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## Class Agents Letter

### Class of 1968

#### Class Agent

Jim Roper

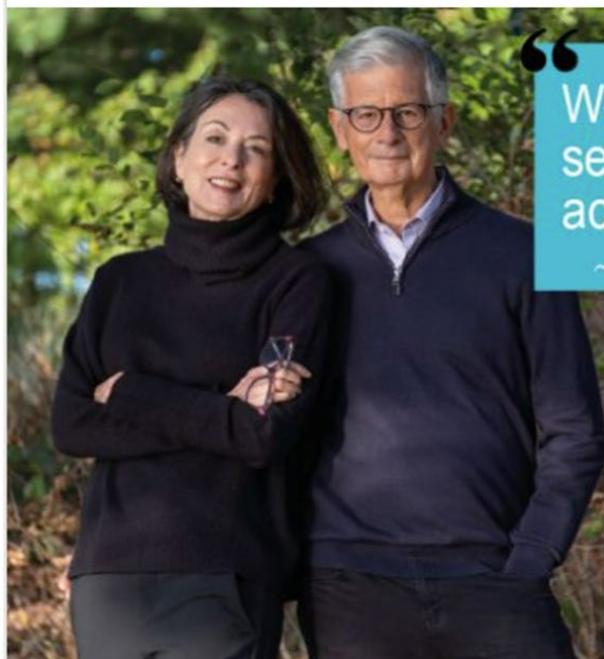
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Dear friends in the Class of 1968,

Wishing everyone the best life has to offer. I plan to attend the Class Agent Forum on September 10, and also the Football game versus North Central, who won D3 a couple of years ago. A few years earlier Wabash made a great come-back victory—went for two and got 'em after a last minute touchdown. Hope to see any 68ers who might be up for a trip to Crawfordsville. If you have news or even if you don't, please send a photo and a few words.

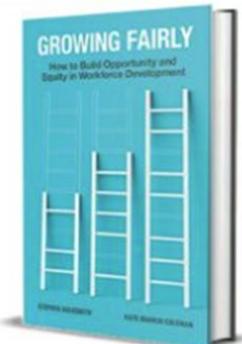
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We hope to convince leaders across sectors that collective community action can make a difference.

~ Stephen Goldsmith & Kate Markin Coleman



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**Happy Father's Day Dad!** You are one great father and grandpa, so glad we got to actually see each other more this last year, looking forward to more coffee and dinner dates! (**Lee Grogg** is at the bottom of the photo!)

## From Tom Bambrey

Hello, Jim. Thanks for your note. I have sent my annual donation to the College. During the Day of Giving we were in the process of moving back to Crawfordsville from Green Valley, Arizona, where we spent 5 and half years. We decided early in the year to sell our house there and move back here close to Wabash (with all its advantages) and to a place where we have many old friends.

We arrived about two months ago with almost no furniture. (It was sold with our home in the desert.) So, a new chapter has begun.

Just as we were being closed down for the pandemic, I began having mysterious health problems. They tested me for almost everything they could think of to no success. Finally, after just over a year of becoming a million-dollar testing man, they discovered that I had a severe blockage in one of the arteries feeding blood to my brain. They operated to insert a stent, and almost immediately the

symptoms disappeared. I have been working for the last year to regain strength, but I feel fine. Ah, the joys of getting up in years.

I registered at Big Bash and attended most of the presentations on Wabash and the military, the future of fraternities, and the state of the College. All the presenters did admirable jobs, with President Feller's words on Wabash being particularly enlightening. (Our future is bright, by the way.)

Anyway, it's good to be back here. We settled in--new furniture and all--and looking forward to the beginning of the academic year and renewed activities on campus.

I hope all is well with you. Thanks for continuing to represent the Class of '68.

Warmest regards, Tom

## Coach Rob Johnson



Rob Johnson H'77: 'A Great Coach and a Great Mentor'

"Coach Johnson has brought people together for more than 50 years," Clyde Morgan said of the College's first-ever Black head coach. Roper adds: He came to Wabash after we left. I've met him. Great guy with a terrific reputation. He cared about people.

