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Dear Friends in the Class of 1968,

Mike and Kathy Gallagher at the season final Canucks Game. Stanley Cup Playoffs start here Wednesday.



Our new great- niece Kate!!!



In my Wabash College gear, ready for my 60+ softball season

I received this nice note from Dan Vannatter:

Jim, just some items that I thought you might find interesting:

1) My wife, Betty, is 5 weeks away from her BS at George Mason and has yet to make a "B"; she has straight "A's" focused on an integrated studies effort involving law, sociology, philosophy and religion. Her long paper is on Texting, seeking legal relief for early teens who get caught up in sharing via cell phones with cameras.

2) My good friend, Dan Turner, a Son Tay raider who ran the training prep and was on the raid, died last week of a heart attack. He was a true warrior, no nonsense, mission-focused and courageous beyond normal. You would have loved this fellow. We were Green Berets together in the 10th.

3) When I was a 2LT, I was at MACV HQs and handled Gen Abrams privacy communications (pre-email) with McCain and Wheeler as well as all internal RVN comms. I had several interactions with him personally, some humorous, others dramatic, that I am considering writing a short paper about. Wonder how many still remember his name?

4) I am still convinced that we need to add to the Wabash mission statement "to serve ethically," for if this is not addressed specifically, it does not get emphasized. Too many folks out there see ethics as a situational option and Wabash men should not! Perhaps I am over-sensitive living near the cesspool that DC often seems to be, but I doubt it.

More thoughts later. Stay healthy and enjoy those youngsters! Dan

Dan M. Vannatter
VP, Accipiter Systems

Bachelor wins 19 Awards at ICPA (Indiana Collegiate Press Association). Our student journalists claimed second place in this year's contest edging the school to the south despite their journalism classes and endowed department!

From **Jim Millikin**:

I'm off tomorrow to a Woodturning class just south of Naptown for a week, then off to Granville Ohio for the first ever Wabash/Denison lacrosse game. My son-in-law is an assistant lacrosse coach at Denison. Should be an interesting choice for where to sit. Helen figures she can yell Go, Big Red and be safe!

Jim

I asked Jim to tell us what he saw, and here it is:

I went to the game last Saturday as I had told you. Wabash is fielding their first team this year. They only had about 21 players. Denison had around 45-50. Tough day for the Little Giants. Denison won 25-1. Things didn't go as planned for Wabash—the coach called time out with only 50 seconds gone in the first quarter. The offense struggled—only 6 shots, Denison had 74 as I recall.

Helen and I made up 40% of the Wabash cheering section—us and three parents, so I think I was the only alum. The parents told me that several of the players had never played lacrosse before. The Wabash goalie actually made some really good saves. Denison had 45 shots on goal—meaning a shot that had a chance—not just wide or way over. So the Wabash goalie had something like 50% saves—not bad. The team had some problems with the basics—that will come.

My son-in-law is an assistant at Denison—he tells me that it takes 5 years to build a team from scratch, so there's some building to do. Recruiting will be interesting. My daughter covered up her Denison T-shirt and came down to root for Wabash for a while—so we had 6 fans for a while. I've really started liking lacrosse—a lot of similarities to basketball—the strategies, play making, and defense—still learning the rules.

Well, that's my report. I'm looking forward to catching some games down in C'ville next year..the team will improve some, I'm sure. I assume you're getting ready for the baseball season—get the vehicles in shape!!! Jim Millikin

Bruce Gras advises

Well folks, time stands still for no one. It seems that the pancreatic cancer that I beat twice is back again now for a third time. If there is anything I can say at this point it is this.

First, the chances are around 30/70 that I will beat it a third time.

And second, Hank Stroud, an artist on my record label, Rapidan Records, will be releasing the single track, Rivers of Regret (see post below), in May, and the associated album in June. This track is a song that I wrote and arranged myself, and in all candor, yes, it is autobiographical.

There are many wounds to heal, and not just mine, but also the many that I have caused with others. For this I do have deep regret and hope Godspeed to all, those who have stood by me, and those who have moved off and away for various reasons. Bruce

HEY, Bruce! Great song. Soulful, bluesy, but subtly hopeful! Keep us posted on your battle, so we can add our thoughts and prayers. You have a lot of friends out here wishing you the very best.





Here are Mary and Van Butler. The FB caption said at a Rose Garden in Temecula. (Wikipedia tells us, "Temecula is a city in southwestern Riverside County, California, with a population of 100,097".) Below, Van has changed his profile photo. Nice.



B Scott Klika added [4 new photos](#) — at [Whitianga, Coromandel, New Zealand](#).
Great friends, great food, great time! Good stuff, Scott!!!



