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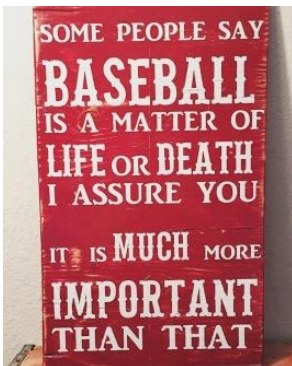
Dear Friends in the Class of 1968,



Here's another collection of information about your Wabash friends. Please send me a blurb or "friend" me on Facebook and you can have your minute or two of fame right here! The pace of life in C'ville seems to be picking up. Apparently, Wabash's Facebook engagement measured 7.7 percent in 2015 with a reach per post of 202 percent, according to the BlueFuego people, who measure such things. "That is the highest we have seen in our 7 years of data collection and analysis." So, jump on in there, "friend" me **AND** Wabash!



The magic word at my house is *baseball*! The 13U Majestic green team is rolling, baby! So are The Classical Academy High School Titans (followed by the summer Falcons) and the twins' Academy Little League Twins here in Colorado Springs. Yeah, the twins are on the Twins! Great fun, inescapable life lessons, excellent peers. ***You just can't beat baseball.*** Seth and



Will each won an award at the Pinewood Derby. Seth got "Coolest Car" for his Police cruiser. Will's "Fireball" was third fastest Wolf and will move on to the Council race. Proud kids!

Josh's Majestic did a great job scrimmaging the CS13U Eagles. He played C, 3B, 2B, and P. Below right 2.



Matthew singled, walked, and scored in the TCA JV scrimmage against Liberty HS.

In the C game, he started@ pitcher, tripled and went to 4-1 after 2 innings. That's his triple above & left.

Terry Smith (please deal with Terry directly on these!)

I enjoyed these and hope you do also.

1. Is it good if a vacuum really sucks?
2. Why is the third hand on the watch called the second hand?
3. If a word is misspelled in the dictionary, how would we ever know?
4. If Webster wrote the first dictionary, where did he find the words?
5. Why do we say something is out of whack? What is a whack?
6. Why does "slow down" and "slow up" mean the same thing?
7. Why does "fat chance" and "slim chance" mean the same thing?



Delta Tau Delta Returns This Semester!

Officials from the National Fraternity visit campus to begin the formal process!

As of Feb 10, 36 bids have been accepted across classes, with 24 yet to come in, as initial cadre to undergo pledgship this spring and recruit a pledge class this fall. The independent occupants of the Delt house are relocating to the new

housing units as they open.



[Wrestling E-newsletter for January 2016](#)

This link above would be the Wrestling Newsletter for January '16. See the new wrestling room when it was under construction, and meet the guys. They hosted the NCAA Div III tournament at the end of February.

Wrestling Sweeps Max Servies Duals

Wabash, #2 in the nation,
dominated the meet. [Full story.](#)

And best of all was this nice note from wrestler Mark Sutton:

Subject: Newsletter Class of '68

It's always a treat to get one of your newsy updates, Jim. And it came at a time when Wabash news was so fresh in my memory traces that I think I'll still be able to recall enough of the highlights to share it with you ... if I type quickly.

My wife and I were enticed by a letter from former wrestling teammate Duane Hile ('67) to return to Crawfordsville for the dedication of the Don Shelbourne ('72) Wrestling Facility this past Friday, January 29, 2016. Turns out that if you give a million dollars, they'll name a building after you! And certainly anyone associated with Wabash wrestling will be proud and appreciative to behold what almost fifty years of knee surgeries and one really caring alum has produced. This stand-alone facility just west of the field house and south of the tennis courts gives a new home to Wabash's now second-ranked nationally (in Division III) grapplers. Probably there are lots of our class who wouldn't know that Wabash finished third in the Division III team race last year and has had multiple national champions

and placers in the last few seasons. They'd outgrown the Max Servies Wrestling Room that was in the new athletic center and were practicing on resillite hauled on to the field house floor for the last few seasons.

I spoke briefly with Don and he assured me that Big Red's new facility should give Coach Anderson a leg up in recruiting on EVERY school in Indiana and most in the nation ... in any division. We're not "just" comparing to I.U, Purdue, Notre Dame in Indiana. That's really something to think of Wabash College having a superior facility to most every school in the Big 10, which is the conference that dominates the Division I wrestling powers!

From our class, Steve Bowen was present for the ribbon cutting, too, because of his position on the board of trustees. We had a brief conversation, as well, with his sharing that he'd actually been a prof at W.C. teaching a course in ethics this last semester.

In any case, it was brief but pleasant trip back to reminisce at the College. It's hard to say that the new wrestling room is "typical" of the building that has gone on at Wabash since our class graduated in 1968. But the facilities that exist today are FAR beyond what we enjoyed almost fifty years ago and are truly mind-boggling for a school of its size.

While I don't attend any Wabash meets, I do attend ALL of Carmel High School's wrestling matches during the season. After coaching there for a decade in the '70s and '80s, I love following the current kids. And it certainly helps make the winter months in Indiana pass a little faster as we look forward to the next week's matches and eventually the state tournament series.

