



# WABASH COLLEGE

## *Class Agents Letter*

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## Class of 1968

### Class Agent

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Dear Friends in the Class of 1968,

Comin' atcha from Colorado, here's what's happenin' at my house **between snowstorms**.  
What's going on with you? 5-1-16



Last Sunday (5-15), my 13U Majestic "Green Team" shortstop, catcher, pitcher Joshua, and I left the house at 6 a.m. for a Triple Crown 28-team tournament in the south end of town (Colorado Springs). They had won 2 games Saturday, and the score differential placed them at #6 seed for the single-elimination tournament. At 37 degrees, rainy and windy, we had a day that reminded me of my cold days with the infantry. The Majestic "green team" won all four games and the tournament championship. Here's a link to the final out versus the (Parker) Colorado Summit: <https://www.facebook.com/misti.saubert.woltz/videos/10209684171088969/> (control/click) The time is 1030 p.m. and #10 Josh is playing 2<sup>nd</sup> base. Colorado Summit had great kids, parents, and coaches.

**To Wayne Kornas From Kelli:** Happy birthday to the best Papa in the world! Plus ... "a great way to end our last day at Magic Kingdom. (4-8)"



**From Jim Millikin:**

Quick note to say thanks for another great letter.

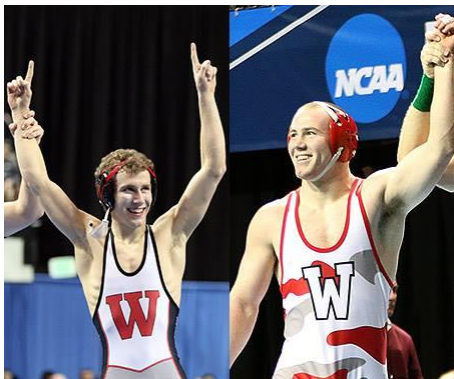
Interesting tidbit: the funeral home in Brownsburg (where services are held for Stephen Webb '83) ...Matthews...that is or was our classmate Steve Matthews. I think Steve was a Phi Delt back in the day. My son in law Keith is the new head lacrosse coach at McDaniel College in Westminster MD. I'm learning about the game and really enjoy it...amazing similarities to parts of Hoosier basketball. Helen and I watch McDaniel on the Internet and then watch Div 1 teams play ND since I went to grad school there and we lived in South Bend for a few years. Keep up the good work...almost time to start the 50th rolling!!



**Mike Gallagher 3-15-2016**

I am feeling strangely liberated-after unplugging and disposing of my laptop and monitor. Completely mobile device guy now.

**Terry Smith 3-15-2016** Only one way to go but am enjoying golfing at this time. Hitting the ball well and getting lucky to boot. Played 3 times this year since the course has opened. Shot a 70 last Wed, 76 yesterday, and 73 today. I know the golf gods will get even but is fun as long as it lasts.



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**3-16-2016**

Two Wabash wrestlers brought home national championships over the weekend. Devin Broukal '18 won at 133lbs while 184-pounder Riley Lefever '17 won his third straight NCAA national title. Wabash finished 4<sup>th</sup> in the nation. Read all about it here:

<http://sports.wabash.edu/news/2016/3/13/wrestling-wrestlers-finish-fourth-at-nationals-with-two-national-champs.aspx?path=wrestling>

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**Lee Grogg**

Lyla is so thankful her grandpa came to visit her on her 9th birthday.



Control/Click here to see what the **drone** sees: <http://www.wabash.edu/aboutwabash/#>

## Wabash College An Aerial View

Wabash is often cited as one of the top liberal arts colleges in the nation. Wabash is also one of the most beautiful.

A note from Jim Roper about drones: My Vietnam squadron (20<sup>th</sup> Tac Air Support Sq) was resurrected a few years ago as the 20<sup>th</sup> Recon Sq., and they fly Predators—calling them RPAs—remotely piloted aircraft. I have visited them twice on their “Legacy Days.” Great people doing what we FACs did but without the risks that were necessary to go down and sort friend from foe. *I am a huge supporter of this technology.* Memories of bullet holes still give me the creepies!

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Jeff Ramsey comes to Wabash after spending two seasons at the University of Puget Sound as defensive coordinator. He served as head coach at Oberlin College from 1999-2013. Ramsey begins both his coaching and secondary duties at the College February 4. Ramsey replaces BJ Hammer '01, who was named head football coach at Allegheny College on January 4.

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## Morel Named Head Football Coach

by Richard Paige • March 28, 2016 Leader. Authentic. Competitive. Supportive.

