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Dear '82 Classmates,

For those of you that have read my previous letters, you know I have a deep respect for Coach Mac Petty, who led Wabash's basketball team to a national championship our senior year. Michele Ward, in the Wabash Alumni office was kind enough to send me the link below from WTTV Channel 4 in Indy, telling the story about Coach Petty's hip replacement.

Not only is this a story about Coach Petty, it is about our classmate, Frank Kolisek. I remember meeting Frank our freshman year when those of us who chose to further our football career, showed up a week early for pre-season football camp. A first look at Frank and one would think, offensive tackle, maybe defensive lineman.. No.. Frank was a kicker. A straight-on kicker at that. The other kicker was also from our class, a very small guy (think 105 pound wrestler with bright red hair), named Ken Knowlton. He was one of those new-fangled soccer style kickers. Frank and Ken standing next to each other was a funny sight. They were the far ends of the spectrum. If memory serves, Ken was only on the team a few weeks.

Frank was one of those larger than life guys and always fun to be around. Our senior year, my two apartment mates, Ray Birden, Mike Holcomb, and I decided the last semester, we would go to the Lew Wallace every weeknight and have at least one beer. Mike, being on the basketball team, and I can attest to this, was very strict about the one beer rule, up until he won the national championship. Every night we went, Frank was there also, holding court back in the corner, at what seemed to be a reserved table. It was almost Godfather-esque. I have no memory of what we all talked and laughed about, but I remember we deeply enjoyed our time at the Lew. Side note, Billie the bartender is still serving drinks in C-ville. I and some of my Sig brothers happened upon her a couple years ago,,, at an establishment I think it is best not to mention.

Back to the linked video; Coach Petty was having hip pain issues to the point it required replacement. He wisely chose Frank to do the surgery. For those that don't know, Frank is an accomplished hip replacement surgeon and highly regarded amongst his peers. He ranks in the top 70 hip surgeons in the country according to *Becker's Orthopaedic Review 2011*. Frank has been an innovator in minimally invasive surgery, partial joint resurfacing and total joint replacement.

It appears that Coach Petty's operation was a success and recovery is moving along well. I'm certain we all wish him well and hope he's able to tear up the golf course in September.

Hey Frank, I was recently diagnosed with arthritis in my right hip, and I can understand why Coach Petty decided to get a replacement. I was thinking this free advertisement ought to be worth some kind of discount!!!

It's been nothing short of amazing to learn about the accomplishments of our classmates over the years since we graduated. It would truly take me months to compile the successes and innovations in medicine, business, law, art, entrepreneurship, etc. our classmates are responsible for.

A new group of Wabash freshman will be starting their journey this month and I'm sure 30 some years from now they'll be able to reflect on what their classmates have accomplished. So with that in mind, don't forget to support Wabash. We just finished the fiscal year a month ago, and our class was down a few donors. So let's make sure we get back on the positive side again and get those donations in early this year.

I hope this has been a good summer for all of you and your families and I wish good health and prosperity for all of you. Now Frank, let's get back to that discount thing.....

<http://cbs4indy.com/2016/08/04/wabash-college-coach-gets-new-hip-muscle-saving-technique-helped-him-recover-quickly/>