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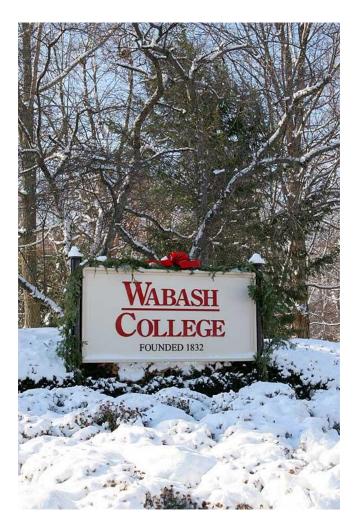
**Class of 1973** 

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#### **Greetings, Class of 1973!**



I hope the year has been good for you and your families as we all look forward to the holiday season and the arrival of 2015.

A while back, I received this update from **John Deffenbaugh**:

From: John Deffenbaugh [John.Deffenbaugh@Frontlinemc.com]

To: Allen, Pete X. Subject: Update

Pete,

I've been out of touch over recent years and didn't manage to get back for the 40th. Thought therefore that I'd drop a line with an update. Still abroad after all these years - since graduation. Get back Stateside often for holiday and business, and 'home' is still the US. It's increasingly easy to stay in touch with folk through social media, and with globalization it is indeed a small world. The sports pages are still local however!

Still some way away from retirement. I co-own a strategy consultancy, Frontline: <a href="www.frontline-consultants.com">www.frontline-consultants.com</a>. Not much of a buyer's market for businesses our size, so my equity event is not on the horizon. Been in business for over 20 years, but don't plan another 20. My wife Penny of almost 40 years retired from teaching, so the pressure might be on.

Son John is an architect and heading the redevelopment of Aberdeen Airport. Daughter Fiona lives in London and has her own jewelry business, Black Pearl: <a href="www.blackpearlboutique.co.uk">www.blackpearlboutique.co.uk</a>. I've kept fit by running marathons, but seems the wear and tear means I will now become a cyclist. C'est la vie. Guess we'll now be taking cycling holidays. I'll definitely be there for the 50th, and if there's one in between please give me plenty of notice. Best to others in the Class of 73.

Cheers, John Twitter@DeffenbaughJohn 07788 746550

Hopefully, you've been following events at the College for the current academic year – there is a lot going on.

The football team once again had a successful season, retaining the Monon Bell and making it to the second round of the D3 Playoffs before losing to UW-Whitewater, who will once again be playing Mount Union for the national championship. Wabash College senior defensive end Cody Buresh was honored by being named to the American Football Coaches Association 2014 Division III All-America Team, one of 25 NCAA DIII football players selected to the All-America team. This was in addition to also being named the D3football.com North Region Defensive Player of the Year – a huge accomplishment. Cody's brother Ethan, AJ Akinribade, and Tyler Holmes were all selected as members of the 2014 All-North Region Team as well.

At one point this Fall, Wabash had football, soccer, and cross-country all ranked within the Top 15 nationally.

Currently, Wabash wrestling has moved up to #2 in the D3 national ranking. My family and I have been able to attend a couple basketball games this year and are excited and positive about the changes we've observed under new head coach Kyle Brumett.

Senior Jacob Burnett has been named a Rhodes Scholar, the ninth in Wabash's history. He will be working towards his Master' Degree this Fall at Oxford University.

The most noticeable change on campus is what is happening along the west side of Crawford Street. New campus housing is being built to house 136 students. I believe plans are to have 2-16 bed lodge building completed and in use for Fall 2015, with the balance completed in 2016. Once students begin moving into the new housing, renovation of Martindale will begin.

For those of you living/working in the Crawfordsville area, the Sugar Creek Association of Wabash Men will be having Monthly Luncheons on a regular basis on the  $2^{nd}$  Thursday of each month at the Crawfordsville Country Club.

With the end of 2014 looming in the near future, I want to remind you all that these are the last days to make your annual gift to the college and still be able to take advantage of the Indiana tax credit. For those of you outside Indiana, I hope you also will take a minute to support Wabash financially. Currently, there are only 18 of us on the 2014-2015 Giving Honor Roll, so let's step it up! <a href="http://www.wabash.edu/giving/">http://www.wabash.edu/giving/</a>

Wabash has also initiated a program to motivate us to continue to make annual contributions on a regular basis. Check out <a href="https://www.wabash.edu/giving/loyalty">www.wabash.edu/giving/loyalty</a> to see your personal giving streak!

Continue to **refer** High School Students - <a href="http://www.wabash.edu/alumni/student/refer">http://www.wabash.edu/alumni/student/refer</a>. I was at a meeting the other day where it was mentioned that there will be an increase in the opportunities we have to work alongside the Admissions Office in their recruiting efforts. Watch for update from me or the College as they move forward with this.

Contact Scott Crawford in Career Development if you have an employment / internship opportunity for students or alums - <a href="mailto:crawfors@wabash.edu">crawfors@wabash.edu</a>. Scott would also welcome your involvement in other areas, both on and off campus – check out <a href="http://www.wabash.edu/careers/alumni/involvement">http://www.wabash.edu/careers/alumni/involvement</a>.

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.

Pete 765-366-6342 pete.allen73@wabash.edu

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# **LOST ALUMNI**

# **CLASS OF: 1973**

Alexander, John

Brown, Ron

Bryan, Michael

Carroccio, John

Feemster, D.

Finch, Darrell

Fukanaga, Yukio

Grdinich, Jon

Huff, William

Manley, Joseph

Moreland, George

Overholt, Robert

Patterson, James

Peterson, Bruce

Smetana, James

Tan, Stephen

White, Jonathan

Whitehead, Thomas

Willis, Christopher

In an attempt to engage Wabash alumni, we are including the above "lost" alumni in our class. If anyone is in contact with classmates listed above, please contact the alumni office at <a href="mailto:alumni@wabash.edu">alumni@wabash.edu</a> or by phone (765) 361-6369.

Thanks for all you do for Wabash!