



Class Agents Letter

Class of 1967

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Dear Classmates,

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Classmate News and Comments

The passing of classmate: **Arthur Hegewald:**

Art was born in New Albany on August 5th, 1945 and died in Panama City, Florida on August 29th, 2023 from complications related to his ALS diagnosis.

Art graduated from Wabash College, and served 3 years in the Peace Corp on Ifalik, an island in Micronesia. His career was with the Department of Corrections in Indiana and he retired after his 40 years of service.

Art enjoyed traveling and spending time with his family. He is survived by his wife Linda, son Spencer, and daughter Morgan, 2 sisters, and a brother, and grandchildren.



A thought-provoker from **Tom Werner**:

I hope Division 3 sports haven't been impacted too much by today's "big business... win at all costs... transfer at will" environment.

Nothing better than watching student athletes competing on a beautiful fall afternoon. I no longer feel this with Division 1.

Elimination of the transfer portal sit out a year requirement...agents... signing multi-million \$\$\$ endorsement contracts...jump to the pros after one season... realignment of traditional conferences....have destroyed any emotional attachment I had.

A Family Legacy from **Phil Coons**:

I noticed that the Bachelor article noting our arrival at Wabash mentioned my brother Steve as a new admissions counselor. In addition, both my father Harold and his father Merle had graduated from Wabash.

This year I began a stint as a member of the Board of the Wabash College Global Health. This past summer I traveled to Pikeville, Kentucky to visit with two of our GHI interns who were working with SOAR (Shaping Our Appalachian Region), a local nonprofit devoted to the betterment of 59 Appalachian counties in SE Kentucky.

Larry Landis (from the Wabash website):

The President's Distinguished Speaker Series is funded by generous alumni and friends, including **Larry Landis '67**, with a goal of bringing thought-leaders to campus to inspire conversations far beyond classroom walls. The PDSS will also help bring to campus Vanessa Otero, founder of [Ad Fontes Media](#) and the [Media Bias Chart](#), September 19-20, and Dr. Richard Reeves, best-selling author of *Of Boys and Men: Why the Modern Male Is Struggling, Why It Matters, and What to Do about It*, February 19-20, 2024.

More All-American Honors

David Montieth is continuing his championship performances as one of the all-time outstanding Little Giant athletes.

Dave set the record for the High Jump at Wabash 7 times beginning at 6' 2" and finally locked in at 6' 8" in our Senior year. This record stood for 34 years until 2001. He won the Pete Vaughan Award in our Senior year and was inducted into the Wabash College Athletics Hall of Fame in 2016.

The National Senior Games Championship meet takes place every other year. He competed in the previous 9 track meets and won 8 of them, over 18 years. There are also 2 National Master's Championship meets each year sponsored by the USATF (USA Track and Field) - one indoor and one outdoor event. They are actually a higher level than the Senior Games. When you combine all National Championships in his 5-year age groups, he's won 31 of them!

His best year was when he turned 70, setting both U.S. indoor and outdoor USATF records that still stand today. His outdoor record at 5' 2 1/4" was only 1 cm short of the world record for the 70 - 74 age group. He also won the World Championship meet that year in Australia. Still to this day only 2 men in the world at age 70 or older have jumped higher than he has.

(From Dave) "I would encourage our classmates to consider competing in Senior Games events that occur in every State, plus the Nationals. They have about 20 sports including Archery, Badminton, Basketball, Bowling, Cornhole, Cycling, Golf, Pickleball (the most popular), Power Walk, Race Walk, Road Race, Racquetball, Shuffleboard, Swimming, Table Tennis, Tennis, Track & Field, Triathlon and Volleyball. The only requirements are you have to be 50 or over and only compete in your 5-year age group."



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What is the difference between these two pictures?



Answer: 49 years and 18 inches!



Age 21



Age 71

Max Servies: “Ya gotta have heavy mitts...”

Legendary Coach [Max Servies](#) certainly needs no introduction around Wabash circles, but it helps to recall his amazing contributions to the College. A Crawfordsville native, Coach Max graduated from Wabash in 1958 where he earned letters on the football and wrestling varsity teams. In 1960, he returned to Wabash, taught biology and was assistant football coach for 28 years, athletic director for 33 years, and head wrestling coach for 40 years. Under Max’s leadership, the wrestling team won a national record of 487 dual meets in 38-straight winning seasons, two of which were undefeated. Max coached distinguished student-athletes including many Phi Beta Kappas and numerous All-Americans. It is no overstatement to say that Max Servies developed wrestling into a prominent sport at Wabash.

Max passed away on October 9, 2021, but his indelible memory and spirit live on, thanks to the generosity of Max and his wife, Nancy. In his laid-back, Midwestern accent, Max would often say, “Ya gotta have heavy mitts,” explaining to his players how to get low with knees bent and hands and head up and demonstrating to football players how to best connect with their opponents. [The Max E. Servies “Heavy Mitts” Scholarship](#) is designated as a permanent endowment from which Wabash will award need-based scholarships and provide meaningful support to scores of Wabash men for generations to come.

To honor Max and his Wabash contributions, a group of Wabash Wrestling alumni and fans have issued a challenge to add weight to the Heavy Mitts Fund. Duane Hile ’67, Mark Sutton ’68, Bill Havlin ’84, Marc Lorber ’88, Dr. Dave Stensland ’91, Dr. Anthony Inzerello ’93, Dr. Dan Emerson ’98, Dr. Bill Hoover ’99, Dr. Matt Kriech ’00, Dr. Joe Scanlon ’03, Dr. Chris Healy ’05, Drew McCoy ’05, David Miller H’05, and Dr. Garrett Thiel ’08 will match all donations up to a total of \$12,000.