These words were used to describe Don Morel, who on Monday was named the 33rd head football coach in Wabash College history.



Don Morel has nearly 25 years of coaching experience to his credit.

“We are very pleased that Don has accepted our offer to lead our football program,” said Wabash President Gregory Hess in making the announcement. “Don’s coaching resume is impressive, but it is his work with student-athletes and assistant coaches that makes him the ideal person to lead our team. His sincerity and genuine focus on making men better in the classroom and on the field is evident in all that he does.”

Morel replaces Erik Raeburn, who led the Little Giants to 77 wins from 2008 to 2015. Raeburn has agreed to become the head football coach at Division I FCS Savannah State today. - See more at:

[http://www.wabash.edu/news/displaystory.cfm?news\\_ID=10784#sthash.FZKXyhtV.dpuf](http://www.wabash.edu/news/displaystory.cfm?news_ID=10784#sthash.FZKXyhtV.dpuf)



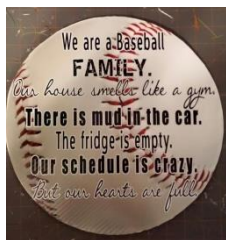
**Jim Funnybone Dashiell.** Been fishing in Missouri for a few days. Good luck and fair weather. Now I have loads of fillets to cook





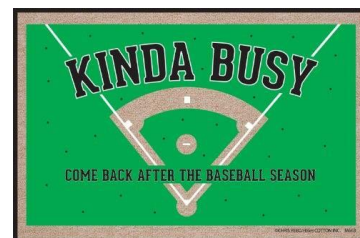


Congratulations to The Bachelor - 25 awards Saturday at the Indiana Collegiate Press Association Convention - the most ever! Full coverage on website.



4-13-16

Sophomore pitcher [Bryan Roberts](#) tossed a seven-inning no-hitter Wednesday afternoon in a 4-0 win at Wittenberg. The Wabash College baseball team swept the Tigers with an 8-6 victory in the series finale.



Terry Smith 4-14-16 with granddaughter Amanda. Also, Kathy Smith named 2016 Woman of Distinction by Lafayette YMCA.

I read that, by law, you have to turn on your headlights when it's raining in Sweden. How the hell am I supposed to know if it's raining in Sweden?



**Mike Gallagher** Call me crazy- just bid on and won at the Vancouver Opera Gala- a trip to London and Windsor Castle to be seated at the Queen's 90th Birthday in May, hosted by The Tenors.



I'm not sure what this is. I found it on Scott Klika's Facebook home page. He seems to be doing quite well in Thailand. I read some terrific comments others posted on his site. Photo notwithstanding, Scott lives humanely. Some Little Giant. Hope to see you at our 50<sup>th</sup>!

I also found this photo of Jeff Kennedy on his Facebook page.  
What's up, Jeff?



Chuck and Becky Kraft, photo dated 2015, but posted 4-16-16.  
Appears to be a Christening ceremony for a grandchild. We need  
an update here, Chuck!



#### **Wabash College Athletics 4-16-16**

Wabash won its fourth consecutive Indiana Division III Outdoor Track and Field championship Saturday. Included in the Little Giants' efforts were eight individual titles. <http://bit.ly/1Smz5wb>



Bob, Don, and Mike Dybel. Nice! **4-17-16**

## **ROI Puts Wabash in Top-Five Percent**

Wabash graduates can expect to earn \$355,000 more than the average college graduate over a 20-year period following degree completion, placing Wabash in the top five percent nationally of the 1,344 schools *PayScale.com* ranked for providing the best monetary return. Wabash, Rose-Hulman, Purdue, and Notre Dame were the only Indiana higher education institutions to appear in PayScale's top-65 slots, outdistancing Indiana (322nd), and DePauw (340th). The Wabash placement also topped all other Great Lakes College Association members listed. - See more at:

[http://www.wabash.edu/news/displaystory.cfm?news\\_ID=10797#sthash.qqlEVytl.dpuf](http://www.wabash.edu/news/displaystory.cfm?news_ID=10797#sthash.qqlEVytl.dpuf)

**W**abash was started with \$25,000. Now, we have our sights set on increasing our Annual Fund to \$4 million. **SERIOUSLY.** Continuing to provide an education and opportunities that develop men who change the world requires the serious and fanatical support of alumni, parents, and friends like you. Please give serious consideration today to supporting Wabash students by **making a one-time or recurring gift to the Annual Fund.**

**Do you know a high school kid who might be a fit for Wabash?** The Wabash College Admissions Office is open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Visits can be arranged by contacting the Admissions Office at [admissions@wabash.edu](mailto:admissions@wabash.edu) or at 800-345-5385.

