

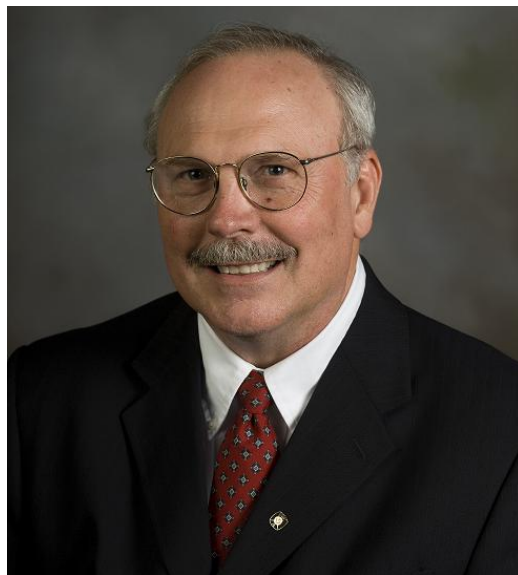
**Greetings, Class of 1973!**



Finally! Sunny, warmer days are becoming the norm here in central Indiana as we start off the month of April! What a welcome change following our record-setting, snow-filled winter.

There are quite a few major updates for our class.

First, Dennis Dean was recently reappointed the J.B. Stroobants Professor of Biotechnology by Virginia Tech.



Here's the press release on Dennis:

**Virginia Tech's Dennis R. Dean reappointed J.B. Stroobants Professor of Biotechnology**

BLACKSBURG, Va., March 31, 2014 – Dennis R. Dean, a University Distinguished Professor and director of the Fralin Life Science Institute at Virginia Tech, was recently reappointed the J.B. Stroobants Professor of Biotechnology by the Virginia Tech Board of Visitors.

Established in 1986 by a gift from Alphonese and Maria Stroobants of Bedford County, Va., in memory of Alphonese Stroobant's father, the J.B. Stroobants Professorship supports a researcher in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences who is advancing knowledge and discoveries in biotechnology.

Dean's research centers on two related projects – the chemical mechanism of biological nitrogen fixation and how iron and sulfur are combined and mobilized to support various essential life processes such as nitrogen fixation, photosynthesis, and respiration.

The importance of nitrogen fixation is that the availability of nitrogen-containing fertilizers limits crop productivity worldwide. Also, metabolic defects in the ability to biologically combine iron and sulfur can have profound effects on agricultural production and they are also linked to a variety of debilitating and often fatal human genetic disorders.

Dean was recently elected as a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and a Fellow of the American Academy of Microbiology for his contributions to microbiology and bioinorganic chemistry.

Recognized worldwide, he has published more than 160 articles, and has served on the editorial boards of the Journal of Biological Chemistry and the Journal of Bacteriology. He also recently served on the publications board for the American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology.

Dean has received continuous extramural research funding to support his research program since 1975, including awards from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Science Foundation, National Institutes of Health, the Office of Naval Research, and the Department of Energy.

He has delivered invited talks at numerous international scientific meetings and continues to serve on multiple grant review panels for the National Science Foundation and the Department of Agriculture.

Dean helped provide oversight for the design and construction of the Virginia Tech Carilion Research Institute in Roanoke and chaired the search for its current executive director, Michael Friedlander. He also served as the interim director of the Virginia Bioinformatics Institute. Most recently he served as a member of the search committee for 16th president of Virginia Tech.

Dean received his bachelor's degree from Wabash College and a Ph.D. from Purdue University. He was a National Institutes of Health Postdoctoral Fellow at the Institute for Enzyme Research at the University of Wisconsin and was a research fellow at the Charles F. Kettering Laboratory prior to joining the Virginia Tech faculty.

***Congratulations, Dennis!***

Also, Hans Steck has been named managing partner in the Indianapolis office of Bingham Greenbaum Doll LLP. Hans served as managing partner of the firm from 1994-2004 and as Chair of the Government Practice Group from 2005-2014. In his legal practice he concentrates in the areas of public finance and economic development.



After Wabash, Hans earned his JD from Washington University. Congratulations, Hans!

I also received an email a while back from Kiefer Mendenhall, Class of '62, in regards to Bill Gehl:



"I'm aware how class agents are always seeking input from and about members of their class, and thought you might like to include a little news about your classmate Bill Gehl in a future newsletter.

It's a bit of a tradition for me to look up Wabash men when traveling internationally. So I contacted Bill Gehl in Bucharest, Romania and then my wife Mary and I visited with him when we were there in late September.

Bill graciously invited us to the home he's had in Bucharest for almost 20 years. We spent a delightful time with Bill and his lovely wife Liana, who is a publisher and a college lecturer. And we met two (twins) of their three high school age children.

Bill is basically retired after a career in IT, and obviously is enjoying a most pleasant and satisfying life."

Thanks for the information, Kiefer!

As far as Patsy and I are, we're looking forward to our youngest son Andrew's graduation from Purdue in a few weeks as well as our son Michael's wedding at the end of June. Spring also marks soccer season for all our grandsons. During Wabash's Spring Break, I was able to join a group of Wabash students and men from Crawfordsville as they returned to the Lower Ninth Ward in New Orleans to repair some homes for residents still trying recover from Hurricane Katrina.

I hope you take time to regularly visit the Wabash College website; there's always an abundance of news and activities. Patrick Stroud has just been named the third member of the Class of 2014 to earn a Fulbright Scholarship, joining Sebastian Garren and Adam Barnes. Freshman Riley Lefever capped an undefeated wrestling season at Wabash College with an NCAA Division III national title at 184 pounds. For the third time in the past six years, *The Bachelor* was named Newspaper of the Year by the Indiana Collegiate Press Association, the association's highest distinction for print newspapers. The distinction was bolstered by eight 1<sup>st</sup> place awards and 14 overall awards. Personally, I'm looking forward to this Fall's football game when we host Hampden-Sydney.

Refer a High School Student – <http://www.wabash.edu/alumni/student/refer>

Contact Scott Crawford in Career Development if you have an employment / internship opportunity for students or alums – [crawfors@wabash.edu](mailto:crawfors@wabash.edu)

We have a few months until the end of the college's fiscal year. Have you made your annual contribution?  
<http://www.wabash.edu/giving/>

We continue to try to locate a few class members who are classified as "Lost":

John Alexander	Independent
Ron Brown	
Michael Bryan	Phi Kappa Psi
John Carroccio	
Mark Feemster	Sigma Chi
Darrell Finch	
Yukio Fukanaga	Independent
Jon Grdinich	Delta Tau Delta
Bill Huff	Independent
Joe Manley	Delta Tau Delta
George Moreland	Delta Tau Delta
Bob Overholt	Lambda Chi Alpha
James Patterson	
Bruce Peterson	Sigma Chi
Jim Smetana	Independent
Steve Tan	
Jonathan White	
Thomas Whitehead	
Chris Willis	Phi Kappa Psi

Let me know if you have contact information for any of these men so I can update my list as well as let the Alumni Office know their whereabouts.

Be sure to send me any personal news and updates - face it, at this point in time, there are many transitions going on for us. If you find yourself in the central Indiana area, give me a call so we can try to get together.



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**Dates to Remember**

Commencement 2014 – May 18, 2014  
Football vs. Hampden-Sydney - September 6, 2014  
Homecoming 2014 – September 27, 2014  
Wabash Day – October 11-12, 2014  
121th Monon Bell Game – November 15, 2014