Hope those baseball players of yours may also follow in their dad's footsteps and wrestle, too!

Stay well.

Mark

What is it with teenagers? I have come to believe that every kid who shows up at Wabash College is some kind of success story. My own experience was a difficult home situation in which I took all the bad



energy and expended it in athletic endeavor. The "playing fields of Eaton" worked for me. I try to support my sons' athletics, and while they have succeeded, I believe they could *ease to the next level* with a bit of work ethic, which they somehow did not inherit! Video games and other cultural distractions seem to get in the way of a sure path to the top! Hey, once they passed their try-outs, I became driver and #1 fan, and soon they

knew more about baseball than I ever will. They are great kids, and they will be okay, in fact Matthew may be starting to "get it". Not complaining here—just observing. If you observe a kid who might be Wabash material, or if you would like to participate in a college fair at a nearby high school, please contact Apryl Bradley , Bradleya@wabash.edu or phone 765-351-5941.

March 5-13, 2016

Spring Break

March 7-11, 2016

Glee Club in Nashville and Memphis, TN

March 9, 2016

Alumni-Parents reception in New York City

March 17-18, 2016

Parents Advisory Committee Meetings

March 18-19, 2016

Honors Weekend

March 22, 2016

Alumni-Parents dinner in South Bend, IN

March 23, 2016

Alumni-Parents event in Fort Wayne, IN

April 14, 2016

Wabash Club of Chicago Annual Scholarship dinner

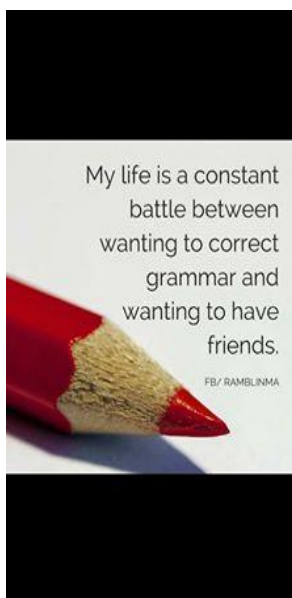
April 21, 2016

IAWM Leadership Breakfast (Honoring Tom Runge '71)

April 22, 2016

Annual Pittsburgh Alumni-Parents dinner (Tom Runge '71 Man of the Year)

Tom Runge will retire (again) at the end of March. He has wrapped his dynamic personality completely around the Alumni side of Wabash College. My wonderful friend and world's second greatest fighter pilot has done great things for you and the school. So here's your last chance to pass your thanks to him at runget@wabash.edu . I suspect we'll see him at Homecoming etc. Hope so. For all your magic, thank you, Tom!



Steven Johnson shared The Grammar Police's photo.

"Crime does not pay ... as well as politics." - Alfred E. Newman

I received this note from Cal Black on Feb 10. Most of us probably remember Jim "Cody" Roeder '66 from the football field or the Beta house. I have Cody's address for anyone who wants to send a card or email. Let me know. I will post follow-ups:

My wife, Marsha, received an email from Babs Roeder, Jim's wife yesterday late. Today they spoke on the phone, and Babs advised that Jim has throat cancer and is having surgery tomorrow 2/11. The surgery will last 16-18 hours and will leave Jim unable to speak. Later they may be able to insert a device that may help him speak again, but that is unknown at this time. The surgery will be at the UC Davis Medical Center in Sacramento, CA. Jim will not be able to attend our 50th reunion. ... Jim will be in the hospital several weeks and will not be able to receive visitors until so advised by his doctors. Please say a prayer for Jim, Babs and their family. As I get additional information I will pass it on, and if you can forward this to others please do so. Thank you. **Cal Black**

Update on Feb 24: Marsha just spoke with Babs, and Jim is doing well and may be able to go home in several days. He is still on a feeding tube, and the cancer was the size of a man's fist. But overall things look good for him. She said he enjoys getting text messages so keep the messages going. Her phone number is available. Cal.

Update on March 8: I received a note from Cody saying he makes frequent trips to the Springs for the Professional Rodeo Cowboy Association. He wrote, **"I raise beef cattle, and since my retirement in 2005 as a Superior Court Judge for the State of California I have served as Chairman of the PRCA National Grievance Committee. This cancer deal has knocked my hat in the creek, but I should be back in the saddle sooner rather than later."** Put him in your prayers, guys! **Some Little Giant!**

Wabash visits Denver: On the evening of February 10, President and Mrs. Hess with a staff contingent visited Denver. I was among about 30 local alumni who were able to join them for dinner. Dr Hess spoke highly of this year's success stories at Wabash, not only in sports (which were outstanding) but in many on-campus endeavors. (Meanwhile, back in C'ville, the Little Giant basketball team defeated Ohio Wesleyan U, ranked #10 in the country. The new BBall coach routinely starts 4 or 5 freshmen.) Dr. Hess wants enrollment to increase from about 850 to 1000, but he must have the "right" 1000. Entrance requirements have been jacked up to attract those good 1000 students. The Gentleman's Rule lives on—and is one of the distinguishing features at Wabash. Wabash ranks third in the country in return on investment. Dr. Hess noted that 55% of the operating budget comes directly from Alumni gifts to the college. If you received financial aid as a student, perhaps now is the time to give back and help the current class. To make a gift to Wabash, control/click [here](#).



