



## **WABASH COLLEGE**

### ***Class Agents Letter***

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Dear Classmates,

Many thanks to all of you who have taken the time to update our classmates on your activities. We have a couple more contributors this month. If you haven't sent us a note, please do so now!

#### ***Classmate News***

From **Paul Robinson:**

Dear Duane and Earl,

I really enjoy your updates in the form of your Class Agent's Letter; keep them coming. You both do such a good job!

I was really taken back by reading that Bill Hudson, '69, died. He was in my 1963 Delt pledge class. Time marches on.

As an update on me, I previously reported that my wife Carol died December 28, 2012. Now, two years later, I have gotten engaged to Marcie Benbrook, previously of Springfield, Missouri. We are to be married March 21, 2015, in Sun City Grand, Surprise, AZ, where we have a home. If you happen to be in the area, perhaps because of Spring Training, please contact me and I will get an invitation and maps out to you. I would love to see you.

Robbie (Paul J. Robinson, CFP, 1967)

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From **Tom Brown**:

Hi Earl,

Greg Gross and Jack Webster's remarks on the Wabash Glee Club in the last class newsletter brought up some great memories, including two tours to the East Coast. After two years at Wabash I transferred to Bob Jones University to undertake a music major. I spent a summer at Tanglewood where I made a weekend trip to visit my former Martindale roommate, Kurt Ramig, who had had a job on Wall Street since he was 14. We stayed at his parents' home in New Jersey and took the rail into Manhattan where he gave me an unforgettable tour of the Big Apple. During my last semester of college I had been admitted to Eastman Conservatory for grad school in French horn, but the draft board told me to enlist or else. I went down to the Air Force recruiter to see about getting into a band. He talked me into taking the pilot aptitude test and my music plans got derailed. After discharge from the service I went to grad school in music at Ball State. While there I got a visit from Kurt, who had, through quick wits and fortitude, escaped a harrowing situation while alone in Chicago late at night. Incidentally, Kurt sang in the glee club during our freshman year.

I have performed all kinds of music, vocal and instrumental, and those two years in the Wabash Glee Club I consider priceless. Playing in the band, both for concerts and for football games, is also a fine memory. I wish Robert Mitchum were still around.

Cheers,

Tom

And, speaking of classmates and news . . .

### ***50<sup>th</sup> Reunion***

I hope you are planning to be part of the celebration! It is not too early to start thinking about it. In fact, I am asking you to participate in three ways:

First and foremost – BE THERE! This is a great milestone for us and a wonderful opportunity to renew friendships, revisit your favorite haunts (altho most do not still exist – for example, The Lew is now a parking lot), and remember things that never happened. There is always a wide variety of reunion activities, as well as plenty of time to spend with classmates and other reunion attendees.

Second, Phil Coons is preparing a Memory Book for the occasion. A section of the book will be devoted to individual bios and we'd like everyone to contribute. We will include a format in future letters, but please start thinking about it now.

Third, is the Class Gift. We have not yet determined a specific target amount, but we would certainly like to exceed the current record of \$4.7 million. For the

purposes of this gift, we have five years to reach our goal. Our contributions from July 1 of 2012 (right after our 45<sup>th</sup>) through June 30 of 2017 count toward this Class Gift. As for types of gifts --- any and all single gifts, multi-year pledges, deferred gifts, annuities and trusts, and just about any other donation counts toward this Class Gift. In fact, now is a good time to send a check to Wabash and get a tax deduction for 2014!

