

Class of 1967

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Dear Classmates,

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Classmate News and Comments

Jack Webster: Earl and Duane -- I work on connections every day.

Peer Lykke: WE are still alive and kicking! I spent a very happy time exploring the Big Island of Hawaii with my wonderful partner who is a wonderful woman younger than me, smarter than me, and a whole lot better looking!

Several **Lambda Chi** classmates have been engaged in a "chat room" for many months and recently it evolved into a zoom session. The comments encompass a wide range of subjects, similar to the late night jag sessions we enjoyed in college. And, yes, there are occasional references to That School Down South.

Rick Helm: Friends --

My last CAT scan indicated some progression of the cancer and one new nodule, both of which indicate the current medications are no longer effective. The method is to use a treatment until it is no longer working, then switch to another.

When I was first diagnosed with metastatic urothelial cancer the folks at I U Hospital sent a part of the biopsied cells to a genetic lab. I have a mutation or genetic variation making my cancer treatable by a drug, Balversa. So it is on to "Plan C" after chemo, then immuno-therapies, and now this drug. I guess having a mutation is not entirely a bad thing in this context. The question, as usual, is tolerance and side effects.

Regards, Rick

Duane Hile: During a recent trip to Phoenix, Mary Ann and I met with Marcy and **Paul Robinson**. Of course Robbie and I enjoyed reminiscing about a number of “old” campus stories we forgot to tell at our 55th Reunion two years ago. (Or maybe we told them but didn’t remember!) In any case, they are great memories of unique events and characters. We’re both looking forward to attending our 60th and *hope you all are also*. Further, many thanks to Robbie for continuing “*to spread the fame of her honored name*”, as he has two grandsons that recently graduated from Wabash and he’s now working on two more grandsons for future classes!

Gerry Hoeltge: Hi Duane,
Retirement is nothing like I thought it would be and better than I’d ever hoped. Sue and I’ve been married now 57 years—a shade longer than you and Mary Ann but forever short of John and Laura May. And those 57 don’t include the five years we went together before Wabash. Sue, I’m happy to say hasn’t changed; the Lambda Chi Crescent Girl of 1966 could still, in my opinion, easily defend her title. The main difference is that our three children, four grandchildren, and the equal number of great-grandkids would never fit into that ’56 VW Beetle.

I retired twelve years ago after putting in two years in the Army MC and forty at the Cleveland Clinic. Academic medicine is a young man’s game. It had been a satisfying career: Pathology sent me around the country and to three continents. Retirement has been no less gratifying. This is an election year and I’ll be a location manager once again. By Ohio law there must be an equal number of D’s and R’s staffing each voting location. But on election day, we shed our affiliations and team up to work hard and work together. Geauga is a rural county. I don’t know whether election workers support one another as unselfishly in every county, but they do here and the sense of community makes the 15-hour workdays pass quickly. Of course we all rush home to turn on MS-NBC or Fox News, but for 15 precious hours we are unhyphenated Americans.

In my other retirement persona I teach the Bible to prisoners. It’s a correspondence ministry, and I’ve written now to over a thousand men and women. Two million are incarcerated in America. At least 10% of them will die there. English is not the first language for many. The writing skills of others are limited. Some are estranged from family and friends. It’s a group that needs encouragement—not about why they are where they are but about how to live today on their path to eternity. Their world is not like yours and mine, Duane, but it’s just as real.

Take care, brother. I appreciate all you do to keep us together.

Gerry

(Brother Gerry and I reconnected after we both moved to NE Ohio in the ’70s. Career, family, and travel priorities limited the frequency of our contacts until recent, retirement years. Now, an occasional cup of coffee or phone call generates enjoyable discussions.)

