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Dear Classmates and Friends,

If I had my old pot, I'd tip it to my good friend Jack Wyatt who recently was named a "Sagamore of the Wabash" by the governor of the great State of Indiana. It's the highest honor the State can bestow on a Hoosier. Jack was active in Scouting since 1961 and has been active in many, and I mean many, civil organizations. Jack Wyatt-- Some Little Giant!

Wyatt's grandson, Andrew Gonczarow, is a member of the Class of 2022 and has pledged Beta Theta Pi. He joins his grandfather and great grandfather in the College and fraternity. Andrew received the Herman Davis Scholarship established by Davis for Montgomery County boys who attend Wabash. You may recall that in our day Davis owned the Chevy agency located on Washington Street between the Catholic Church and the library. Now Chevy is on the far Northside of Crawfordsville, the Catholic Church is on the far eastside of town and the library has a new building across the street (It's very nice.). Andrew also had the dubious honor of being the Beta's Homecoming Queen (drag queen). I must say that Andrew was a nice looking and modest "girl" compared with most of the other contestants. Just use your imagination.

The Class of 2022 came on campus 283 strong and is one of the largest classes in the long history of the College. If large classes like 2022 continue, the goal of 1000 students will be met. Byron Trippet wanted Wabash to have a student body of a thousand. So do modern administrators. It can happen.

You will not remember the clock tower on the Montgomery County Courthouse. Neither do I, because it was not there when we were on campus. The bell tower was taken down for the war effort in the 1940s. There's a new one in place now thanks to Marion Kirtley '32. Unfortunately, Dr. Kirtley did not live to see it, but the committee he established continued on with the project, and finally enough money

was raised to rebuild the tower. It's handsome. Dr. Kirtley would be pleased as punch.

The soccer team had a great season winning 12 matches, losing 4, and tying 3. We had the good fortune to be able to attend the DePauw match in which the Little Giants defeated the Tigers of DePauw 1-0. The soccer stadium is located in Mud Hollow and is state of the art. It is named in honor of Dr. John Fisher, classist and soccer guru. Besides that, he is a gourmet cook. We went to a dinner party at his home; it was fantastic. Sorry to note that John has retired and moved to Louisville. We miss him.

The 125th football game with the Dannies is history. The Little Giants defeated the "Sisters" (that's what the returning GI's called DPU men) 24 to 17 on November 10. Wabash leads the series 62-54-9 and 43-38-6 since 1932 when the Bell was first played for. The team had a very good year in spite of a couple of terrible things: Last season's all star running back tore up his knee in the second game of the year was out for the year and a senior linebacker committed suicide. That really shook up the troops. In the middle of the season, the team was rather flat losing to Denison and just nipping Ohio Wesleyan 7-0. But then guys sucked it up to win the last five games including a great win over powerhouse Wittenberg.

There is in the Allen Athletics Center now two rooms of state of the art exercise machines-thanks to a wonderful gift by Jay and Susan Allen '79. Jay, of course, is the son of the late Bob Allen '57. He was born when the Allen's lived in Mud Hollow. How about that?

A comprehensive campaign has just been announced; Giant Steps Campaign. I suggest you consider making a gift to it.

Steve '68 and Joanie Bowen and Paul '75 and Betty Woolls are Co-Chairs of the Giant Steps Campaign. The team in the Wabash Advancement Office can help you take a Giant Step for Wabash. Contact them at giantsteps@wabash.edu or 877-743-4545.

Yours in Old Wabash,

Gordon