These men invite you to join the Wabash wrestling and football communities in honoring this legend and "Some Little Giant!"

Click the link below to make your gift in memory of Coach Max Servies, and identify that the donation is for "Scholarships and Financial Aid." We are asking for your support above and beyond your usual Annual Fund or Day of Giving support, and please know how grateful we are for your meaningful consideration. Little Giants always come through, and we know that Max's impact on hundreds, if not thousands, of young men over his 4 to 5 decades reaches deep within the annals of Wabash history.

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Tim '87 and Max '58 Servies in 1976. Both were star student-athletes, campus leaders, and inducted into the Wabash College Athletic Hall of Fame

With assistance from former Professor David Phillips, Max '58 wrote "Some Little Giants," a book detailing the history of Wabash College athletics from its start in 1865 through the 2017 season.

Speaking of Wrestling

Sad news from Wabash AD: [Brian Anderson](#) (you may click on this link for more details) leaves Wabash **as the most successful all-around coach in Wabash history.** Beginning in 2004, he built the Little Giant wrestling team into a nationally ranked program. He led Wabash to five top-five finishes at the national championships, including second in 2022, third in 2015 and 2017, fourth in 2016, and fifth in 2018; and, seven Top Ten finishes in the past ten years. He coached seven national champions, including four-time champ Riley Lefever '17, 27 All-Americans, and Jack Heldt '23, who won the Division III heavyweight championship, the Elite 90 Award, and was named the outstanding scholar-athlete in the graduating class. Coach Anderson's teams were named Scholar All-American teams 11 times.

"Coach Anderson built Little Giant Wrestling into a consistent championship contender over nearly two decades," Tanney said. "He left his imprint on the program, not only through our scholar-athletes' many achievements on and off the mat, but also spurred the development of the Shelbourne Wrestling Center, one of the premier wrestling facilities in all of NCAA Division III. We wish Brian well on the next phase of his career."

Coach Anderson leaves Wabash to become the Executive Director of the Indiana Regional Training Center in Bloomington, Indiana, which provides opportunities for athletes of all age levels in training, education, and competition to promote the Olympic dream.

*(Personal note from **Duane**: I met Brian upon his arrival at Wabash and had the pleasure of getting to know him on both a personal and a Wabash level. His efforts were successful not only as the head wrestling coach and outstanding Wabash recruiter, but also for his extremely popular summer wrestling camps, which drew over 500 wrestlers and numerous "big name" college wrestlers as instructors. Further, his teams were equally top performers in the classroom, as noted by NCAA awards above. He is a terrific individual and will be greatly missed.)*

Wabash Ranked Prominently in Princeton Review's Best 389 Colleges

by Richard Paige • August 15, 2023

Driven by outstanding professors, Wabash College is featured prominently in *The Princeton Review's* listing of the best institutions nationally for undergraduate education in its annual college guide, receiving top-five rankings in eight categories. Inclusion in *The Princeton Review's Best 389 Colleges* indicates that Wabash stands among the top-15 percent of more than 2,500 U.S.-based four-year colleges.

The Princeton Review offers 50 ranking lists, each identifying the top-25 colleges nationally (of the 389 profiled) in those specific categories. The colleges included on these lists are those with a track record of student satisfaction since *The Princeton Review* surveys more than 160,000 students who rate and report on their own campus experiences through an 85-question survey.

The surveys address a range of topics that prospective students might find interesting or ask about on a campus visit, from academics and administration to amenities, politics, and social life. Each ranking is based solely on student survey responses.

On average, *The Princeton Review* surveys more than 400 students per campus in an on-line format. Surveying is a continuous process where students submit surveys online from all schools included in the book. Those surveys can be completed at any time, though the system only accepts one survey from a student per academic year per school.

Wabash appeared in 40% of the 50 lists and ranked in the top-10 in 10 of those, including:

- #1 Most Accessible Professors
- #2 Best Career Services
- #2 Professors Get High Marks
- #2 Top 20 Best Alumni Networks (Private Schools)
- #3 Best College Newspaper
- #3 Most Active Student Government
- #4 Top 20 Best Schools for Internships (Private Schools)
- #5 Great Financial Aid
- #7 Students Love Their School Teams
- #8 Lots of Greek Life
- #12 Best College Theater
- #13 Best Health Services
- #13 Everyone Plays Intramural Sports
- #14 Best Classroom Experience
- #22 Best Student Support and Counseling Services
- #24 Best Athletic Facilities
- #26 Top 50 Best Value Colleges (Private Schools)

Wabash Class of 2027

Jim Hawksworth '95, president of the National Association of Wabash Men, spoke about the College's top-ranked alumni network and said all want to help students succeed during their time here and beyond.

"There is a sense of community here that is difficult to explain, an intangible thing that naturally occurs as you discover what a truly unique place this is," Hawksworth said. "It's a kinship that is generational, borne out of mutual respect people have for each other after accomplishing something great and difficult, no matter the era you graduate. Graduating from Wabash is not easy but it will be worth it, and that pride is unshakable."

"The onus is on you to step out of your comfort zone to act," he said. "You will have countless opportunities to meet and speak with highly successful and interesting alumni who want to see you succeed. Wabash alumni are your biggest advocates—we understand Wabash, we have been in your shoes, and many of us are where we are today because one of our own cared enough to take a chance on us."

The class includes students from 21 states and 10 countries. Four were valedictorians of their high school class and 15 were Eagle Scouts. The average GPA of the class is 3.83.



Wally: The History Behind Wabash's Mascot

In the spirit of Homecoming, and with the help of College Archivist Nolan Eller, here's a look into the history of the Wabash mascot.

<https://www.wabash.edu/news/story/13182>

I hope everyone is doing well and experiencing new (pleasant) experiences. **Please send Earl and me your news and comments.**

Duane