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Dear Classmates,

Classmate News

Words of wisdom and truth from **Tom Perry**:

Hey Earl,

"Got to go shovel some horse poop. (Some people have told me that spending 46 years working for the federal government has adequately prepared me for shoveling horse poop!) "

We learned to do that at Wabash. (didn't work in Division I though). An important career skill, particularly suitable for going into advertising or politics.

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A letter, with life update, from **Roger Smith**:

See, some of us actually read the Class Letter. Thanks for spending the time and effort to make it worth reading. I guess it is time I provide some info for your consideration for inclusion in the Class Letter.

Last Aug, I retired as the Kelleher Professor of Transportation and Associate Department Head of the Zachry Department of Civil Engineering at Texas A&M University after a 27 year career there. All of the Wabash folks want to know how I ended up in civil

engineering after graduating with a major in English at Wabash. It is a bit of a long story, but I will try to keep it short. As I remember we graduated on the 1st Sunday in June 67. I received a draft notice the following Tues. I went into the Army, went to combat engineer AIT, graduated from engineer Officer Candidate School in 68, was in Korea, Viet Nam, Panama, & Germany. While in Viet Nam, I built roads, maintained roads, and was responsible for running an asphalt plant. When I came off active duty in 75, I went earned a BS & MS in civil engineering at the University of Illinois. I worked as a consulting engineer in Illinois, and eventually earned a PhD in civil engineering in 86, came down here to Bryan/College Station, TX and have been here ever since. Along the way I spent another 17 years in the Army Reserve and retired as a Lieutenant Colonel. I had a great career and am still involved with one of my favorite efforts that resulting in infrastructure management procedures used by over 300 cities, counties and other local agencies, mostly in the west coast area. No, I am not moving back to Illinois. The winters down here are much better (Marsha hates cold weather), and my son married a Texas girl, and they and my granddaughter live about 45 minutes away. I am heavily involved in genealogy, the American Legion Honor Guard (we provide the military last rites for veterans in the area), and my consulting.

And, a response from **Joe Faulkner** to Earl's request for news in the April letter:

Earl,

Now that you ask, I'm long retired from teaching inner city math in Columbus, Ohio. I was fortunate enough to be chosen teacher of the year four times, so I'll call that a success. I now live on a 60 acre wooded "farm" in Perry County, the southeastern unglaciated part of the state. Bought this land with a couple "Hippie" friends from grad school at OSU. We've built two post and beam houses out here and have lived here for 35 years now.

I spend part of my time turning wood, as there is a fairly unlimited supply. Attached are some photos. I often use reclaimed wood from old log cabins and barns.

When not turning wood, I chase birds, as in birding, and try to photograph them as often as possible. Please note attached photo of a Great Gray Owl.





No bucket list, but would love to turn something from a piece of wood from the Wabash campus. Appreciate your newsletters. Would love to have some info about Bobby Buroker. We shared an apartment and even a birthday. I suspect the fates have not been kind to Bobby, but would love to have any news at all.

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Does anyone have any info on Bob?

Thanks to all for your updates. Apparently the threats from Earl actually work! We'd like to hear from more of you! Gentlemen (that means ALL of you), please be sure to send your bio info to Phil Coons (pcoons@iupui.edu) for our 50th reunion Memory Book. And, keep sending us your current news, whatever it is, for inclusion in class letters.

And, a personal note from yours truly: my wife and I recently spent several days with one of our daughters and her husband at their vintage rental house in Oregon wine country (Willamette Valley, west of Portland). Fantastic!! Great scenery, wines, and restaurants (we did NO chain eateries, only local, unique bistros). Yes, it does rain there. . . a lot. However, there are redeeming qualities. If any of you are headed that direction, please let me know and I'll put you in touch with them and get you "Wabash" rates!

