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Class of 1966 (a/k/a “The Class of Wabash”):

I passed the test with my first class letter, and Cal has now removed my rookie stripes from my sleeve. So here goes with a stream of consciousness (also known in Division III as a short paper).

Winter found Wabash sports continuing to excel and succeed at levels I cannot remember seeing Wabash students achieve:

- **Indoor Track:** NCAC conference champs ... again ... 5th straight year. Wabash All American in hurdles, the 24th All American under the 7-year Coach Clyde Morgan.
- **Wrestling:** Ranked 5th place in the nation in Scholar All American Honors in Division III. Achieved Third place out of 55 teams in Division III in NCAA Wrestling Nationals. Five National Qualifiers of which two are National Champions and four are All Americans. There are 44 student wrestlers in the year ending team picture. Coach Brian Anderson continues to “be the man” in Division III Wrestling.
- **Swimming:** Fourteen school records, six swimmers sent to Nationals (the most since 1991), Beat DePauw 162 to 129. Coach Brent Noble in his 2nd year named NCAC Swimming Coach of the Year.
- **Tennis:** Currently 11th in Intercollegiate Tennis Association Regional Ranking. Presently 17-4 which is 1 away from being all time Wabash Tennis winning record (and there are several matches to go).
- **Basketball:** Mac Petty picked to coach the NCAA Division III All Star Team. Basketball Team ranked third in seeding in Conference and lost in semifinals. Final season record: 18-9 and 12-6 in NCAC. Coach Kyle Brumett is in his 1st

season, and he improved the Wabash Basketball Team record by 10 wins over last season.

- **Outdoor Track, Baseball, Golf, and Lacrosse:** All have seasons just underway. Continued domination by the Track Team should happen. Lacrosse is in its first year as a varsity sport with outstanding new coach.
- **If you look at the fall sports successes along with what I have just reported, the conclusion is inescapable ...** Wabash is successful because of its quality students and athletes, because of its physical facilities, because of its coaches and assistant coaches who provide winning/succeeding leadership, and because of the leadership of Wabash AD, Joe Haklin, in finding and supporting outstanding coaches and supporting the needs of the outstanding student athletes.

Some Faculty Stuff: As you know, Wabash has had a vacancy since October in the leadership position of **head of Admissions and Financial Aid**. The Administration decided to take its time to find the “right fit” to initiate and make significant positive changes in the recruitment and admissions processes as well as student retention. I am excited to report that a Wabash Man, Mike Thorpe (Lambda Chi, Class of 1986), will be heading up this position. Not only does he personally understand the specialness of Wabash ... he is an alumnus ... but he also has 25 years experience (in the same type position in liberal arts schools including St. John, St. Benedict, Antioch, and Lawrence) in building succeeding programs of increasing quality enrollment while also increasing student retention. His PhD dissertation was on college bound students and their college search process. I called a friend in Admissions to inquire concerning status for this year’s incoming Freshman Class. I am pleased to report that, as it stands today, Wabash is looking at an incoming class in the 265+ range with the same historical or better quality academics and leadership skills. So, while the proof is in the pudding on Freshman Saturday, it’s looking good.

John Fischer is to receive an honorary degree from Wabash at this year’s commencement. John is of our era and many of you know him. There is a reception on May 16 to honor him by alumni who were touched by the magnetism of John. I know – although I never took a class from him – I was one of those. If you would like to participate in that May 16 event, let Tom Runge (runget@wabash.edu) know and he will put you in touch with the alums organizing the event. These organizers are looking for stories of John’s impact on students. You will recall he was the “coach” of the fledgling Wabash soccer team during our period. If you played for him or know any soccer stories or any other “John lore”, again let Tom Runge know and he will put you in contact with the same alums.

Wabash achievement award, status of new housing, and annual need. A study group, Pay Scale, studied the “**return on investment**” of 1223 of the top schools in the country to determine which schools provided the best return on investment to the student. **Wabash ranked in the top 50 in the nation (top 4%)** for “providing best monetary return through a combination of low cost of attendance and high earning potential for alumni.” The only other Indiana school

in the top 50 was Rose Hulman. DePauw ranked 677th (yuk, yuk, yuk). The top liberal arts schools were Wabash, Harvey Mudd, and Lafayette.

For an update on the **construction of the new housing units**, go to the Wabash website (http://www.wabash.edu/news/displaystory.cfm?news_ID=10295) and check out the live web cam. The two townhouses should be ready to go in the fall.

