

Class of 1964

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It would be an understatement for me to write that events of significance have taken place since my December letter.

President Gregory Hess has announced that he is stepping down as President of Wabash College as of the end of the current fiscal year. He has accepted the position of Chief Executive Officer at IEC Abroad, a Chicago based firm which provides students with study abroad and internship programs. In his seven years as Wabash President he has provided sound financial programs as well as a vision for the future of the College, including the construction of the new housing units and the new football stadium. We send him and his wife Lora many thanks for their service to Wabash, and wish them well in their new adventure. Serving as Acting President as of July 1st will be Dean of the College Dr. Scott Feller. Dr. Feller has been Dean since 2014 and we enthusiastically support him and his wife Wendy in this vital role.

Sadly, we have lost four fellow classmates: Paul Onstad, Doug Fisher, John Schloot, and Bill Tingle. They were all Some Little Giants! Below are their obituaries:

➤ **Paul Onstad passed away September 1st.**

Paul James Onstad, Jr. passed away peacefully at home on Sunday, September 1. He was preceded in death by his father, Paul James Onstad and mother, Doris Muriel Akers Onstad; his brother Peter; and his niece Emily Onstad. He is survived by siblings John [Betty], Elizabeth, Mary and Mark [Vicki]; seven nieces and one nephew; and three great-nieces and three great-nephews. Paul was born July 8, 1941 in Fargo, North Dakota. He graduated from Fargo Central High School in 1959 and attended Yale University, Wabash College and North Dakota State University, graduating [from the latter] with a B.A. in music. He received an M.A. in architectural history from the University of Virginia, and an M.A. in music from the University of New Mexico. He spent his entire career with the U.S. government in Washington, D.C., first as an architectural historian with the Office of Historic Preservation, and later as a leasing officer with the Public Building Service (both General Services Administration). His home was Arlington, VA from 1979 until his death. Paul had many talents and passions: first and foremost was music. He played several instruments, including the piano, organ, harpsichord, viola de gamba, bassoon and recorder. He was a semi-professional musician—playing in classical ensembles, conducting church choirs, and composing. He brought together family and friends to play music during the holidays, special events, and anytime he had a new piece of music to try out. Paul's creative energy also showed up in his cooking and home decorating skills. His meals and table-settings were legendary, and he loved cooking a meal and presenting it with drama and flair. He also had a part-time home-decorating business. As the family historian, and surrogate parent for his four

younger siblings, Paul created the “culture” of the Onstad family. He was our “pied piper” leading impromptu family concerts, play-readings, cooking adventures, and museum outings. He had a deep love for all his siblings and was very protective and affectionate with the four younger ones. A big thank you to Paul’s friend David Lewis, who lovingly provided care as his health deteriorated, The Reverend Canon Jonathan and Mary Ostman, and Scylla Stanton—who were supportive and caring friends to the end—and his pastor, Father Carleton Clarke, who provided sacramental care. A Requiem Mass will be held on Saturday, October 5, 11am at Christ the King Anglican Church, 2727 O Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20007. Memorials can be made to the church or the charity of your choice.

➤ Doug Fisher passed away November 28th.

Douglas Arthur Fisher of Oxford, PA, died peacefully on Thanksgiving day, November 28, 2019. Doug was born on July 13, 1942, to Ralph and Ruth Fisher in Battle Creek, MI. He grew up the eldest of three in Indiana and Michigan. After graduating from Wabash College in 1964, he moved west to UC Davis where he received a PhD in Botany in 1968. Doug's career included time as a professor, as a manager of a research publishing company (BIOSIS), and as an independent timber-milling operator where he made fine wood boards from trees around the Southeast Pennsylvania area. Some of Doug's fondest memories were spending time in Houghton Lake Michigan as a boy with his grandfather and later as a father with his sons and extended family. Another annual highlight for Doug over the years was a week-long ski trip with friends to different ski resorts around the country. At home, Doug sang in the Choir at Westminster Presbyterian Church, donated his time to Habitat for Humanity, played bridge with an extended group, and loved a good steak or hamburger. Doug is survived by his wife Barbara, his sister Susie, his two sons David and Nathan and their spouses, Barbara's children Brian Donahue and Angie Allen, and six grandchildren (Tad, Skye, Talia, Nadia, Kylie, and Zach). He is predeceased by his parents Ralph and Ruth and his sister Barbara. A Memorial service will be planned at a later date at Ware Presbyterian Village. Doug's love of family and hearty laugh will be missed.

➤ John Schloot passed away February 12.

