



Class Agents Letter

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Greetings 1978 Classmates:

We are now officially beginning our 5 year journey to our 50th reunion. It was great seeing many of you at the 45th reunion. We had a memorable class dinner, entertaining and solemn at times, as we remembered some friends and our days on campus.

We were clearly the best at chapel sing, but they gave the award to the class that donated \$15 million!

Big Bash next year will be May 31 – June 2, 2024: [Schedule of Events | Big Bash | Wabash College](#) If you make it to C'ville for the Monon Bell Game in November, be on the lookout for classmates and say 'hello'! A memory: November 12, 1977: Wabash 30 - 'Other Team' 6.

We are all influenced by our college experiences, perhaps even more so by the uniqueness of Wabash. We would like to believe that we orchestrate our life success, but more likely we are the product of many people and experiences. For many of us, the most formative years are those of college.

So, for some of the people who attended the 45th reunion, we learned of both good and some unpleasant experiences while at Wabash that changed them for life.

If you are up to sharing some of your own meaningful experiences, shoot us an email.

Meanwhile, here are some life updates from your classmates. We would like to recognize Bob Grand for his efforts in personally locating and contacting many of those who sent updates.

Starting with Alex and Mark:

Alex Antalis is living in retirement with wife Jan on Walloon Lake in Petoskey Michigan after 32 years of practice in Emergency Medicine in Fort Wayne IN. I enjoy cycling and old cars, my rock and roll band and finally getting to travel.



Mark and Sandy Stuaan celebrated their 45th anniversary this past June, and greatly enjoy time they get to spend with their soon-to-be eight year old granddaughter. Mark continues to practice law in Indianapolis focusing on criminal defense and related work. He is also a member of the adjunct faculty at IU McKinney School of Law teaching classes in Evidence and White Collar Crime. Retirement is not far off - - that's what she said.

Charlie Fischer: "Just recently, well in last few years, we moved to Indianapolis from Fort Wayne. Living in the Nora area (we may be neighbors) approaching my 43rd wedding anniversary this week. I live blocks apart from my two of my daughters, the other lives in San Diego. I still see several Wabash College football games and follow all LG teams on the Internet religiously. My address is 8440 Broadway 46240, phone 260 425 0950. Always great to hear from a Wabash brother."

Ron Smith: "Married to Deborah Mangum (married last year); live in Pine Knoll Shores, NC; retired and enjoying our paradise, living on an island - how can you not enjoy that? Enjoy the beach, boating, golf and visiting our five grandchildren in California and Florida

Paul Schepers: "After leaving Crawfordsville, I worked on an assembly line for a 15 months, before enrolling in Kansas University School of Law in the fall of 1979. Upon graduating in May of 1982 I joined the Seigfreid Bingham firm, where I still work today."

My Bio on the firm website reads:

With 40 years of experience in commercial litigation and dispute avoidance and resolution, Paul Schepers has built his practice on a foundation of mutual respect and trust with clients. Paul prides himself on competence, trust, and commitment to protecting the client's best interest. Through the course of his career, Paul has been involved in many high profile matters including the representation of Health Midwest in litigation with the Attorneys General of Missouri and Kansas over the billion dollar sale of Health Midwest's assets to HCA. Seigfreid Bingham has represented the late Lamar Hunt's business interests in Kansas City over the entire period Paul has worked for the firm. Over the years Paul has played a leading role in several matters the firm was engaged to handle for Mr. Hunt's companies, including the Kansas City Chiefs Football Club.

Paul was lead counsel for Marcus Allen in his defense against the efforts of O.J. Simpson's defense attorneys to force Mr. Allen to testify in the criminal prosecution of Mr. Simpson for the murder of Nicole Brown Simpson and Ron Goldman. Mr. Allen was playing for the Chiefs at that time and was referred to Seigfreid Bingham by the Chief's General Manager. Following a hearing, broadcast nationwide, the Court ruled in favor of Mr. Allen and refused to enter an order forcing him to testify.