**Jim Roper** to Bruce Gras on 4-22-16: So, how's your health, my friend? Do your long range plans include Homecoming at Wabash? Are you living in Virginia? Do you have anything you'd like to pass to the class? If you wish, shoot an email to the [ropersbooks.com](http://ropersbooks.com) address. I hope we can stay in touch.

**Bruce Malcolm Gras** Yes, I will be at homecoming this year. We will hoist quite a few. Time to get caught up for sure. Short strokes: health is very good and continually improving now (definitely out of the Valley of Death and Darkness at this point), living in Virginia now, looking for a place to match my home in Sarasota (will drop photos of Sarasota home into timeline), and yes, I do have stuff for the class letter, will send in next 2 days (beginning with being in the control room, working with Celine Dion on an album when she got the news.)

Here are a few shots of his Sarasota home:



Very nice, Bruce. You take care, Jim R.

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**Check this out: (control/click)**

<https://www.facebook.com/WabashCollegeNews/videos/10153972803470837/> A 24-second video that gives some insight on Wabash students today.

Butler, Van  
Cox, Edward  
Douglas, Michel  
Faull, Robert  
Greves, John  
Hizer, David  
Laramore, Stephen  
Leahy, John  
Milligan, Samuel  
Oesterle, John  
Roper, Jim  
Schlechte, John  
Senkbeil, Roger  
Smith, Brian  
Susie, Dan  
Williams, James  
Wise, Claude

And **Pride** was the theme of the April 27 fundraiser magic deal.  
Thanks to all those listed here for contributing.



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**A note from Coach Morel:** Gentlemen, My first month as the head coach at Wabash College has been exhilarating and challenging. We have successfully fought off the test by other schools (many by the team down South) to exploit our coaching change in recruiting. As I write this message our football staff has secured 65 verbal commitments to Wabash College and I believe we will have another 5 before we're done! This will be the biggest recruiting class Wabash has seen in many years.

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**I have never actually posted anything on Facebook.** Never had a thought that I wanted to share with the entire planet. But I watch it go by, make a few comments, reactions. Five minutes in the morning, 5 minutes p.m. **If you jump on there and friend me,** it will make this letter easier to put together. OR, send me an update via email. Now, please!

## Leadership Breakfast Honors Runge '71 (Snipped from the *Wabash Magazine*)

The Indianapolis Association of Wabash Men's inaugural Leadership Breakfast honored **Tom Runge '71** and brought to light the management styles and philosophies of three of the College's most successful alumni Thursday morning. Nearly 200 Indy area Wabash men, Wabash College staff, and students packed a NCAA Hall of Champions banquet room for the event, which included a panel conversation with Eli Lilly and Company Vice-President David Lewis '81, Sun King Brewing Co-Founder Clay Robinson '97, and Indiana Sports Corp. President Ryan Vaughn '00.



Class Agent Ken Crawford '69 asked retiring Director of Alumni and Parent Programs Tom Runge to step forward and receive the IAWM's **Wabash Man of the Year Award** as the audience offered a standing ovation. Runge deflected the praise to his "team" in the alumni office—Mike Warren, Michele Ward, and Heather Bazzani.

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**Steven Johnson** 5-1-16 Finally got Marjo Curgus up into the Gallatin Range - hike up Storm Castle with Barb Cestero



Appears Steve is doing some serious hiking in Big Sky country and spending time in Ft. Collins with grandkids!



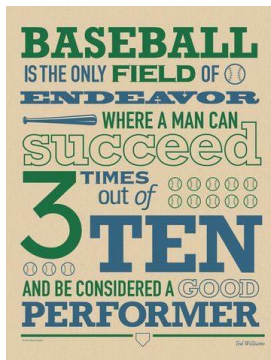
**Mike Gallagher.** 5-11-16

First time ziplining- the longest run in Canada at 1.3 km! (then) London, United Kingdom Harrod's in private tour and then Selfridge's



(finally) Our lovely "room(s)" at the Palazzo Vecchietti in Florence.

This letter is starting to look done. Facebook makes it easier. But email is also great. Click now, [jimroper@ropersbooks.com](mailto:jimroper@ropersbooks.com) and tell us what you are up to.



Meanwhile, do your health screens, take good care of yourself,

WAF,  
Jim Roper '68