Terry Smith - 07-11-22  
Family vacation in Tennessee.

Photographic proof of a slimmer Terry.





07-09-2022 **Van Butler** Fishing. Not catching, just fishing. Staggeringly gorgeous in every direction! Bluebird skies! Blissful day!

During the #VietnamWar era, 1964 to 1973, the U.S. military drafted 2.2 million American men out of an eligible pool of 27 million - only 25 percent of them ended up in the combat zone. Learn more about the draft in this article: <https://wp.me/pRiEw-3Km>



volunteers, and they found them. What was YOUR experience? **1968: Disruptive but awesome times.**

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Roper adds: This was my experience. "ONLY???" That whole life-changing shenanigan meant a lot more than "only." After graduation I got my letter from the draft board.Appealed because I had sworn into the Air Force. '68 was not a good year for the infantry. Threat of the draft filled AF and Navy quotas. Still went to Vietnam as a FAC, took hits. This photo could have been the Chicago induction center. Marine recruiters wandered around these rooms, looking for

## JOHN GOODRICH OBITUARY



John B. Goodrich, age 76, of rural Portland passed away Tuesday morning July 12, 2022 at his residence. John was born in Winchester on November 6, 1945 the son of Perce Gordon and Francis Ann (Hawkins) Goodrich.

He was married on March 24, 1972 to Sarona Mathews who survives. He was owner and operator of J&P Custom Plating in Portland and had been a teacher at Bloomfield Elementary School. He was a 1963 Portland High School graduate and a 1968 Wabash College graduate. He was the current President of Portland Rotary, is a Paul Harris Fellow and managed the Rotary Tree Project. He was a member of First Presbyterian Church, member of Presbyterian Foundation and had taught Sunday school to Jr. and Sr. classes. He served on the Jay County School Board, Board of Directors of John Jay Center, President of Goodrich Family Foundation and served on Jay Community Center Board of Directors. He was awarded Citizen of the Year from Jay County Chamber of Commerce and was founder of Goodrich Brewery. He received an award from Wabash College for being an Alumni Admissions Fellow helping many young men to attend Wabash College where he was a member of Beta Theta Pi Fraternity. John

was an avid Spiderman Enthusiast, enjoyed fishing, living in the woods, trees, working and his family.

**Photo at left: Goodie with Matt Franks. Caption: I wouldn't be the man I am today without your love, advice, encouragement and never ending support! You'll be missed! Wabash Always Fights!**

Surviving are his wife Sarona, two sons J.B. Goodrich of Portland, William Goodrich of Portland, two daughters Meranda Teeter (husband Dave) of Portland and Emily Goodrich of Portland, two sisters Elizabeth Orrill of Madison, IN and Janice Gordon Goodrich Gerson of Lebanon, IN and two grandsons Connor Teeter and Jay Goodrich.

Private family funeral services will be held in the First Presbyterian Church in Portland with burial in the Fountain Park Cemetery in Winchester. Visitation will be Friday from 3:00 – 7:00 PM in the Baird-Freeman Funeral Home. Memorials can be made to the Goodrich Family Foundation. Online condolences at [www.baird-freeman.com](http://www.baird-freeman.com).

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Roper adds: John was a brother and a dear friend. The world is a lesser place.

## **Wabash Raises \$3.9 Million in Record-Setting Fiscal Year**

**by Allie Northcutt • July 13, 2022**

Capping a year packed with giant achievements, alumni, parents, faculty, staff, students, and friends propelled Wabash College to the highest annual fundraising total in the institution's 190-year history. More than \$3.9 million was donated in the 2021-22 fiscal year to the College's Annual Fund, surpassing the record that was set last year by \$300,998.

