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Dear Classmates,

Perhaps Spring is actually here!!! At least the snow has melted on the North Coast of America, which is a good sign that boating season can't be too far off.

Classmate News

From **Phil Coons**, on 3-16:



This past Saturday at the end of spring break I held an Indianapolis Hiking Club hike at Wabash College. Attached is a picture of our group in front of the Trippet Center. It was an unexpurgated tour with comments about fraternity hijinks, the senior bench, compulsory chapel, the fabulous Trippet story of the young Abe Lincoln statue with his dog's genitals painted scarlet, etc. No sons and grandsons wanting to go to Wabash, but there were two interested grand-daughters. There was one question about the college

restricting it's admission to men only: "Is this legal." We dined at the Creekside Lodge and hiked the Sugar Creek Trail in the afternoon. Phil

I would like to add a couple "tag lines" to Phil's posting. First, please start preparing your own comments regarding Wabash memories and your life after graduation for our Class Memory Book. As previously noted, Phil is undertaking

this effort, again, for our class and we want to keep him busy adding your inputs! We will begin collecting your more formal comments in a few months.

Second, his brief mention of campus memories brought a few to my mind:

- guarding the football field before home games with Butler and DePauw (of course, neither school was brave enough to try anything)
- being the “mail boy” as a fraternity pledge and stopping by Bank Cigar store on the Friday afternoon mail run to pick up “weekend necessities” for the actives
- getting fixed up with dozens of blind dates and enjoying almost all of them,
- trying to figure out why one could only take 6 pretzels at a time at Tommie’s
- crashing the Kiss-in ceremonies at DePauw
- enjoying the creativity of Wabash men with parodies of DPU during Blue Key Stunt Night
- the Riviera Motel and its “sold out” status to Wabash guys on party weekends, basically empty the rest of the time

In addition to sending us your personal news, why not add your own favorite campus memories for future newsletters.

Dear Old Wabash

I typically read the letters from other class agents to see how others view their Wabash experience and how Wabash has influenced their lives. I found these comments in a recent 1977 class letter, from Greg Birk and Herm Haffner:

“While much has changed at Wabash—new buildings, new courses, new sport (lacrosse), and the names of the faculty and students are different, the core of Wabash is unchanged. It continues to bring out the best of the men who enroll and does graduate men who think critically, act responsibly, lead effectively, and live humanely. I am typically on 30-50 different college campuses around the world every year. There are many, many great colleges and universities that all blend together, but there is still only one Wabash with the special environment this is so conducive for high achievement, high expectations, superior outcomes, lasting relationships, a tradition of excellence, intense pride, superior teaching, and 24/7 learning. Please support our Wabash with your time, your talent, and your treasure, as you are able.”

I know that the vast majority of us share this depiction of Wabash. I also know that this view is difficult for most non-Wabash people to understand. Even my own family members still harass me about going to an all-male college and being gung-ho about things “Wabash”, but I believe part of their teasing is because their college experiences were neither as intense nor as satisfying as mine was at Wabash.

Patriotism

Here is a heart-warming story from Tom Runge, regarding the Glee Club’s recent trip:

“Last week the Glee Club started off several of their concerts with the National Anthem. To the Grunge, it always fits, no matter the venue or assembled group. At the UT Elementary School (a charter school), the kids loved it. I caught a glimpse out of the corner of my eye at one young lady in particular. As soon as the Glee Club started singing, she rose to her feet and stood at attention. Then several times throughout, she would salute. There’s a part of me that wondered if a parent or parents were/are in the Service. I didn’t ask and it would not have mattered. What matters, I think, is that she understood the importance of the Anthem in her own, very special, way.

It reminds me that patriotism is always in style and also the tremendous impact our guys have on others when they are out and about. I saw it often as the Glee Club traveled from the Alamo to Vista Ridge High School to the retirement community at Longhorn Village. These guys are the face of Wabash!”

I am always pleased to see someone show gratitude and respect for our great country and, in particular, our military personnel. I would like to add a special THANKS to our classmates who served. (Thanks, Tom, for sharing this experience.)

National News

Wabash ROI Among Nation's Best

by Richard Paige • March 5, 2015

Wabash College ranked 50th nationally in the 2015 *PayScale.com* ROI report, a ranking released today of the best return on investment in higher education.

Wabash graduates can expect to earn more than \$597,000 more than a high school graduate over a 20-year period following degree completion. That figure placed Wabash in the top four percent nationally of the 1,223 schools ranked for providing the best monetary return through a combination of low cost of attendance and a high earnings potential for alumni.

Based on this ranking, Wabash graduates earn more than \$363,000 more over a 20-year period than the college graduate median, which breaks down to better than \$18,000 annually. "Our young men don't choose between science and art, or between academics and athletics, but instead combine elements of college life that many think are in opposition to each other," said Dr. Scott E. Feller, Dean of the College. "Similarly, the data from *PayScale* show that a student choosing Wabash does not have to decide between a liberal arts education and financial success."

