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Wabash College August 2021 Class Letter

Gentlemen,

We look forward to a year full of activities on a Wabash campus that is ready for us and virtually Covid free. The College is adjusting as the state of the pandemic changes, so if you plan on visiting campus, be sure to check the website at wabash.edu/covid for the most up-to-date information.

Regarding the new Little Giants Football Stadium, it has been completed, is beautiful, and will be ready for us at Homecoming, September 17-18. For disabled fans there is a ramp at the west end of the stadium that leads to handicap reserved sections 104-107.



We have been notified of the passing of several class members:

David Scott: November 16, 1942 – July 28, 2021

David A. Scott, age 78, of Philadelphia, PA died July 28, 2021 at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. Services and interment are private.

Hal Miller: April 26, 1942 - May 30, 2021

Miller Jr., Harold Eugene, was called home on May 30, 2021. Hal was born and raised in Lakeville, Indiana. He graduated from Wabash College and began working in Crawfordsville, Indiana after graduation. In 1967, he moved to St. Louis, Missouri where he started his family. Hal was a successful entrepreneur and owner of Binder Design, Inc. He loved cultivating business relationships into friendships. He was known to many as Happy Hal and The Binder Man. He was so proud of his family's accomplishments. His highest priorities in life were his family, friends and his faith. Hal enjoyed life to the fullest. His battle with serious medical issues in recent years showed his courage in facing life's challenges with a smile. Despite the issues he was facing, Hal was still generously helping others, cheering on his grandchildren, and spending quality time with his children and wife, Susan. He had a smile on his face and love in his heart until the end. Hal was the beloved husband of Susan Miller. He was the proud father of Brady (Trisha) Miller and Emily (Tim) Ware. The most loving Papa to Jansen, Hope, Sunny, Lillian,

Maddox, and Caroline. Dearest brother of Miles Bruce (Barb) Miller and Kirk (Lori) Miller. Cherished brother-in-law, uncle, and friend of many. Services: Memorial service and celebration of life at Greenbriar Hills Country Club Friday, June 11, 2021 from 1:00 - 5:00 pm. The family will receive friends prior to the service from 1-2 p.m. The memorial service will be from 2-3 p.m. and the celebration of Hal's life will follow from 3-5 p.m. Wear bright colors in honor of Hal. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Siteman Cancer Center, MSC 1204, 7425 Forsyth Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63105 or online at siteman.wustl.edu/tribute <<http://siteman.wustl.edu/tribute>>. Please indicate the gift is in memory of Harold (Hal) Miller by writing a memo on your check. A service of the SCHRADER Funeral Home and Crematory. Friends may sign the family's on-line guestbook at Schrader.com. Hal Miller

Don Vorce: August 10, 1942 – November 13, 2020

Donald R. "Don" Vorce, Jr. born August 10, 1942 in Worthington, Ohio and passed away November 13, 2020 at Kobacker House in Columbus, Ohio after a lengthy and courageous battle with Parkinson's Disease. He is preceded in death by mother Mae Vorce Jilek, father Don Vorce, Sr., and grandson Donald James Vorce. He is survived by wife of 51 years, Donna; and children, Russell, Julie and Mitch, all of Columbus. Originally from Worthington, Don was a 1960 Graduate of Upper Arlington High School and went on to Wabash College where he was a member of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity. He played football for Wabash and won an NCAA gold medal in track and field as a javelin thrower. After graduation in 1964, he lived and worked in New York City before returning to Columbus and going into business with his father at Bates and Company. Don was an agent, adviser and friend to clients and eventually retired from Gardiner Allen DeRoberts after many years in the business of insurance. Don was a lifelong athlete, playing golf and excelling in long distance cycling. He completed 12 Tours of the Scioto River Valley (TOSRV) which is a two day, 200 mile round trip ride to Portsmouth. He was a member of the Athletic Club of Columbus, and remained active even into his later years, playing golf with Fore Hope through Ohio Health. Sports were a constant theme for Don - he coached both of his sons in Kiwanis soccer, and was known for both his fairness and competitiveness. He also served as a Board Member of the Touchdown Club in Columbus and was a member of Brookside Country Club. Don loved to fish and spent many happy annual family vacations in the Outer Banks, waist deep in the surf, searching for the elusive big catch. And while dinner may not have come from the day spent on the ocean, you were sure to get a good story or two out of the experience. Don was also passionate about antiques and particularly enjoyed Antiques Road Show. He had several collections of his own that brought him both the thrill and satisfaction of the hunt. The Vorce house served as the home base for virtually all family celebrations including some legendary Thanksgiving post-dinner board games where he would show his dry wit. He loved to laugh, and getting a good joke, one he could pass around, was almost as good as the joke itself. He was lucky enough to claim many decades-long friendships and those were based as much on humor as they were his loyalty and generosity of spirit. In later years, Don participated in multiple philanthropic roles, but his primary focus was the New Life Community Outreach where he served on the committee. He was also actively involved in their service which provides care, clothing and assistance to the homeless community. A longtime member of Trinity United Methodist Church in Marble Cliff, he worked for many other organizations in Columbus to help those in need. In lieu of flowers, and at the request of the family, any donations in his memory may be made to: New Life Community Outreach, 25 W. 5th Avenue, Columbus, OH 43201, www.newlifecolumbus.com or Boxer Luv Rescue, PO Box 47777, Phoenix, AZ 85068,

www.boxerluv.org. Rev. Amy Aspey will conduct a private family service and burial. A celebration of Don's life will be held at a later date when friends and family can come together to remember this remarkable man. Funeral arrangements entrusted to SCHOEDINGER NORTHWEST. Please visit www.schoedinger.com to share memories and condolences.