Lee Grogg. Well I just picked myself up off the floor after fainting because I just saw that Indiana beat Iowa....I recorded the game so I will have to watch it to make sure I wasn't hallucinating.....

Tragic Day at Wabash from the Feb 17 INDIANAPOLIS STAR: CRAWFORDSVILLE — Wabash College senior Chris Biehl from Marion watched from his fraternity's windows as

SWAT teams walked from building to building Wednesday, looking for staff member Lucius Hamilton III, who was suspected of killing two people in neighboring Boone County.... Police found nothing, and the campus remained locked down for nearly three hours until police finished clearing each building on the all-male campus in Crawfordsville. During those three hours, it was up to the students to piece together the news story that landed a glancing blow to the campus and college Wednesday.

“We’re thinking maybe it’s one of those bomb threats that are going around,” Biehl said. “I get back here and check Twitter.”

That’s when they discovered Hamilton, 61, a fundraiser for the college, was suspected of killing his niece, Katherine Janet Giehl, 31, and her son, Raymond Giehl IV, 4, at their Zionsville home.

Wabash College said in a statement that it immediately notified students, faculty and staff through email and text messaging to shelter in place.

Crawfordsville police detectives David Long and Bob Rivers spoke with reporters shortly after 3 p.m. about the police activity on campus. Rivers said Boone County police suspected Hamilton killed his niece and her son before arriving on campus Wednesday. “My understanding is he came to work today, then checked out this van and left,” Rivers said. Hamilton left campus Wednesday morning, never to return. Police found him dead later Wednesday afternoon in a downtown Indianapolis hotel from what appeared to be a self-inflicted gunshot. Authorities said the motive for the killing was financial gain involving a family trust.



Crawfordsville, IN

With the opening of the modern and beautiful new independent housing units, many have been wondering how architects will remodel Martindale Hall. Check out how the fourth floor looked this week! All the interior walls knocked down!



Here’s something to check out on your next soire’ through Crawfordsville. This also makes a statement about current culture, as I recall *most sober conversation in our day to be respectful, if not intelligent!*

Jon Pactor '71 welcomes guests to the Scarlet Inn and the dedication of The Vic Powell Chair of Intelligent and Respectful Conversation.



"Nothing compares to seeing it in person." It's hard to recount the number of times a student will write those words when recalling a Wabash College Immersion learning trip. We're posting new writing this week from students who studied ancient art in Rome this fall. Follow along on the blog.

<http://blog.wabash.edu/immersionlearning201314/>

Princeton Review's Top Five Colleges in the nation for Alumni Networks and Internships - Wabash College No. 5 on BOTH lists!



Wabash College Crawfordsville, IN, United States • We tell Wabash recruits the academics will be rigorous, they'll work harder than they ever have before and all of that is true. Maybe we should tell them 'they'll have fun.' Business Insider named Wabash the only DIII school in the country a part of its Top 30 most fun colleges in the nation! More accolades for Wabash today. (Feb 26) Business Insider published its "25 Best Colleges in America with Alumni to Jump Start Your Career." Wabash came in No. 5 - in the nation!



Mike Gallagher

Feb26 Where's my snowmobile?

Bachelor To Host IndyCar Panel by Patrick Bryant '16 • February 25, 2016



The 100th running of the Indianapolis 500 May 29 will capture the imagination of millions around the world. Putting on the largest single day sporting event is no easy feat.

"IndyCar & the Liberal Arts" will feature Wabash men associated with the race who will share their career stories, use of the liberal arts, and share advice in their execution of the "greatest spectacle in racing." The event is sponsored by *The Bachelor*.

The event will be in Ball Theater, at 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 11, and will be free and open to the public.

- See more at:

http://www.wabash.edu/news/displaystory.cfm?news_ID=10770#sthash.M6XD0YoI.dpuf

Sent this morning (3-8-16) from Dean of the College Scott Feller:

Dear colleagues,

I am sorry to report the news that Stephen Webb '83, Wabash faculty member in Religion and Philosophy from 1987-2012, died unexpectedly on March 5, in Brownsburg, Indiana. Visitation will be from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 10, 2016, at

Matthews Mortuary, Brownsburg. Funeral Services will be at 11 a.m. on Friday, March 11 in Englewood Christian Church, Indianapolis, with reception to follow at the church.
Scott



I'll leave you with this —Dr. John Hudson and I at Arapahoe Basin today—3-10-16. We don't do the boda bag crazy stuff anymore, but I'd put our act in the high side of medium cruising. Sky was beautiful deep blue, snow perfect, no lines. We try to do this weekly. Hey, Koepke and Reed, come on out here! If anyone thinks they had more fun than we did today, I'd love to hear about it!

Take care, be safe, be healthy!

WAF,

Jim Roper '68