

Class of 1968

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Dear Friends in the Class of 1968,

Great to be alive these days. Life is good in Colorado Springs. When I complain to my doctor, he reminds me of my dear friends and veteran friends who did not get a chance to grow old. Fair enough. We look at Wabash sports this time. Hope you are all getting those health screens. There's a pill for everything these days. Take good care and read on ...



Our first night in Montreal we thoroughly enjoyed a hockey game between the Montreal Canadiens and Dallas Stars. I didn't realize the Canadiens were the very first team in the NHL. The Centre Bell arena is very similar in size and setup to Chicago's United Center and their intro highlights their original team status. We had a blast!

October 31 **Dan Vannatter**

Wabash College was notified earlier this week of the passing of classmate Stanley Strickler in July 2021. His obituary follows:

Stanley M. Strickler, 74, of Peoria passed away Sunday, July 4, 2021, at OSF St. Francis Medical Center in Peoria. He was born November 7, 1946, in Peoria to Orvel and Marguerite Fuchs Strickler. His parents preceded him in death. He is survived by his sons, Geoffrey (Erika) Strickler, Nathaniel (Ava) Strickler; grandchildren, Clara, Thea, Zoe, Zev; sister, Velma Crowley, and former wife, Dorothy Strickler. Stan served in the U.S. Army and worked as an English Teacher for Stark County High School retiring in 2003. He directed the plays and coached the Speech Team. Stan loved his family. He was very involved with his church where he served as an Elder. He also served on the Christian Education, Session, and Worship & Arts Committees. He loved plays, musicals and reading. Cremation has been accorded and a memorial service will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, July 10, 2021 with visitation one hour prior at United Presbyterian Church 2400 W. Northmoor Road, Peoria, IL 61614. The Cremation Society of Mid-Illinois Co. Pekin/Peoria is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be made at csmico.com.

Jason Lost Annie

Jason Reed from Chalmers, Indiana, a Beta at Wabash. has been a Methodist Minister since Wabash. After eighteen miraculous years of survival with stage four cancer, Jason Reed's bride, Ann, died on August 1. Also, Jason said, "To honor Ann's heart and values in this season, I offer a verse from O Come, O Come, Emmanuel:

O come, Desire of nations bind

All peoples in one heart and mind.

From dust thou brought us froth to life;

Deliver us from earthly strife.



11-30-2022 **Terry Smith** and his clan.

Bell Game and Memories

Roper sez: I watched what I could of the Bell Game on TV in Denver with **Dr. John Hudson**, my Wabash roomie at the Beta House. John is looking and feeling good these days because of regular trips to the gym. Like me, he does “Core” workouts. Some of those tiny muscles along your spine seem to atrophy if you don’t bend and stretch them. Back to the game--could somebody please tell me what the linebackers are doing? (I played linebacker.) The Wabash QB is strong, the line is young but big, Maybe the game has changed Did anyone else catch the Division III Championship game and the semi-finals on TV? North Central went about business as usual, and beat a strong Mount Union team—much like they did to Wabash earlier this fall. I watched that one in person. North Central showed strong at every position. IMHO.

Refer a Young Man to Wabash

If you know a young man who might be a fit, please contact Nikki Galloway, Admission Operations Manager, at gallowan@wabash.edu or 765-361-6374.

Wabash College 12-10-2022

Wabash broke a pair of school records and earned 24 top-ten finishes at Saturday's Titan First Chance indoor track and field meet. The Little Giants scored 81.66 team points to finish second out of 11 programs competing at the season lid lifter. <https://sports.wabash.edu/.../track-and-field-school...>

From Harry Staley

Hello Jim. Thanks for the email. I always enjoy the class letter with updates and pictures of classmates. Here's my news: Lisa and I just celebrated our 40th wedding anniversary in Nov. We live now in Holland, MI after stints in Champaign, IL and Indianapolis. We have lately spent Jan-Mar on Seabrook Island, SC. I retired from a practice of Rheumatology Dec 31, 2021. The last 6 years of practice were with Holland Hospital. We spend our time now between seeing a daughter in Plymouth, IN and a daughter and only grandchild in Lander, WY. We travel frequently with friends and have become very close friends with **Alan and Connie Hatfield**. There is always an adventure when Alan and I share a project. I will include a few photos. Enjoyed Home Coming this year. The College seems to be on a great track for the future. Thank you for keeping the great class of 1968 together. **Harry**



Nice! 12-23-22 Van and Mary Butler



Wayne Kornas's Clan. 12-25-22



I THINK this is Mike Dybel. 12-25-2022

Wabash Winter Sports Looking Good--from the Athletics web



Wabash opened the new year with a dominant **road victory** over Illinois Wesleyan University. The Little Giants scored **seven first-place finishes** on the way to a 142-78 win over the host Titans.

01152023 Wabash won **ten of the 14 events** at Saturday's Robert H. Johnson "Some Little Giant" Indoor Track and Field Invitation.





Wabash earned 11 top-eight finishes, including three individual champions, to **capture the team title** at Saturday's Manchester University Spartan Mat Classic. The Little Giants finished **first out of 18 teams**.

The Wabash volleyball team opened its **third varsity season** with a pair of road victories Saturday afternoon. The Little Giants defeated Maranatha Baptist University 3-0 in the opening match before scoring a 3-0 win against Rockford University on that team's home court.



(We played Jungle Volleyball at Pleiku. No rules. Somebody left the net out overnight, and it was stolen.)



"Iron Mike" Gallagher 01-28-23

Dinner on the beach in Mexico at Sunset

Mike Dybel

01-21-23



Happy Lunar New Year!!! Enjoying dim sum with Adam and Yan at MingHin Cuisine in Arlington Heights, IL. Wishing my many friends in Japan, China, and Hong Kong a prosperous, healthy, and lucky new year!

I'm calling this a wrap. Big Breaking News is the Big Bash this year honors classes that end in 3 or 8, so **we are up for our 55th**. Please circle 2-4 June on your calendar, and make plans to gather at Wabash. Jim Millikin and I are planning to go and we'd like to encourage all of our classmates to attend...just for the fun of it!! You can see the schedule, who's coming, and register at wabash.edu/bigbash. Take good care.

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