John David Schloot, 77, passed away on February 12, 2020, with his wife and daughters at his side at Iredell Memorial Hospital in Statesville, North Carolina, after a courageous battle with cancer. He was born October 27, 1942 in Indianapolis, Indiana to Elmer G. and Ethel Jean (Johnson) Schloot. His parents moved to Muncie, Indiana in grade school and he graduated from Selma High School in 1960. He was a 1964 graduate of Wabash College in Crawfordsville, Indiana where he was a member of Lambda Chi Alpha. He married Jane A. (Taylor) Schloot, his high school sweetheart, in August of 1964. John was a home office underwriter, earning his CLU and LOMA. His insurance career took him from Indianapolis, Indiana, to Manhattan, Kansas and finally to Clearwater, Florida. He worked for Standard Life, Kansas Farm Bureau and Aegon Insurance before retiring. While at Aegon, he spent 14 months in Mexico City, Mexico, helping to establish an independent office there. After retiring, he spent a few years doing underwriter consulting. John was a member of the Broad Street United Methodist Church in Statesville, North Carolina. He also had memberships in Sertoma of Greater Indianapolis and Manhattan Country Club. His greatest joy was spending time with his grandchildren and watching them in their various activities and sports. He loved playing golf and, in previous years, working the Indy 500 for the Speedway Press Bureau for over 20 years. He especially enjoyed traveling, whether it was with Jane, his family, through work, or in retirement. Whether at home or traveling, his love for the English language kept him busy working crossword puzzles every day in any newspaper he read. John was predeceased by his parents; his brother, Fred A. Schloot; in-laws, Fred E. and Harriet Ann (Ratcliff) Taylor; brother-in-law, Jeff Taylor; and his uncle, James Schloot. Survivors include his wife of 55 years; his daughters, Jill (Bob) Campbell, Manhattan, Kansas,

and Karen Munson, Statesville, North Carolina; and grandchildren, Ruby Munson, Statesville, North Carolina; Jack Campbell, Manhattan, Kansas; and Blair Munson, Statesville, North Carolina. Also surviving are his brother, Carl (Kathie) Schloot, Fishers, Indiana; his sister, Gretchen (Stacey) Gane, Dallas, Texas; and sister-in-law, Susie (Steven) Craig, Frankfort, Indiana; aunt, Beverly Schloot, Indianapolis, Indiana; sister-in-law, Kay (Carl) Downs, Muncie, Indiana; sister-in-law, Joyce (Charlie) Marks, Muncie, Indiana; 12 nieces and nephews; and 15 great nieces and nephews. Visitation will be Saturday, February 15, 2020 at 3 p.m. in the Gothic Chapel at Crown Hill Cemetery, Indianapolis, Indiana. A memorial service will be held immediately following at 4 p.m. in the Gothic Chapel. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Statesville Police Department's Fill the Trailer Toy Drive at Christmas, 330 S. Tradd Street, Statesville, NC 28677 or the Broad Street United Methodist Church, 315 W. Broad Street, P.O. Box 169, Statesville, NC 28687.

➤ **Bill Tingle passed away April 3rd.**

William Frederick Tingle, M.D., 77, of Winnetka, passed away peacefully on Friday, April 3rd. He will be forever missed by his wife of 53 years, Barbara Tingle, and his five children Billy (Debbie), Tom (Katie), Scott (Jill), Danny (Heather), and Susie Regan (Sean). He was the proud grandfather of Christian, Claire, Abigail, Lexie, Tommy, Luke, Molly, Matthew, Alexis, Charlotte & Calliope. Bill grew up in Speedway, Indiana and received his BS at Wabash College where he was a proud member of the Sigma Chi fraternity. He followed his passion for science by attending Indiana University Medical School. He completed his residency in Ophthalmology at Evanston Hospital. He was a Captain in the United States Air Force served as a flight surgeon based out of Grand Forks, ND during the Vietnam War. Bill was a well-respected eye surgeon who continued to serve the North Shore for over 40 years. He was a gifted and caring physician, who always put his patients first. Bill was an avid golfer, enjoying the game since his youth. He also enjoyed summers on Lake Geneva where he met the love of his life, Barbara. He was hard-working and loyal. He was a gentleman with the utmost of integrity and generous to all, especially those less fortunate than him. Due to current conditions, memorial service and internment will be private. In lieu of flowers, please connect with a family member or old friend you haven't talked to in a while, have a Miller Lite and hit a bucket of balls. Donations in Bill's honor can be made to Evans Scholars Foundation, an organization near and dear to his heart: Evans Scholars Foundation, 2501 Patriot Boulevard, Glenview, IL 60026-8022. Info: www.donnellanfuneral.com

As we enter our fourth month of quarantine caused by the Covid-19 Virus the world is experiencing its worst health pandemic since 1918, the year my parents were born, when 20-50 million people worldwide perished, including 675 thousand Americans. The advantages we have now are advanced science and communication, although there are many people who ignore the warnings announced daily. I especially applaud Dr. Anthony Fauci for his straightforward and timely advice. Remember that "Wabash Always Fights!"

In my Bible St. Paul tells us that the three greatest blessings we have are "Faith, Hope, and Love." Here are some quotations from spiritual persons of today:

"One of the lessons that this coronavirus teaches us is that borders and boundaries don't matter, that we are tied together universally." – Rabi Samuel N. Gordon

"Be brothers and sisters of one another, serve others, be part of each others' lives, and be examples for others." – Monsignor Kenneth Velo

“Instead of wanting to go back to normal, we want to look to how we can go back to being better.” – Imam Ibriham Khader

“This disease doesn’t negate Faith, but points to its importance.” – Reverend H. Scott Mahoney

Be well, Wabash brothers and your families This too, shall pass. Pray for the world.

Yours in ‘Bash,

Ron