Wabash was one of three liberal arts schools in the top 50. **Wabash and Rose-Hulman** were the only Indiana higher education institutions to appear in *PayScale*'s top-50 slots, outdistancing **Purdue** (53rd), **Notre Dame** (75th), **Indiana** (397th), and the Wabash placement also topped all other Great Lakes College Association members listed. **DePauw ranked** (677th).

Further, Wabash's four-year full cost of attendance (before any merit or financial aid), reported as \$175,900, is the third lowest of all private schools ranked in the top 100. Wabash was joined by National Liberal Arts Colleges Harvey Mudd and Lafayette in the top 50.

"For generations, Wabash has offered young men a rich liberal arts education that is both attainable and respected in the marketplace," said Preston Bost, professor of psychology and director of institutional research. "The return-on-investment analysis by *PayScale* is a rigorously quantitative way of representing the stories we hear every day from graduates who credit Wabash with helping them succeed."

The *PayScale* rankings are determined by the difference between the 20-year median pay for a bachelor's degree recipient and the 24-year median pay for a high school graduate minus the cost of attendance.

- See more at: http://www.wabash.edu/news/displaystory.cfm?news_ID=10502#sthash.zBOU7n2H.dpuf

Athletics

There is some terrific news on the recent successes of the indoor track and field and wrestling teams.

Wabash captured its fifth consecutive North Coast Athletic Conference Men's **Track and Field** Championship on March 7. Wabash finished with 230.83 points, with Ohio Wesleyan taking second with 197.83 points. Wittenberg finished third (74), followed by DePauw (55), Oberlin (49.33), and Allegheny (38). Kenyon and

Denison tied for seventh with 21 points apiece, while Wooster took ninth with 14 points. Wabash was also honored as the Coaching Staff of the Year by the NCAC. The victory matches the five straight titles won by Allegheny from 2003 to 2007.

"We tell the guys every year that one point can make a difference, so get your point," Wabash head coach [Clyde Morgan](#) said. "This year it was particularly true throughout the meet. Ohio Wesleyan was with us step for step. This was a true team victory. Everyone contributed to this championship."

For additional details, please use this link:

http://sports.wabash.edu/news/2015/3/7/TRACK_0307155340.aspx?path=track

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The **wrestling** team finished 3rd at the D3 national tournament on March 13-14 with four All-Americans -- two national champions, one runner-up, and one 7th place finisher. Among the records set were three brothers (Lefever) in the NCAA tournament in the same year and all three wrestling to be a national champion!

"Our third-place finish this year was our break through as a team," Wabash head coach [Brian Anderson](#) said. "It lets the guys know it can be done, to bring home a team trophy. Our entire program was in the stands and got to see our qualifiers get it done this weekend, I know many of our guys in the stands will work that much harder this summer to make sure they are the ones at nationals next year. Recruiting is a huge step in this process too; we want guys who want to be pushed in the classroom and get an unbelievable education, while getting a first class wrestling experience and to be on a team with realistic goals of winning a national title. I am extremely proud of the entire program and thankful for all the help of the parents, coaches, administration and alumni gave to us this year; they can't be thanked enough and are a huge reason our program is where it is today."

For more details on the tournament and personal comments from the wrestlers, please use this link:

http://sports.wabash.edu/news/2015/3/15/WREST_0315152053.aspx?path=wrestling

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Jay Fisher '66 found this article on Wabash swimming in *Splash* magazine:

[http://www.wabash.edu/alumni/docs/Wabash article.pdf](http://www.wabash.edu/alumni/docs/Wabash%20article.pdf)

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In other sports news, the baseball, lacrosse, and tennis teams are in full swing. Also, former basketball coach Mac Petty was named as one of the coaches for the d3 all-star game:

http://sports.wabash.edu/news/2015/3/15/MBB_0315154637.aspx

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I always thought that we had "good" athletic teams, especially considering the level of competition --- we competed against a lot of schools that are now D1 or D2; and, in some instances, still do. Today, Wabash is at a new level of competitiveness and it is great to see.

Campus News

Fulbright Recipients. Art Howe '82 announced that three Wabash seniors have been named Fulbright scholars. While details are being finalized (Ben Finley was also named an Orr Fellow and may have to choose) and a formal announcement is in the works, the following students are Fulbright finalists:

- Ben Finley – English Teaching Assistant (ETA) to Argentina
- David Gunderman – ETA to Germany
- Patrick Rezek – ETA to Poland

Annual Giving

Special thanks to all of you who have given this year! For those who have not yet sent a contribution, please do so. Any amount is appreciated.

Greg Ball	Ed Bell	Chris Bird	Dave Bloomer
Alan Boone	David Brannin	Tom Brown, Jr.	Randy Brown
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Andy Williams	Alan Witte	Steve Wood	

Humor

For the lighter side this month, I submit several Will Rogers comments:

If you find yourself in a hole, stop digging.

The quickest way to double your money is to fold it and put it back into your pocket.

(And, my personal favorite . . .)

There are two theories to arguing with a woman. Neither works.

Send news!!

Duane

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