



## WABASH COLLEGE

### *Class Agents Letter*

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Dear Classmates,

### *Alumni Contributions*

**Many thanks to all of you who have contributed this school fiscal year.** For those who have not yet made a contribution, please do so now. WHATEVER the amount, it is appreciated -- please send a check to Wabash or go online and make a contribution. If you have a comment you'd like to make -- compliment, concern, observation, whatever -- note that, as well, when you make your contribution. And, while you are making comments, please send us your news for upcoming class letters.

#### Current Honor Roll:

Greg Ball	Ed Bell	Chris Bird	Dave Bloomer
David Brannin	Tom Brown, Jr.	Randy Brown	Jack Brumbaugh
Mike Butler	John Carry	Steve Claffey	Jeremy Coffman
Phil Coons, M.D.	Steve Coons	Ed Culver	
Paul Cunningham, USAF (Ret.)		Dave Decker	Clark Dickerson
John Evans, USMC (Ret.)		Joe Faulkner	Mike Fortier
Bill Fye	Steve Gollhofer	John Goodrich, Sr.	Dwight Hamborsky, Jr.
Mike Harvey	Rick Helm	Dennis Henry	Duane Hile
Steve Hopper	Jim Hover	Bill Ingle III	David Jones
Wendy Kish	Larry Landis	Bob Larzelere, Ph.D.	John Lawson

Haines Lockhart, Jr.	Steve Loheide	Joe Lwanga	Peer Lykke
Mark Mader	Gary Marks	David Merrell	Dave Montieth
John Moody	John Newport	Bob Pinschmidt, Jr.	Alan Pyle
Kurt Ramig	Linda Randak^	Jack Robertson	Robbie Robinson
Alan Rush	Mike Seifried	Fred Siegel	Gene Snipes
Bob Sonnemaker	John Sturman, Jr.	Bill Styring III, Ph.D.	Steve Tietz
Bill Vander Haar	Jack Webster	Joel Wesp	Andy Williams
Alan Witte	Steve Wood	John Zimmerman	

### ***Classmate News***

A message from **Rick Helm**:

OK, Earl and Duane,

I have not responded to several of your missives due to a lengthy recovery from surgery for a detached retina, followed by cataract removal [byproduct of retinal surgery] and then, lucky me, a laser procedure to fix a byproduct of the cataract removal. I am told that most retinal tears are spontaneous, not caused by trauma, just 1 in 10,000 of the population each and every year. I'd rather have won a lottery. And the cataract is a 90% result after retina surgery; and the laser needed by about 10% of cataract patients. Mr. Murphy has been with me, and I am buying lottery tickets in the future! But I have a clean bill of health on the eye by the surgeon as of last Friday. And one muskie tournament and two fishing trips on the books for 2014 so far.....things are good.

But now to humor. If you are going to publish Bob's physics puns, I now submit the English Major's version – The past, present, and future walk into a bar together; then things got tense.

Regards, Rick

{Rick, thank you for the update and humor contribution.  
Glad to hear recovery is going well!}

And, this sad note regarding **Michael Neese**:

Good evening Mr. Houck,

My name is Tanda Stockmann. I am the oldest daughter of one of your Wabash classmates, Michael Neese. I thought I would contact you, to let you know that he passed

away on November 15, 2013. I have seen a few of your class letters in his mail and thought you might want to know.

Thank you, Tanda Stockmann

### ***Enrollment and Facilities***

President Hess has announced a plan to grow Wabash by increasing enrollment up to 1,000. It will be done by expanding freshman classes beginning with next fall's class. It is believed the college can operate just as efficiently at this level as it does now with about 900 enrolled. In fact, the added enrollment might increase revenues if there's an increase in those who can pay tuition as opposed to those who need financial aid. New housing for Independents is projected to be built west of Crawford St. Since Martindale was the last dorm built some 52 years ago (you remember that wonderful new dorm when we were Freshmen), new housing is a necessity to help attract prospective students and replacing aging structures. The complex is planned to be multiple units and provide 150 beds.

### ***Athletics***

TRACK AND FIELD. Wabash set a new record for total points to capture its fourth consecutive league title at the 2014 North Coast Athletic Conference Indoor Track and Field Championships at Denison University, earlier this month.

The Little Giants became the first team to score more than 250 points. Wabash won the nine-team men's competition with a total of 256 points, easily outdistancing Ohio Wesleyan in second place with 142 points. Allegheny took third place with 63 points, followed by Wittenberg (49), Oberlin (47), DePauw (46), Denison (43), Wooster (31), and Kenyon (25).

Wabash set the previous high mark by scoring 238 points at the 2012 championship meet. The Little Giants have topped 200 points each of the last four

seasons. The Little Giants expanded their lead from Friday afternoon's first day of competition with a strong performance in Saturday's field events.

The Wabash coaching staff earned NCAC Coach of the Year honors for the fourth consecutive year for the efforts in preparing the Little Giants for their conference championship. [http://sports.wabash.edu/news/2014/3/13/TRACK\\_0313145513.aspx](http://sports.wabash.edu/news/2014/3/13/TRACK_0313145513.aspx)

**WRESTLING.** Wabash enjoyed a record-setting day at the 2014 NCAA Division III Midwest Wrestling Regional, comprised of twelve teams. Six Little Giants qualified for the Nationals after finishing in the top-three in their individual weight classes.

Conner Lefever and his younger brother, Riley, each captured individual titles to earn their place at the DIII Championships in Cedar Rapids, Iowa March 14-15. Josh Sampson and Tommy Poynter earned second-place finishes. Reece Lefever and Austin O'Neal secured their places in the championship tournament with a pair of third-place finishes.

"What a tournament," Head Coach Brian Anderson said. "The guys came in and did what they expected to do. They believed in the process all year long and it paid off today. I am proud of the entire program's effort all year long and of our starters today." Anderson was named Regional Coach of the Year in a vote of the 12 head coaches, while Danny Irwin shared Assistant Coach of the Year honors with Whitewater's Chris Heilman.

At the NCAA finals, this past weekend, the team finished 9<sup>th</sup> and had two place winners - Reece Lefever placed 4<sup>th</sup> at 157# and brother Riley Lefever, a freshman, won the 184# championship and completed an undefeated season!

[http://sports.wabash.edu/news/2014/3/15/WREST\\_0315144057.aspx](http://sports.wabash.edu/news/2014/3/15/WREST_0315144057.aspx)

**SPORTS NEWS.** In general, we do not put a lot of sports news in the newsletters, as that info is readily available on the college website. And, we prefer to fill our monthly letters with classmate news. However, these two teams had some great

accomplishments that we thought should be brought to everyone's attention.  
(And, our mailboxes have not exactly been filled with YOUR news!! PLEASE, send us your news!)

### ***Humor***

*I was addicted to the Hokey Pokey, but I turned myself around.*

*I used to be indecisive. Now I'm not so sure . . .*

*I don't always talk to DePauw grads, but when I do, I ask for large fries.*

I hope you all had a fun St. Patrick's day! Send news!!

***Duane***

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