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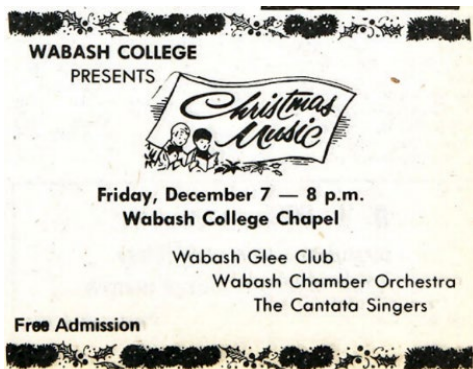
Hi Classmates – This will be the most brief class letter we've had in some time. Of course, you are receiving appeals from Wabash to make a contribution to the college before year's end. Given the terrific showing in the stock market (one of my IRAs is up like 16% this year), it might also be financially advantageous for you to make a donation of appreciated stock or other assets to the college. I'm not a financial **advisor**, but David Troutman or other members of the Advancement staff can help if you want to make an impactful end-of-year contribution to Wabash using those resources. You can reach David at troutmand@wabash.edu or email giving@wabash.edu.

But I can offer some opinions on people. At the end of 1910, General William Booth – founder of the Salvation Army – was an invalid. He was unable to attend the annual Salvation Army's annual convention. One of Booths' staffers suggested that he send a telegram instead. That's what he did.

But telegraphs were expensive back then. Western Union charged by the word. Booth's solution was ingenious, and it gives us a lesson we could live by today.

In front of thousands of delegates, the convention moderator announced that Booth could not be present, but he had sent a telegram to be read at the start of the first session. The moderator opened the message and read just one word.

Others! Remember others this holiday season.



Swimmers Win

Coach Doug Landgraf was more than pleased with his squads' 60 - 53 victory over the host Valpo Crusaders last Saturday. It was the first time the Little Giants had ever beaten the team from the north.

At Valpo they won six of the 13 events but captured both relays. Top Wabasher was Tim Parkin with two diving victories, and freshman Dave Lautz got second in both of these. Parkin's 396.25 total already qualifies him for NCAA college championship competition.

Joe Gawrys, Phil Bly, Paul Firth and Mike Barber took the 400 medley relay with Joe's leadoff time of 58.2 setting a Valpo pool record. Gawrys also won the 200 backstroke in 2:11. Freshman Karl Lawall won the 50 freestyle in 23.5, Barber being clocked in the same time for second.

Dan Scheerer and Bob Dickson helped keep Wabash close enough to overtake the Crusaders in the 400 freestyle relay. Scheerer did hit best ever in the 200 butterfly (2:09.2) for a second, and Dickson swam to a school record 51.8 in the 100 freestyle for second behind ICC champ Greg Turpin.

The score was 53 - 53 going into the final relay. Scheerer, Barber, Dickson and freshman Mike Murphy went for Wabash in the 400 freestyle relay, and never more than a yard separated the teams. The 3:29.4 was a Wabash record.

The Little Giants have a dual at 7:30 p.m. tonight at Ball State before their home opener at 2 p.m. Saturday with DePauw.

Left to Right: Christmas concert Dec 1973, picture of special bourbon being prepared for our 50th reunion (more next class letter) and story mentioning some of our '77 swimmers from December 1973 *The Bachelor*.

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