Interesting Comments Borrowed from Class of '72 Letter

President Scott Feller recently described four features of Wabash which form the basis of its “distinctiveness”:

1. An all-male student body
2. Oral and written comps
3. The Gentlemen's Rule
4. A 40% Alumni giving rate

He went on to state his three priorities:

1. Enrollment (extremely competitive for young men these days; there has been a 26% drop in the percentage of men attending college in the last decade).
2. Philanthropy (Lilly Endowment's recent \$25 million was the largest cash gift ever received)
3. Belonging to Wabash (growing and maintaining a strong sense of community)

And, Immediately after Big Bash in June, the **Sparks Center** will be demolished, and construction will begin on the new “**Community Center**” (so far, that’s what it’s called) that will take its place. The work will last two years. There will be a new kitchen, dining room, event center, Wally’s Pub, and many other amenities

Happy and Successful Wabash!

An interesting article recently discovered from Forbes in 2018 (copy and paste to read):

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/sarahhansen/2018/08/21/grateful-grads-2018-200-colleges-with-the-happiest-most-successful-alumni/amp/>

(Spoiler alert: Wabash # 9, DPU #32!)

Pete Keenan: As to Wabash commitment, I thank Max L Keenan, Lambda Chi, class of 1933. He received a partial scholarship and, although dyslexic (not diagnosed until decades later), he flourished. I have a framed photo of him next to the family horse-driven ice wagon in Princeton, IN during his freshman year. Three years later, upon graduation, and with the aid of Wabash professors and staff, he entered Harvard Business School on full scholarship. He met my mother in Boston, and the rest as they say... I brag about you guys to anyone who unfortunately is within earshot, how special and successful you are in diverse careers, and how fortunate I am to have been in your midst. A gift instilled in us by our alma mater (even if we didn’t realize it until long after) was the confidence, belief and willingness to be the best we could be.

John May: And to add my two cents about happy and successful: It may be that Wabash requires you to make a serious choice about the How and Where you're going to spend the next 4 years of your life - one that is just revealing itself. That euphoria of being a high school senior -- Top Dog and the intellectual superiority that is implied -- and now go to that non-sectarian seminar known as Wabash? Damn that's a real moment of commitment.

Thank You, Classmates

Contrary to the Forbes article regarding alumni contribution rates, Wabash alumni giving has been 40% or greater for 10 consecutive years. **Thank You** to the 46 classmates and partners who have contributed already in the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

Nelson and Debbie Bahler 1832	Ed Bell
Allen and Sandra Boone	David Brannin
Marilyn Brown ^	Jack Brumbaugh
Mike Butler 1832	Linda Claffey ^
Jeremy Coffman	Philip Coons and Elizabeth Bowman
Edward Culver and Ingrid Ritchie	Paul and Pamela Cunningham USAF Ret. 1832
Dave and Penelope Decker 1832	Clark and Sherry Dickerson
John and Nancy Evans USMC (Ret.)	Mike and Gail Fortier
Steve and Cindy Gollhofer 1832	John and Judy Hart
Rick and Frieda Helm	Dennis and Mary Henry
Duane and Mary Ann Hile 1832	Jim and Kelly Hover
Wendy and Sandra Kish 1832	Bob Lenneberg
Haines and Janet Lockhart	Steve and Michele Loheide
John and Romello Marshall	Dave and Karen Montieth
John and Virginia Moody	John Newport and Jan Hildebrand
Bob and Marilyn Pinschmidt 1832	Alan Pyle 1832
Robbie and Marcy Robinson	Jim and Becky Rushton 1832
Jerry and Margie Schaefer 1832	Mike and Linda Seifried
Fred Siegel 1832	Roger and Marsha Smith
Bob and Carrie Sonnemaker	John Sturman Jr.
Phil and Mary Trueblood	Joel and Dyann Wesp 1832
Andy and Susan Williams 1832	Fadia Williamson ^
Alan and Susan Witte 1832	Steve and Janine Wood

You can add your name to the list on Wabash's Day of Giving on Wednesday, April 24, or any time before the College's fiscal year ends on June 30.

Deep Thoughts

How do you milk sheep? Introduce a new iPhone and charge \$2000 for it.

If you lose a sock in the dryer, it comes back as a Tupperware lid that doesn't fit any of your containers.

Today's science lesson on chromosomes: xx, female; xy, male; yyy, Delilah.

Athletic News

Wrestling: On March 1 and 2 Wabash finished in second place out of 19 teams competing at the **DIII Central Region Tournament**, scoring a total of 155 points. Baldwin Wallace won the team title with 193 points. Ohio Northern finished in third place with 138.5 points.

