



## **Class Agents Letter**

**Class of 1968**

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**Dear friends in the Class of 1968,**

Here is a report of what the usual suspects are up to. Lately, I taught my twins to drive—it's dangerous out there! People in Colorado seem to drive like they haven't a care. Like teenagers. I signed up for block captain for our new neighborhood watch program. Life isn't as simple as it used to be! Please let me know what you are up to. Your classmates really want to know. Read on ...

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### **From the Wrestling Newsletter -- Season Preview**

Wabash Wrestling is coming off its tenth top-ten finish in the decade, a feat that many teams have not accomplished. This year's squad is looking to continue the consistency that the program has been known for nationwide.

However, this year may look a little different. Former head coach Brian Anderson will not be with the team this year. Starting this year, he will now be executive director at the Indiana RTC in Bloomington, IN at the University of Indiana. Anderson will join 4X DIII NCAA Champion Riley Lefever in helping young athletes chase their world and Olympic dreams. Anderson coached Wabash for 19 seasons, with 35 All Americans and 8 NCAA Champions, most recently being Jack Heldt who won the 2023 NCAA championships at heavyweight.

Leading the charge this year will be Interim Head Coach Jake Fredricksen along with Assistant coaches Dan Del Gallo and Max Bishop.





Enjoyed a visit today with my (2 mos.) granddaughter, Mina. Adam and Yan are doing a great job with the help of Yan's mother and father who are visiting for 6 months from Shanghai! Mina, wo ai ni (Mina, I love you)!! ❤️



Michael enjoyed visiting with the Lego family outside.

**Wabash College received the sad news of the passing of classmate Arthur Hegewald. His obituary follows. ARTHUR HEGEWALD, 78**

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.

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**“Iron Mike” Gallagher**



Hiking at 9000 feet along the Tuolumne river in Yosemite.

JR adds: Exactly what I did before my government-funded trip to Asia in 1970. Beautiful there.





**Happy Anniversary, Clause Wise!**

**These bits and pieces come from Ron Dostal '92, who is the new helpful Director of Alumni and Affinity Group Engagement,** replacing Steve Hoffman who has moved to Senior Major Gifts in Advancement:

For the next virtual After the Bell, Warren Rosenberg H'98, Emeritus Professor of English, will present *Movies and Masculinity: Exodus* (1960), *Munich* (2005), and *Me* on Thursday, January 18 at 7:30 p.m. EST. Register here: <https://www.wabash.edu/events/afterthebell-rosenberg/>

Wabash College has joined a partnership designed to help students explore multiple disciplines in the tech industry guided by active professionals. <https://www.wabash.edu/news/story/13208>

Wabash quarterback Liam Thompson was named one of 16 finalists selected by the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame for the 2023 William V. Campbell Trophy. He's a rhetoric major and film and digital media and Spanish double-minor with a 3.87 cumulative grade point average. <https://www.wabash.edu/news/story/13198>

The Wabash On My Mind podcast talks with Dr. Derek Nelson, the 43rd LaFollette Lecturer and Chair of the Religion Department, discussing the relationship between woodworking and theology and a funny thing about productivity. <https://www.wabash.edu/news/story/13209>

Wabash has long welcomed students who were the first in their families to attend college. Currently, approximately 30% of current students are first-generation. Additionally, 20% of faculty and staff and more than half of its deans were first-generation college students. Here's an interview with a few current first-gen students: <https://www.wabash.edu/news/story/13203>

Seth Kirkpatrick '24 didn't rest on his laurels as the reigning champion in this year's Moot Court competition, the 30th. He made improvements and won again. <https://www.wabash.edu/news/story/13200>

Chase Breaux '24 has racked up accolades at a pace that easily makes him one of the most awarded students in Wabash's history. Now, the political science major and Black studies minor from Houston, Texas, can add another major accomplishment to his resume: Rhodes Scholarship finalist. <https://www.wabash.edu/news/story/13201>

Indianapolis-based Eli Lilly and Company continues to provide an excellent pipeline of internships and career opportunities for Wabash men.

<https://www.wabash.edu/news/story/13196>

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**This is the final letter for 2023. Hope all goes well for you and yours. Please drop a line about what you are up to. We really want to know. Also, take good care of yourselves. Let's hope the world calms down a bit in 2024.**

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**Jim Roper '68**