Campus News

430 CAMPAIGN. By now you have probably read the results of the **430 Campaign**, to get 430 donors and \$43,000 in one day. That target was eclipsed within a few hours, so the goal was reset several times during the day. Each goal was quickly met and exceeded!

Here is the summary of the event, from Joe Klen in the Development Office:

It has been a little over a week since we concluded the 430 on 4/30 one-day giving challenge for Wabash College. Earlier today (5-9-14), we completed all of the gift processing work for gifts made as part of the day. We have spent the last few hours analyzing all of the data. I am excited to be able to share with you some of the final results.

Gifts and Donors

2,329 gifts were made as part of 430 on 4/30 (more than five times the original challenge).

2,214 unique donors were part of the day. This includes 1,626 alumni, 211 current students, and more than 170 faculty and staff.

877 people made their first gift of the 2013-2014 fiscal year on 4/30.

374 people made their first gift **EVER** to Wabash on 4/30.

Dollars

\$465,421 raised on 4/30.

84% of the dollars on the day were allocated to the Annual Fund.

Class Statistics

The Class of 2004, who will celebrate their 10-year reunion in a few weeks at the 2014 Big Bash, led all graduating classes with **62** donors on 4/30.

The Class of 2015 led the four undergraduate classes with 63 students making a gift.

14 graduating classes had more than 40 alumni give on the day.

Every graduating class between 1961 and 2017 had 10 or more donors.

Every graduating class since 1948 had at least one donor.

I keep getting emails that update the results. Wow! THANKS to all of our classmates from '67 who participated. Of note: ND and PU had similar campaigns at the same time and had woeful results in comparison

One more appeal from Earl and me – if you have not made a contribution this fiscal year, please do so now. We get frequent reports from the College comparing “this “ to “that” on the basis of percentage of classmates giving, how many \$ this versus last year, and so on. Bottom line is this: if you like Wabash and believe in the option of single-sex-male colleges (there are only two remaining!!), please send a contribution. We have said this before, but it bears repeating: WE DON'T CARE IF YOUR CONTRIBUTION IS \$1, \$5, \$10 OR \$10 M, PLEASE SEND SOMETHING!

WRESTLING TEAM. And, this story on the wrestling program: The team's use of social media throughout the season has been recognized as one of the top programs in the nation by the National Wrestling Coaches Association and Elite Level Sport Marketing. The Little Giants are one of 12 finalists for the group's Best of Brand Masterful Mission award. Here is the link to the full story:

http://sports.wabash.edu/news/2014/5/14/WREST_0514143754.aspx?path=wrestling

BASKETBALL. Wabash College President Gregory Hess has appointed Kyle Brumett as the school's new head basketball coach. Brumett comes to Wabash from Defiance College where he has served as the men's basketball coach and assistant athletics director. In six seasons, Brumett guided Defiance to a 103-57 record, a share of the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference title in 2014, and won the HCAC championship and earned an NCAA Division III Tournament appearance in 2010. He owns an overall record of 136-79 in eight seasons as a head coach.

http://sports.wabash.edu/news/2014/5/15/MBB_0515145958.aspx?path=mbball

Humor

More news from TSDS (The School Down South). We heard that someone stole the Dannie's football playbooks. Understandably, the coach is very upset – they hadn't finished coloring in them!

There were three Indian squaws. One slept on a deer skin, one slept on an elk skin, and the third slept on a hippopotamus skin. All three became pregnant. The first two each had a baby boy. The one who slept on the hippopotamus skin had twin boys. This just goes to prove that the squaw of the hippopotamus hide is equal to the sons of the squaws of the other two hides. (Some of you – especially non-D1 majors - may need help with this one).

Is it me -- or do buffalo wings taste like chicken?

Okay, enough from me for this month. I'm not sure, but I think Spring has come to NE Ohio, so I am going outside for mulching, planting, and mowing --- that is, of course, if my neighbor is no longer building this huge boat where he is putting stray animals.

Send us your news!!

Duane

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