



## **WABASH COLLEGE**

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Dear Friends,

We survived Presidents Day and Not My President's Day. When did we decide not to celebrate the birthdays of Lincoln and Washington? It must have been a Commie plot.

Sadly, I report that Jim Padgett unexpectedly passed away on the 14th. He was a Delt, played basketball and a poli-sci major. He worked for LS Ayers and Ayr-way for many years before owning a sporting goods store in Carmel, Indiana. He is survived by his wife, Barbara, and 3 children. Our classmate and Jim's fraternity brother, Hal Traviolia, died last September. I didn't know about his death until I read it in the last Wabash Magazine. Hal was a high school teacher, football coach and athletic director in Wawasee, Indiana. He is survived by his wife, Francie, and a son. RIP guys, RIP.

Roderick A. Magoon also passed away on the 14<sup>th</sup>. He was an Independent, a high school teacher in Michigan and Iowa, had seven children and is survived by his wife, Carol.

More unhappy news: St Joseph's College in Rensselaer will suspend operations at the end of the semester. It is doubtful the school will ever reopen. It only needs 100 million dollars. I haven't heard anything about the women's college, Sweetbriar, which was in financial trouble a couple of years ago. The alumnae raised money, fired the president and hired another one. I assume it is still going.

Jim Govan's oldest son, Michael, the Director of the LA County Art Museum, was the subject of a lengthy New York Times article. You may read it online at [nyti.ms/2k1bEJh](http://nyti.ms/2k1bEJh). Also, Michael has been nominated to be a member of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution. Very good!

The Wabash basketball team has had a rough year. With one regular season game to go, it is below 500 by a few points. Its a building year, I guess. The team is mostly freshmen and sophomores with one junior and a senior, who is from Ernie Lewis' home town, Lebanon, Indiana. The highlight of the season was defeating DePauw in overtime, 86-80. A freshman, Colten Garland, scored 37 points. He hails from Washington, IN. Maybe there is hope for next year.

We went to campus for the annual alumni game during which the 1982 national championship team was honored. I thought the old guys would play a little bit, but no. The younger alumni who did play looked worn out after a half!

Wrestling and indoor track and field teams are very good. The wrestlers should bring back some gold at the upcoming nationals. Maybe track, too.

Take care!

Gordon