

Class of 1974

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Men of '74:

A successful Big Bash 2023 is in the history books and planning for Big Bash 2024 will now dominate reunion planning for the next 12 months. Our 50<sup>th</sup> reunion will be the premier event the weekend of May 31 – June 2, 2024.

Due to a personal conflict, Bill O'Bryan, has stepped down as our Phi Delta Theta fraternity representative; however, Mike Eckerle, has agreed to “pick up” his brother and serve as our liaison with the Phi Deltas. Welcome Mike!

If you haven't already heard, effective July 1, 2023, Ron Dostal '92 (Delta Tau Delta) will assume the role of Alumni Director and Director of Affinity Engagement at the College. Steve Hoffman will move over to serve as a Senior Major Gifts and Special Projects Officer. Here is the link to the story: <https://www.wabash.edu/news/story/13140>.

I (Paul) attended the Friday activities at Big Bash '23 along with my South Bend friend and fellow alumnus, John Mynsberge '72. Although I wanted to scout out Big Bash in anticipation of our 50<sup>th</sup>, the primary reason for my attendance was to hear my son Ryan '00 and his classmate, Greg Thomas '00, give their symposium talk entitled “Winning isn't Everything: How the Stories Shape the Impact of Small-College Sports.” With obvious bias, I thought it was a compelling and enjoyable presentation.

John and I ran into Dr. David Hadley in the library. Dr. Hadley was John's advisor at Wabash. We also saw Dr. John Zimmerman H'67 walking across the mall. Speaking of Dr. Z, there's a great story about a group of alums, including our classmate John Van Drie, who surprised him by establishing a fund in his name as part of the Giant Steps Campaign. Here's the story: [https://giantsteps.wabash.edu/?pagetype=news&news\\_ID=13014](https://giantsteps.wabash.edu/?pagetype=news&news_ID=13014)

We enjoyed sitting down and speaking with former head cross country and track and field coach, Rob Johnson, H'77 and Hall of Fame runner, Dick Bowerman '72. They had some stories to tell including about Coach J. Owen Huntsman.

If that wasn't enough cross country and track conversation for one day, we sat down with "Sugar" Ray White '73 and his nephew for a drink outside the Sparks Center before heading home for the day. When I asked Ray how he got involved with the steeplechase (DIII national champion 1972), he said Coach Huntsman told him he would never beat Bowerman in the 5,000 or 10,000 meter races so if he didn't want to always finish second, he may want to think about the steeplechase.

Mark attended Saturday's activities, thus we had both days covered.

We would really like to hear from you guys so we can let other members of the class know what has happened with you over the last 50 years. Our TEKE living unit rep, Jim Hand, is recovering from a recent hernia operation. Get well soon Jim! Jim sent the following update from Steve Nelson. I've copied it verbatim.

WHAT I'M UP TO-----As of late May, 2023, I'm in the last few weeks of a cardiac rehab class. It includes an hour of gym exercise three days a week, and cooking/lifestyle classes for an hour on those same days. The rehab helps a lot, because I had surgery late last year concerning two infected heart valves.

WHERE I LIVE-----A year after I retired (retirement was early 2017), we sold our house in Fishers, IN and upsized to a house in Eustis, FL (about 25 miles northwest of Orlando in Lake County). As the name suggests, Lake County has lots of freshwater lakes. We were tired of snow and ice.

CAREER-----After graduating from Wabash and from the Indiana University School of Law in Indianapolis (now the IU McKinney School of Law), I worked briefly in private practice doing insurance trial work and utilities representation, then as an in-house attorney for a large title company. My final landing spot was Internal Revenue Service. I took accounting courses at night, passed the CPA exam in 1994, and became an appeals officer, settling civil tax disputes and doing some mediations.

FAMILY-----Married with 3 furkids (all chows).

INTERESTS-----After sitting at desks for so many years, I now enjoy moving around a lot (particularly, swimming, walking and bicycle riding). Travel also is enjoyable. We want to return to Europe next year and do a river cruise.

WHO I KEEP UP WITH-----Jim Hand from our class year, Charles Rudesill (1973) and Geoff Rudesill (1975).

WOULD LIKE TO HEAR FROM-----Any and all Tekes from the Class of 1974.

In closing, we want to thank the members of the Class of '74, spouses and friends who have made a donation to the College thus far this fiscal year. You still have until June 30, 2023 to get your name on this list.

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June 30 not only marks the end of the College's fiscal year, but it concludes the Giant Steps Campaign, which has raised more than \$274 million and endowed more than 112 new funds. The folks in Advancement tell us that we need 330 more alumni to make a gift by the end of the month to reach 40% participation for the tenth straight year. So if you haven't yet made your gift this year, please consider supporting Wabash and helping us remain the envy of our peer colleges and universities. You can make a gift online at [wabash.edu/give](http://wabash.edu/give).

Drop us a note,

Paul and Mark