Fred Granger – March 19, 1942 – November 9, 2020

Fred L. Granger, age 78 of Munster, passed away November 9, 2020. He was born March 14, 1942 to Lee and Patricia Granger. He was raised in Munster, graduated from Hammond High School, then earning his Bachelor's degree from Wabash College. During his younger years in scouting, he achieved the rank of Eagle scout, also earning three palms.

Fred spent many years in retail supervision before returning to school to begin a teaching career which he truly loved. Fred is survived by his wife Elizabeth; brother Joe and sister Patti (John Zeeman); and four children with his first wife Suzanne - children: Suzanne Fine (Robert), Patti Nichols (Jeff), Lee (Stacey) and Charles. He adored his nine grandchildren. Fred is predeceased by his parents, brother Tim (Christie) and wife Suzanne. Funeral service and burial to be held at a future date.

Chris Gross – October 7, 1942 – August 27, 2020

Alfred Christopher Gross, age 77, passed at his home in Rock Hill, South Carolina of natural causes on August 27, 2020. Chris was born October 7, 1942 on Staten Island, N.Y., the oldest child of Army Captain Herbert Carl and Nancy Hage Gross, early on, the young family was stationed with occupation forces in Germany living in Frankfurt, and outside Munich. Returning stateside, the Grosses lived in New York and Connecticut. An avid outdoorsman, in the summers, Chris led the counselor staff at Camp Milbrook in Maine for many summers, where he met wife-to-be Barbara Ann Rippen. Always a car enthusiast, Chris owned a procession of British cars including Triumphs, MGs, Sprites, Minis and Austin Healeys that he rebuilt and maintained himself. An amateur racer active on the national circuit, Chris garnered many victories including the Sports Car Club of America National Championship in 1971's Sedan D Class in his Mini Cooper #18. Chris graduated from Wilton High School in 1960, then attended Wabash College in Indiana, finishing in 1964, with a degree in Ecology. He continued to Connecticut College where he earned a Master of Science in Botany in 1966. In the Army from 1967 to 1970, he was stationed at Fort Detrick, Maryland serving in the Chemical Corps. He married Barbara Rippen in 1967 and had two children. Once discharged from the Army, Chris went to work for Wapora Environmental Consulting. In 1974 the family moved to Centerport, New York where Chris worked for the Long Island Lighting Company. For 35 years, Chris managed the Environmental Department, participating and leading numerous studies to increase efficiency and promote positive interactions between the utility with the natural environment, like using warm water to accelerate development of oysters. He and Barbara raised two children, Amy and Alex. Chris was a great sports fan attending both childrens' soccer, sailing, lacrosse and field hockey contests. Over the years, the family purchased and refurbished 2 cruising sailboats, on which they cruised Eastern Long Island Sound each summer with friends. He was an active member and served as Commodore of the Centerport Yacht Club. Chris sold Saxon, a Ranger 33 sloop and returned to racing classic cars in the late 1980's. He bought a 1960 Bugeye Sprite, and traveled with Barb competing in the Sportscar Vintage Racing Association Circuit. He retired from Keyspan/National Grid in 2005 and moved with Barbara to Rock Hill, South Carolina, for milder weather and a central location for racing. In the community of Water

Edge, Gross served on the board and as the President of the HOA and enjoyed traveling nationally and internationally with Barbara and their friends. In the last 5 years, Chris dedicated himself to caring for Barbara, who was stricken with Alzheimer's disease, and passed last year. Chris is predeceased by Barbara, who passed in September 2019. He is survived by children, Amy Gross-Kehoe of Falmouth, Mass., Alex Gross of Las Vegas, Nev., and three Grandchildren, Merrick Woodley Kehoe, Connor W. Gross and Cameron M. Gross, sisters Susan Gross of Bethel, Conn., and Anne Waite of LaFargeville, NY., Also brothers James Gross of Nantucket, Mass., and Steven Gross of Waitsfield, Vt. A memorial event is planned for the future. In lieu of flowers please make a donation to the Alzheimer's Association. Condolences may be made at www.greenefuneralhome.net

As the time draws nearer for the opening of classes and sporting events, I will try to get another letter out in mid-September to bring you up to date before Homecoming.

Hope things are well with y'all. Connie and I had our second Moderna injections in February and are awaiting more news about the Delta variant. We can't wait to resume our travels!

One final note: Skip Lindeman has recently left his position as Pastor of a United Church of Christ and has accepted an appointment to a Church of God. Does this mean that he has undergone a "sect change"?

WAF!

Yours in 'Bash,

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