### ***College Facts***

- + Endowment: As of March 31, 2014, the value of Wabash's endowment was approximately \$345 million, which places Wabash among the highest per-student endowment of all colleges in the nation.
- + Financial Aid: Approximately 90 percent of students receive some form of student aid.
- + Tuition and Fees: For the 2014-2015 academic year, tuition is \$37,100. Residence Hall room charges are \$4,530 per year (fees vary based on choice of living unit). Meal charges vary by meal plan, including \$4,600 (19 weekly meals) and \$4,200 (15 meals). The required Student Activity Fee is \$450 and there is a \$200 Student Health Center fee.
- + Student Body: Wabash's 902 students come from approximately 32 states and about 12 foreign countries; about 70 percent of the students are from Indiana. Each year approximately 250 Freshmen enroll, which is about to change as the College is aiming for 1000 students.
- + Test Scores: They range from the middle 50 percent of entering freshmen -- SAT critical reading 500-610, SAT math 530-640, and SAT writing 480-590, and average composite ACT is 25.
- + Faculty: In 2013, 98 percent of the faculty members at Wabash hold a Ph.D. or equivalent terminal degree. Wabash's special strength lies with a faculty dedicated to teaching undergraduate students; no graduate assistants. Student/Faculty Ratio is approximately 11 to 1 and average class size is 13.

**TONS of GREAT SPORTS NEWS, all the details on the Wabash website;**

**just in case you missed anything - - -**

### ***Monon Bell***

DePauw to Hell, We kept the Bell!! A six-pack of consecutive wins! In case you weren't at the game, one of the 60+ broadcast parties, or didn't access the game on your own TV, here is the link to this wonderful performance and outcome:

[http://sports.wabash.edu/news/2014/11/15/FB\\_1115145921.aspx?path=football](http://sports.wabash.edu/news/2014/11/15/FB_1115145921.aspx?path=football)

**First playoff game this Saturday, at home against Franklin.**

### ***Cross Country***

The cross country team obliterated the competition in the NCAC Conference meet. Here is the article with the details:

[http://sports.wabash.edu/news/2014/11/1/CROSS\\_1101142508.aspx](http://sports.wabash.edu/news/2014/11/1/CROSS_1101142508.aspx)

And, the team continued its quest for a national crown, winning the Regional Championship by a huge margin last Saturday:

[http://sports.wabash.edu/news/2014/11/15/CROSS\\_1115145053.aspx?path=cross](http://sports.wabash.edu/news/2014/11/15/CROSS_1115145053.aspx?path=cross)

**On to Nationals!!**

### ***Soccer***

The 2014 season ended for the Wabash soccer team with a loss in the semifinals of the NCAC tournament, but the Little Giants still celebrated a season full of accomplishments. More info on the Wabash website:

[http://sports.wabash.edu/news/2014/11/4/MSOC\\_1104142340.aspx?path=msoc](http://sports.wabash.edu/news/2014/11/4/MSOC_1104142340.aspx?path=msoc)

## ***Wrestling and Basketball***

The wrestling team was picked #3 nationally in the first pre-season coaches' poll. And four wrestlers were ranked in the top 10. The complete article is here:

[http://sports.wabash.edu/news/2014/11/5/WREST\\_1105142219.aspx?path=wrestling](http://sports.wabash.edu/news/2014/11/5/WREST_1105142219.aspx?path=wrestling)

The team started the season last Saturday with a convincing win over Olivet:

[http://sports.wabash.edu/news/2014/11/13/WREST\\_1113140957.aspx?path=wrestling](http://sports.wabash.edu/news/2014/11/13/WREST_1113140957.aspx?path=wrestling)

The basketball team was picked to finish 5<sup>th</sup> in the conference. There is a new coach this year, a graduate of Denison, and optimism for a good season.

[http://sports.wabash.edu/news/2014/11/5/MBB\\_1105140833.aspx?path=mbball](http://sports.wabash.edu/news/2014/11/5/MBB_1105140833.aspx?path=mbball)

## ***Humor***

Since many of us are retired or thinking about it, I decided to include a few relevant comments:

Q. When is a retiree's bedtime?

A. Three hours after he falls asleep on the couch.

Q. How many retirees does it take to change a light bulb?

A. One; but it might take all day.

Q. What is the biggest gripe of retirees?

A. There isn't enough time to get everything done.

Q. Why don't retirees mind being called "senior"?

A. It comes with a 10% discount.

It's scary when you start making the same noises as your coffee maker!

These days about half the stuff in my shopping cart says, "For fast relief".

***WE DON'T STOP LAUGHING BECAUSE WE GROW OLD,  
WE GROW OLD BECAUSE WE STOP LAUGHING***

Keep the news coming and have a wonderful Thanksgiving!



**WAF**

*Duane*