialty is Economics.

- Wabash's heritage of great track teams continues. The team won its third straight North Coast Athletic Conference Outdoor track championship with a number of men achieving their personal bests (bringing back the memory of how pleased Coach Huntsman was seeing me get sick after my personal best in the 880 in the Little State track meet).
- **Jim Bond** suffers from dementia and nerve muscle disease. His wife, Georgana, is helping him cope with them. Please say a prayer for Jim and Georgana.
- **Eric Farber** and his wife, Kay, have just returned from a five-month trip, most of which was spent traveling around the States in an RV. Along the way, they visited Trippe and Landa Matthews, Larry and Susan Blount, Roger and Pat Colehower, Pat and Ellen Becherer, and Skip and Gale Craske. Living for eight years in Istanbul has made the Farbers appreciate the United States "all the more." Didn't Lucille Ball and Desi Arnez make a movie about such a trip?!
- **Byron Kemper** retired after almost 38 years on the faculty at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Byron was in the Department of Pharmacology in the Medical School and the Department of Molecular and Integrative Physiology in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. He is working with his wife, Kim, a professor, on a "vigorous research program." Division I lives!
- **Bob MacCallum** continues to serve in our foreign service. Reason enough to attend our 50th reunion, to hear about Bob's escapades. I believe he can share with us what western Pacific island beauties are wearing these days...
- **Marge Myers**, widow of **William E. Myers**, reports he passed away in 2012. Marge shared, *'I wanted Wabash to know just how much the College meant to Bill. Upon learning he had brain cancer he printed out, "M.O.W.N.B.U. Men of Wabash...Nothing Breaks Us."* *This was printed for the office and near our breakfast table. This was the last thing he saw before bed time and the first thing in the morning when he had breakfast. He made a copy for his wallet so he had it with him when he went out. I do believe, with the great doctors, and his mantra, is what gave him four and half years from the time of his diagnosis to the time of his passing. He put up a fight like no other. So I thank you for giving me those extra years. If this can be passed around, perhaps someone else might be able to fight the fight that "Nothing Breaks Us"!* *Marge Myers, Proud wife of William E. Myers.'*
- **Jim Russell** and his wife, Ann, moved to North, GA. He says, "We're in the foothills. It's beautiful. We're on a ridge overlooking a little lake. I hope we never go back to the city."
- **Steve Queener**, a chemist, has been demonstrating the value of a liberal arts education by taking on an effort to protect his neighbors' right to equal treatment under the law. As president of his homeowners association, Steve urged 31 citizens to sue to challenge

unfair penalties from their city. It took six years. They won at the trial and appellate courts but lost at the Indiana and United States Supreme Court.

- **Phil Wescott** is finishing his final semester of coursework on a Master's of Liberal Arts degree at the University of Delaware (his third graduate program since Wabash) and moving into thesis research. Says he should be finished by our 50th reunion, "God willing." Phil has nine grandkids in Chicago, Paris and the Silicon Valley but none in Delaware where he lives.

I commiserate with all of you as most of us celebrate our 70th birthdays. I would just as soon not have a "7" in front of my age. I spent mine in the Torres State Prison, Hondo, Texas, on May 5. My son, Jamie, headed up a Kairos Prison Ministry team that he invited me to join. I expect you had the same reception I did for my 70th: My kids want to rub it in and make a big deal out of it and everyone already past 70 seems to be licking their chops with glee to welcome me to the club (misery loves company, I think!). They may not know that WABASH ALWAYS FIGHTS! Let me know if you have any "turning 70" stories you would like to share.

Please send me any news you have for our classmates. Thank you.

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