Paul's passion for analyzing problems and drawing conclusions on the best course of action to achieve the best results is the driving force behind his legal career. His legal

services include advice and representation for businesses in actual or potential commercial disputes with competitors, employees, customer, vendors, and regulators. His practice focuses on antitrust, health care, construction, and complex disputes in a variety of industries. Paul also has extensive experience in eminent domain law.

“Today, I am semi-retired but still working as a senior counsel for the firm, primarily focused for insuring compliance with the Rules of Professional Conduct.”

Dan Skinner: “I retired from Genesys in March 2022. Janeen and I enjoy retired life in Westminster CO where we've lived since 2017. Thankful for five young grandchildren: three here in CO and two in Arlington VA where we visit two or three times a year. Family, church volunteer tutoring, golf, and running are what fill my schedule. We visited Indianapolis last month to see friends and family, attend the 500, and run the MINI half marathon again.”

Ben Milbrath: “I recently retired from Thatcher Foundations as Corporate Controller. Basically, taking it easy, relaxing and thinking about what I would like to do next. Nothing really exciting.”

Frank Sellke: “I am the chief of cardiothoracic surgery at Brown Medical School, live in Boston and Providence and travel all over the world, so my participation in planning may be difficult, but I would be willing to help. I am semi retiring next year so I would like to return to Wabash more, and may have more time.”

Paul Karasch: “Things haven’t changed too much in my life. I’m still working at The Rivers School in Weston, MA, as Assistant Director of Technology. I focus mainly on leveraging AV equipment to support and improve instruction. I’m married to Semima Vaka Karasch, who I met many years ago while a Peace Corps Volunteer in the Kingdom of Tonga. We have three sons. My journey after Wabash was as a Peace Corps Volunteer teaching science in Tonga. Then working for a number of years on the Navajo Nation, again teaching science and math. My next move was to Massachusetts for graduate school at UMass, Amherst, and then teaching here at The Rivers School for over 30 years. Teaching science for close to 20 of those years, then moving into technology. I also direct a summer day camp for the school that serves children 7-14 – I’ve been doing that for 31 years! So I get the great privilege of working with a wide age range of children! Finally I continue to coach cross country (Boys) and Track (boys and girls) here at Rivers. Having had one of the best coaching mentors in Coach Johnson, it is a highlight of my day during the fall and spring!”

John Porter: “I’m retired from the Judges and Lawyers Assistance Program of the Supreme Court, and do a little guardian ad litem work in Allen County and a little business law. I hope I can make it down to campus for Homecoming this fall, and I look forward to our 50th.”

Brett Coldiron: “Still practicing Mohs surgery and plan on retiring in a couple of years.”

Kevin Budke: “I retired in December after 36+ years in medical practice. I'm still settling into the new normal, but no complaints so far!”

Tom Modrowski: “Married for the last 44 years to Kim Rath....retired teacher, Purdue grad, and a Pi Phi. Met her when I was at Wabash. We live in Saint John, IN. We have 3 girls (all IU grads to Kim’s disappointment). All 3 are married, one to a Wabash grad, and between the 3 girls, we have 10 grandkids ages 5 thru 12. But for a 5 year stint in my brother-in-law’s business, the rest of my time has been spent in the steel industry. I’ve been in various positions of publicly traded and private businesses starting as a shift manager at USS Gary Works when I graduated. I am currently the CEO & President of Bull Moose Tube, the 3rd largest welded tube maker in the country.”

Shoot us an email regarding anything, life updates, changes in your life philosophy, recent visits to Wabash, or recent encounters (good or bad) with Classmates. If you are willing to help with planning and organizing our celebration of graduating from Wabash in May 1978, please let us know!

As we near the end of the year, please consider making a donation to Wabash in 2023, and please start thinking about a donation to The College in connection with our 50th Reunion.

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