**And here is a note of thanks from Advancement to those who helped:** Thank you for your significant support of Wabash students during the 2021-2022 fiscal year. By answering the call alongside 4,799 other alumni, you helped the College reach 40% participation for the ninth straight year! Thank you again for your generosity and for your belief that Wabash students are worthy of your support. Now more than ever, I recognize that our students are having such tremendous success not only because of our "Wabash Always Fights" motto that they aspire to live by, but because their liberal arts experience is preparing them to make their homes, workplaces, and communities better places for future generations.

## **NABC Academic Awards**

The National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC) announced a pair of academic awards on Tuesday and five North Coast Athletic Conference (NCAC) men's basketball programs were tabbed with the Team Academic Award, while 24 conference student-athletes earned NABC Honors Court recognition. The Academic Team Award recognizes outstanding academic achievement by a team with a cumulative grade-point average of 3.0 or better for the 2021-22 season. Denison, DePauw, Kenyon, Ohio Wesleyan and **Wabash** were among the 300+ programs listed.

The NABC Honors Court recognizes men's collegiate basketball student-athletes who excelled in academics during the past season. In order to be named to the Honors Court, a student-athlete has to be academically a junior or senior and a varsity player, achieve a cumulative grade point average of 3.2 or higher, must have matriculated at least one year at the current institution and be a member of an NCAA Division I, II, III institution with an NABC member coach.

### **Wabash**

**Ahmoni Jones – Math and Psychology**

**Jack Davidson – Economics**

**Jack Hegwood – Economics**

**Kellen Schreiber - Biology**

**Reis Thomas - Spanish**

**Tyler Watson - Chemistry/Mathematics**



07262022 **Mike Dybel** made it to the top, with Julane Alt. it's quite a trek to visit Neuschwanstein. From the parking lot, it's about 2 miles uphill by hiking, carriage, or bus. You can only visit four floors on the inside on a guided tour.



We did more exploring of Budapest. Just down from the Parliament along the Danube is a memorial of shoes. The Nazis lined the Jewish people along the river, made them take off their shoes, then shot them into the river. The children's shoes in bronze I will not forget. Some country's histories seem more painful than others.

## Wabash a Top College According to Fiske Guide

by Richard Paige • July 29, 2022

Wabash College is listed in the 2023 edition of the Fiske Guide to Colleges as one of the best and most interesting colleges and universities in the United States, Canada, Great Britain, and Ireland. Now in its 39th year, the Fiske Guide uses the unique approach of including insight from current students and supplemental information to deliver an “insider’s view” to college-bound students and their parents. Of the Wabash College experience, the Fiske Guide writes that brotherhood, “is an important part of the Wabash experience, and few co-ed schools can match the loyalty of Wabash alumni.



That's Wayne Kornas on the right, grandson on the left. Not sure who that is in the middle. 07-30-22

## Wabash College

### Ken is the Class Agent for '69—a good guy!



Kenneth Crawford's '69 admiration of research is what motivated him to take a giant step for Wabash students and faculty and establish the Crawford

Standardbred Farm Division I Research Fund. “I believe, if we can supply more resources — whether that be the lab equipment and text books or cost to attend a conference — then I’m sure we’ll see even more high-quality students pursue and thrive as scientists at Wabash and beyond.”

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**Mike Gallagher 8-4-22**

Me and the Bitterroot. The river was formerly called the Clark River, named after the Lewis and Clark expedition which came through here in 1805.

Beautiful shot of Mike Dybel and castle at Neuschwanstein. It was one of the checkpoints when we hung wing tanks on the A-10 once a quarter. Usually we did a Swiss border check—without the inertial nav system—had to read the map. The joke (told by faster jets) was—you ran out of crew rest. I flew 5 years in Europe, plus two non-flying tours. Visited a lot of history there, including Neuschwanstein. The Germans had a low-fly watcher device called Flycatcher—really a modified Gephard anti-aircraft gun—and they “caught” me at 85 feet in a 100 foot area. Hey, I was in a bank in the photo they sent.

Time flies. If you have a story to tell, or if you don't, send a photo for the next letter. What are you up to? Kids? Pets? Travels? Any Wabash tales? ETC? Please send and make the letter better.

Yours in Wabash,  
Jim Roper '68