Wabash joined Allegheny and Denison as the only schools to win five consecutive NCAC Men's Outdoor Track and Field championships. A total of 50 Little Giants scored in the meet to provide the victory. Adam Togami was named NCAC Men's Distance Runner of the Year. <http://bit.ly/1znR5Nv>

Terry Smith



More food for thought

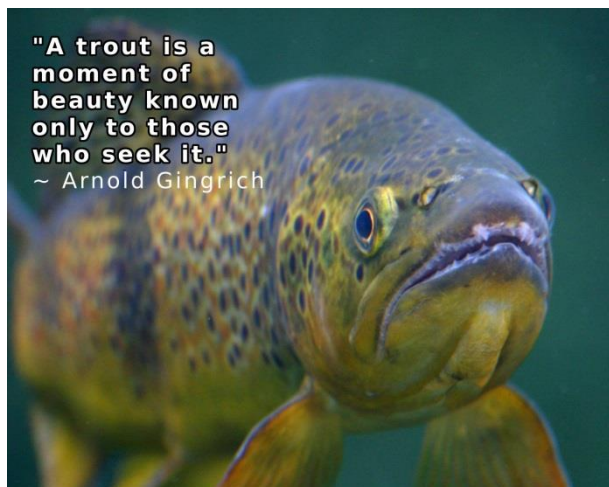
- .. When fish are in schools, they sometimes take debate.
- .. A thief who stole a calendar got twelve months.
- .. When the smog lifts in Los Angeles U. C. L. A.
- .. The batteries were given out free of charge.
- .. A dentist and a manicurist married. They fought tooth and nail.
- .. A will is a dead giveaway.
- .. With her marriage, she got a new name and a dress.
- .. A boiled egg is hard to beat.
- .. When you've seen one shopping Center you've seen a mall.
- ..Police were called to a day care Center where a three-year-old was resisting a rest.



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Wow! What a great job. Thank you Wabash. We surpassed all of last year's Day of Giving numbers. As of early 4.23, we had collected 2,735 gifts for an incredible \$502,902. Some Little Giants! #Wabash422 #WAF

Class of 1968 finished in the middle of the pack. Hopefully the total donors reaches our goal.



"A trout is a moment of beauty known only to those who seek it."
~ Arnold Gingrich

Steve Johnson posted this from Montana.

STAYTON '68 ELECTED **BUILDING TOMORROW CHAIR**

May 13, 2015 Alumni Relations Posted in Uncategorized



Michael Stayton '68 has been elected Chairman of the Board of Directors of [Building Tomorrow, Inc.](#) an Indianapolis-based organization whose mission is to construct enough primary schools in East Africa so each child may have a quality environment in which to learn.

In March 2014, Mike retired as founder, President & CEO of the United States Infrastructure Corporation (USIC) after six years. In 2008, he was appointed to the board of the new Indianapolis Airport Authority and was president until resigning in 2011. Mike has held several key executive positions with utility infrastructure groups which service utility and government clients, and was on a 5-year diplomatic appointment abroad as COO for the United

Nations World Food Programme.

After Wabash, Mike earned a master's degree in International Business from the George Washington University.



Mike Dybel

Walleye on Lake Erie - May 13, 2015. Only 11 on May 14. With my brother, Bob, and four other fishermen.

Email from **Dan Susie**:

Phi Delts in France



John Leahy, Russ Dukes, Dan Susie and wives in front of a German bunker at Omaha Beach in Normandy in May, 2015. I'm sure they got around to sampling the superb local wine and spirits. They ARE Phi Delts! Good Show!

WRESTLING: The College is pursuing plans to develop a new wrestling practice pavilion (connected to the Collett Tennis Center) to accommodate the increased roster size of the wrestling team, which now exceeds by three times the capacity of the wrestling practice room in the Allen Center. And I recall how my hero, Max Servies, "got 'er done" upstairs at the armory with an old wrestling mat and a couple of barbells! Go, Coach Anderson!

I found this on the Wabash Alumni Blog:

GOLDSMITH '68 THOUGHTS FOR THE NEXT INDY MAYOR May 20, 2015 Alumni Relations



Steve Goldsmith'68 and Bill Hudnut, both former mayors of Indianapolis, teamed up with some advice for the next mayor of Indianapolis. Steve was mayor from 1992-2000 and Bill Hudnut was mayor from 1976-1992. [Click here](#) to read their advice in this week's *IBJ*.

After Wabash, Steve earned a JD from the University of Michigan, and received an honorary degree from Wabash in 1993. "Stephen Goldsmith is the Daniel Paul Professor of the Practice of Government and the Director of the Innovations in American Government Program at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government. He currently directs Data-Smart City Solutions, a project to highlight local government efforts to use new technologies that connect breakthroughs in the use of big data analytics."

This wraps another letter with your information largely piped in by Facebook and other Internet sources.

Just a reminder that the Wabash fiscal year ends **June 30**, if you were planning a donation.

www.wabash.edu/giving

If you have found time to visit a high school and have located a Wabash prospect, control/click here: <http://www.wabash.edu/alumni/student/refer>

And remember, when May turned to June, Arapahoe Basin was **still open**! Please take care and get those health screens!

With kind regards,
Jim Roper '68

