## WABASH COLLEGE



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Class of 1966

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Cal Black asked me to help out the December Class Letter. As this is my first effort, I ask some beginner's leeway. The significant event since our last Class Letter is the 2014 Monon Bell Game. While it was a colder one from the weather standpoint, it was very warm as participated in by the Wabash students, alumni, and friends. The tailgates were a thing to behold; getting underway Friday with welcoming campfires, continuing late into the evening and resuming again all day Saturday. For the 8,000 attendees at the game (of which the Wabash side sported 6,000) there was no question as to what the outcome of the contest would be. The Little Giant team smothered the Dannies 27 to 3. A number of our classmates were a part of the weekend; including Cal Black, Charlie Bell, John Flanagan, Squire Neal, John Flanagan, Chip Johnson, Mel Machuca, Bill Todd, Bill Steger, Jack Haber, and me. I am sure I missed some of you. The Beta house held its first "Hall of Fame" celebration and honored and inducted Cal Black as its first "Hall of Fame" inductee. Congratulations are in order. The honor is well deserved, recognizing Cal for his long and valuable support in assisting and leading with the Wabash Betas.

Wabash has been a vibrant and forward leaning College this year. If you have not been able to return and experience Wabash 2014, I want to point out some of the accomplishments so far this school year:

- The College purchased and tore down the closed Lew Wallace Motor Inn, removing an eyesore and turning it into a paved parking lot while a decision is being made concerning how best to utilize it. This is a responsible improvement for the neighborhood, the College, and C'ville.
- The year started with the Class of 2018, greater in number than the target 250+ freshmen with the same quality, accomplishments and diversity we have come to expect. This is

due to the hard work and efforts of College Admissions as assisted by Coaches, Faculty, and alumni. The student body stands at over 900. Wabash needs you to continue your focus and effort in recommending qualified students to become Wabash Men. You are the "secret weapon" in this success by Wabash. Please help here. It does make a difference.

- The College has embarked upon an ambitious new housing effort. The West side of Crawford Street from the Delt house to the Will Hays house has been cleared and two 38 bed halls, two 16 bed lodges, and two 12 bed duplex style living structures are under construction to open next school year. The West side of the College has been opened up and enlarged. It is a very positive "must see". Wabash needs you to continue your focus and effort in financially supporting the needs of the students. You are the financial backbone of the Wabash success. Please make your contribution to Wabash and the annual fund this year and every year. It is the support by Wabash alumni which is looked to by larger institutional education oriented institutions and individuals in their contribution decisions. Please give your support ... EVERY DOLLAR IS VERY IMPORTANT... EVERY DOLLAR.
- Jacob Burnett, Class of 2015, Mishawaka, IN. was chosen as a Rhodes Scholar, one of thirty two selected in the Country. Jacob is an example of the academic success of Wabash. In addition, <u>The Princeton Review</u> has ranked Wabash as 7<sup>th</sup> Best in the Country of the "Best 379 Colleges"...in the provision of Career Services assistance to Wabash students and alumni. This is due to the efforts of our Wabash Career Services with the assistance of our Wabash Network of graduates who reach out, reach back, provide time and resources to help Wabash Career Services and to help fellow Little Giants seeking career connections and "a leg up". Wabash needs you to continue to care, continue to reach out to fellow Little Giants, continue to respond to Career Services needs and requests. This is the very special part of Wabash with which we can all help. Please continue to respond and to initiate the success opportunities for others. This is the essence of Wabash and being a Wabash Man.
- Wabash sports (intramural and inter collegiate) are central to the recruitment, interest, and molding of the Wabash Man as the responsible leader in his family, community, and his Country. And Wabash students and coaches have succeeded. <u>The Princeton Review</u> has selected Wabash as 3<sup>rd</sup> among the select colleges in intercollegiate sports opportunities and 7<sup>th</sup> in the popularity of intramural sports. So far this school year:
  - **Wabash Football:** 10-2, Nationally Ranked 9<sup>th</sup> in the Country during the season, advancing to the top 16 schools in the NCAA DIV III national tournament. Our footballers placed in numbers on the All Conference and All NCAA Teams and in ability and leadership awards. Keepers of the Bell for the last 6 years.
  - Wabash Cross: Conference Champions ... again, NCAA DIV III Regional Meet Champions, Nationally Ranked 13<sup>th</sup> during the season, finishing 16<sup>th</sup> in the

NCAA DIV III National Championship Meet. Like football, numerous student athlete Conference and NCAA awards.

- **Wabash Soccer:** 13-2-2. Best record ever. During season beat the # 1 and #23 nationally ranked teams. Student athletes receiving the similar Conference and NCAA awards and acknowledgements as football and cross.
- **Wabash Swimming:** literally exploding off the starting blocks with new records in almost every event. The Conference meet occurs shortly. I believe Wabash Swimming is going to upset the Conference "power" equilibrium.
- **Wabash Wrestling:** Season is ongoing. Nationally Ranked #3 in the Country. We are focused upon having several National Champions. Wabash Wrestling is a squad looked at with trepidation if they are on your schedule.
- **Wabash Basketball:** Season just underway. As I write this, 5-1 and 2-0 in the Conference. Smoking.
- **Wabash Indoor Track**: Season just underway with first invitational and made a statement. Wabash Indoor Track again is picked to repeat as Conference Champs and is a National power with anticipated individual National Champions.

Wabash is alive with activity and objective demonstrative evidences of good health and success. Subjectively, as a person who has been able to visit the College several times this fall and experience Wabash first hand, my assessment is the same. Wabash is on a positive wave of accomplishment for its students and the students for the College. <u>YOU ARE WABASH</u> ! Please support our Wabash with your time, your talent, and your funds as you are able.

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Jay Fisher

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## LOST ALUMNI

## **CLASS OF: 1966**

Anson, John Brennan, Kenneth Brenner, Steven Carpenter, George Casey, Peter Cook, John Corwin, Harold Decker, Michael Fuller, John Gilliland, Don Gregory, Stephen Grimes, William Hesler, Ralph Horndash, Ronald Luhahi, Armand Miller, Jack Rowe, Paul Schreiner, Michael Smalley, Kenneth Sours, Hudson Stevens, Kurt Thomson, Alexander Vanliere, Mark Wall, Joseph Williams, Tod

In an attempt to engage Wabash alumni, we are including the above "lost" alumni in our class. If anyone is in contact with classmates listed above, please contact the alumni office at <u>alumni@wabash.edu</u> or by phone (765) 361-6369.

Thanks for all you do for Wabash!