(More details -- <https://sports.wabash.edu/news/2024/3/13/wabash-sending-six-to-2024-ncaa-diii-wrestling-national-championship-tournament-this-weekend.aspx>)

Six Wabash College wrestlers represented the Little Giant team at the 2023 NCAA Division III National Championship Tournament March 15-16 in La Crosse, Wisconsin. There are 123 D3 wrestling teams divided into 6 regions. Only the top 3 placers (18 wrestlers per each of the 10 weights classes) advance to the national tournament.

Tim Smith and Chase Baczek captured individual titles in their weight classes. Baczek entered the weekend as the favorite at 184 pounds and showed why he earned the top seed. Ranked number two in the latest National Wrestling Coaches Association poll, he captured his second consecutive regional title. Smith won his first regional title and trip to the nationals.

Evan Burge earned a second consecutive trip to the national tournament with a second-place finish at this year's regional event. Jesse Herrera placed second at 165 pounds to claim a spot in the national tournament for the first time in his career.

James Day garnered a second consecutive berth in the national tournament with a third-place finish at 125 pounds. Daniel Uribe returns to the national tournament for the third year in a row after earning a third-place finish at 149 pounds.

The **DIII National Tournament** on March 15 and 16 it was a rough weekend for Wabash, finishing 20th of 66 teams represented. We had one All-American: unseeded sophomore James Day finished 3rd at 125#. He beat the #5 seed in his first match, then beat #4, then lost to #1 and national champ, then beat #3, then beat #4 again for 3rd place. (More details: <https://sports.wabash.edu/news/2024/3/17/day-earns-all-america-honors-with-third-place-finish-at-wrestling-championships.aspx>)

Football. Wabash College alumnus and standout high school football coach Jake Gilbert '98 will join the College's football coaching staff as defensive coordinator for the 2024 season. Thereafter, Gilbert will take over for Don Morel as the head coach in 2025, ensuring a smooth transition for the next chapter of this storied football program.

From 2006-10, Gilbert served as an assistant coach at Wabash, handling offensive line duties in 2006-07 and serving as the defensive coordinator from 2008-10. In that span, the Little Giants posted a 46-10 (.821) record with three NCAA Division III Playoff appearances. (Full article: <https://sports.wabash.edu/news/2024/3/11/gilbert-98-returns-to-wabash-college-as-associate-head-football-coach.aspx>)

Basketball. The team won the conference regular season title and playoffs to qualify for the national tournament of 64 teams, but received no points in the final ranking. They lost 74-79 OT to Coe in the first of six rounds; Coe then lost their next game.

Spring sports. That means a southern trip to avoid northern winter!! Why not play a spring sport? As of this date (and now back in the north), it's been a rugged start, except for the lacrosse team, which is 6-1. Obviously this a relatively new Wabash sport, even though it's existed for a long time. If you are not familiar with the game, here are two observations: 1. All though it is considered a sport, to some it is just a fraternity activity that got out of hand, and 2. It is a lot like chess, but played outdoors and with helmets.

NCAC addition. In case you've not read any of the numerous articles on the subject, John Carroll is leaving the OAC to join our conference. Comments on the d3football.com website strongly suggest that JCU is leaving because of annual football loses to Mt. Union and being runner-up in the standings. The comments are very interesting and generally question the rationale of this move, as well as the competitiveness of the NCAC.

Given the fact that JCU has won the OAC men's all-sports trophy for the past eight years those claims might be valid. Of further note, JCU's consistent success in football and basketball could provide new NCAC champions in both sports. The JCU wrestling team has been strong historically, but Wabash has enjoyed success for many recent years against JCU in the regional and national tournaments.

Coaching numbers, for comparison:

<u>school</u>	<u>football</u>	<u>wrestling</u>	<u>basketball</u>
JCU	13	7	5
Wabash	8	5	4
DPU#	5 *	--	4

* (According to their website)

(An ugly statistic -- 2 straight Bell wins, 3 of last 4)

Putting athletics aside for a moment, one of the qualifications for admission to the NCAC has been the presence of and emphasis on a Phi Beta Kappa chapter. JCU does not have one! In fact the only Ohio D3 schools that do, outside the NCAC, are Case Western Reserve U. and Marietta College, both of which seem to be better fits with the NCAC.