Now, the **Annual Fund is the heartbeat of the College**. Large institutional (primarily grants) donors look to see alumni participation rates in considering their support of a college. Wabash looks to alumni to provide the bridge of money needed to sustain the College each year. **YOU ARE THAT BRIDGE.**

1. If you give to the Annual Fund each year, thank you. Keep it up and think about perhaps increasing it a little this year.
2. If you have faltered a few times ... no problem. No time like the present to again step up and contribute to the Annual Fund. (Then next year see and follow bullet point #1 above.)
3. If for some reason you have not done so for a while ---- you are really, really needed to be “marked in present”. Make a contribution ... any contribution. (Then next year see and follow bullet point #1 above.)

Classmate Miscellaneous. I just read where classmate, **David Kendall**, has again been pressed into service to assist – this time – Mrs. Clinton in connection with email problems. Good to see David back in the firehouse providing legal advice to the Clintons. Hope he can bring positive resolution.

Marty and I went to Marco Island, Florida from January through the middle of April this year. I am pleased to report that I have not worn a winter coat yet this year. (Classmate **Dick Gray** learned this lesson very early on, spending his time on the East coast of Florida on golf courses.) Marty and I were able to spend time with classmate **Roger Lumpp (Phi Gam) and his wife Susan and Bill Olsen (Sigma Chi Class of 1970) and his companion, Fran Kandrac**. Our foci included golf, of course, and Wabash tales and a few libations along the way. One of our meetings took place at Jack’s Lookout, a bar on water’s edge on Marco, which – except for the water part - would be at home located in C-ville with its down home offerings. We decided to hoist a **Wabash Day banner into Jack’s rafters**, as we wanted to add a Wabash pennant and I happened to have one emphasizing Wabash Day. The resulting picture is below. This picture fits perfectly into my encouraging each of you to consider a Wabash Day event for your area. If there is already one organized, join it. If there is not one, let Tom Runge know, and he will put you in contact with the NAWM Board Member who will take you through the simple and easy steps to start and organize one. Marty and I set one up when Wabash Day first was introduced, and we have participated every year since. Wabash Day is a testimonial to exactly what we say is the essence of Wabash ... leading in the community in which you live and providing a humane hand for those who need it.

One final thought: **Wabash plays Hampton Sydney College, Hampton Sydney, VA in football on Saturday of Labor Day Weekend, September 5, 2015 ... game starts at 1PM.**

We played HSC at Wabash last year and beat them 34 to 21 (they were Nationally ranked #22 at the time). We put on a defensive clinic at the time and the Team plans to do the same again. Marty and I will be there. Cal and Marsha will be there. Bill Olsen and Fran will be there. The College has a significant number of motel rooms reserved for alumni stay Friday and Saturday ... first come first served. So really, you should consider attending the happening. There should be a fun tailgate and **WABASH DOES TRAVEL WELL**. Here is the link to the information from the College - http://www.wabash.edu/alumni/docs/Hampden-Sydney_Travel_Information1.docx – cut and paste this into your web browser and it will download the Hampden-Sydney planning document. Plan to be there when Wabash wails the tar out of the HS Tigers. This is especially true for you on the east coast. This is your opportunity to see Wabash Football at its best, cheer the team on, and have fun with fellow alumni and supporting families.

It is always difficult as a class agent to have to report tragic news. Bob Smith's wife, Paula, died unexpectedly from a brain aneurysm. Please help Bob through this very difficult time. His address is 825 North Meadowcroft Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15216 and his phone number is 412-531-2537. The obituary follows.

Maynes, Paula R., age 54 of Mt. Lebanon, passed away Tuesday March 10, 2015 with her family at her side. Loving daughter of William J, and Dorothy (Dobbins) McLay. Loving wife of Robert A. Smith for 17 years. Beloved mother of William Alden Maynes. Stepmother of Margot B. Smith and Eric S. Smith. Sister of Karen (Gary) Sauteben and Leslie Velicky. Also survived by numerous nieces and nephews. Paula graduated from CMU's Architecture Program and worked for several architectural firms before starting Maynes Associates Architects for the past 20+ years. She served two terms on the AIA Pittsburgh Board of Directors and two terms on the AIA PA Board of Directors. She was the President of AIA Pittsburgh in 2008. She was the Secretary of the AIA PA Board in 2012. She chaired the Government Affairs committee in 2010 and 2011. She was the Chair of the Western PA Construction Legislative Council from 6/2010 to 7/2011. Paula was a member of the local Sierra Club and spoke for Earth Day event. Her interest in sustainability was reflected in both her architectural designs and environmental activities. She mentored new architect graduates and worked as a panel judge in the Architect program at CMU. Friends welcome Sunday 1-5 PM at the William Slater II Funeral Service, (412-563-2800) 1650 Greentree Rd., Scott Twp., where a memorial service will be held 5:00 P.M., Interment Private. In lieu of flowers the family requests donations to be made in Paula's name to the Myositis Association 1737 King Street, Suite 600, Alexandria, VA 22314. www.SlaterFuneral.com



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