Further, JCU has a substantial portion of the student body as commuters from the greater Cleveland area. None of the NCAC members is a commuter-college. Enrollment in undergrad is roughly 3,200, considerably larger than NCAC members.

Something must have changed in the NCAC membership requirements for the admission of JCU to the conference?? Curiouser and curiouser . . .

In Memoriam

IN LOVING MEMORY

Dr. William Michael “Mike” Harvey



Dr. William Michael “Mike” Harvey, 78, passed away on January 7, 2024, in St. Louis, Missouri. Mike was a wonderful husband, father, father-in-law, papa, son, brother, friend, and veterinarian who was deeply loved and will be terribly missed but always cherished and remembered.

Mike was born in Junction City, Kansas, on June 11, 1945, to Helen and Warren Harvey. He attended Arsenal Technical High School in Indianapolis, Indiana, where he was on the football, basketball, and track teams in addition to serving as Class President his junior and senior years. Mike then went on to Wabash College where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree majoring in Biology and minoring in Psychology. He was Head Dorm Counselor, Senior Council Vice President, and member of the football team, track team, Eta Sigma Phi Honor Society, and Blue Key Honor Society. After graduating from Wabash College in 1967, Mike married his high school sweetheart, Donna Burnette, and they moved to West Lafayette, Indiana, where Mike attended Veterinary School at Purdue University. During Mike’s final year at Purdue, his daughter, Tina, was born and following graduation in 1971, Mike, Donna, and Tina moved to St. Louis, Missouri, where Mike would reside and practice veterinary medicine for the next 52 years.

Mike began his career at Lemay Animal Hospital during which time his second daughter, Kimberly, was born. Mike worked at Lemay Animal Hospital for 15 years until, in 1986, he decided to open his own practice and that is when Lemay Plaza Veterinary Clinic was established. For over 50 years, Dr. Harvey or “Doc” as many called him gave his heart and soul to the veterinary profession. He never retired because he loved his work so much and at the age of 78, he was still a practicing veterinarian. He loved the community, he loved the relationships he built with clients, many of whom have been with him for countless years, and, of course, he loved his four-legged friends.

If you knew Mike, you probably also knew all about his wife, his kids, and especially his grandkids. He loved them fiercely and never missed an opportunity to brag about them to anyone and everyone. Mike was preceded in death by his parents, Helen and Warren Harvey; his in-laws, Betty and Harold Jacobs; and his brother, Thomas Harvey.

Mike is survived by his wife of 56 years, Donna Harvey (nee Burnette); daughters Tina (Randy) Pickens and Kimberly (Marc) Harvey-Manus; grandchildren Kristine, Katie, and Caleb Pickens; pets and grandpets Chelsie, Grayce, Mowgli, Louie, Berry, Bronco, and Delilah; sister Susan (Mark) Minges; sister-in-law Kim (Hebbeler) Harvey; nephews Jason (Rhonda) Furry and Scott (Kathie) Furry as well as many extended family, friends, clients, and fur babies.



John William Carry

JUNE 20, 1945 – DECEMBER 10, 2023

OBITUARY

John William Carry, age 78, a decorated Vietnam combat veteran, dedicated lawyer, and devoted family man, peacefully departed this world at his home in Osprey, Florida on December 10th, 2023 surrounded by his loving family.

Known for his dedication to justice and his service to our nation, he also found solace and joy in the pursuits of hunting, fishing, and his love for the American West. His legacy of valor, legal acumen, and his charming personality, humor, charisma, and wit will be forever cherished.

He is survived by his devoted wife, Dawn, his daughter Emily, his son, Benjamin, his grandson Seamus and his sister, Janeth. John's love and life lessons have left their mark on those fortunate enough to know him. May he rest in peace.

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I hope you are all well and enjoying spring! Please send news about yourself or comments to me at hilehmc@aol.com.

Duane