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Dear Men of '66,

The last year has been a spectacular one for Wabash College including Wabash athletics. In the Spring of 2018 the Wabash doubles tennis team went to the D3 national tennis playoffs in Los Angeles. At the same time, the baseball team was winning the NCAC conference championship and also qualified for the D3 national playoffs.

In July the Wabash football staff hosted 184 high school juniors and their parents and friends (over 400 people for this one event). The Wabash football camp started in August with 157 young men reporting for camp (77 were freshmen with an average GPA of 3.6)!

The 2018 football season was a success with a 9-1 record and a co-conference championship. This was a remarkably difficult year, as a senior co-captain and four-year starter at linebacker took his own life after the second game. The coaches, administration, team members, and students did an unbelievable job of helping the team (and each other) deal with this tragedy, and you could go on for pages about how the support impacted the entire campus family. **Wabash beat DePauw "... AGAIN ..."** in the Bell game for the ninth time in the last ten years and dressed 139 young men for the game. At the football banquet after the season, the team presented conference championship rings to the parents of the deceased Wabash player.

Cross country welcomed a new coach, and he did an excellent job as he had to deal with a low number of participants and several key injuries. It is our understanding that Cross country recruiting is going very well and Wabash will be back near the top this year.

Wrestling saw 55 young men report for the '18 -'19 season and expectations were high. The team finished ninth in the nation with three All-Americans (one champion and a sixth and seventh place finish ... with an additional two qualifiers for the tournament suffering injuries) for another spectacular year. Wabash has been in the top ten in the nation in D3 wrestling for the last five years.

Swimming also welcomed a new coach, and he started after the season had begun (as our old coach left for a larger program). Wabash finished fourth in the conference behind Denison, Kenyon and DePauw. Denison and Kenyon dominate D3 swimming every year.

Basketball was an unknown going into the season, as we only had two seniors and were a very young team. The team finished the season with a remarkable 21-6 record and third place in the conference. The season was highlighted by sophomore Jack Davidson, a 6'1" 170 pound shooting guard. Davidson broke the all-time consecutive free throw record (for all divisions-D1, D2 and D3) with 95 consecutive free throws. Davidson was named to the D3 All-American first team that has only fifteen players from all D3 schools (with this honor, he joined Pete Metzelaars of the Wabash 1982 National Championship team). He also made the D3 regional All-Academic team. Basketball has a very bright future ahead.

The indoor conference Track and Field meet was held several weeks ago, and the Little Giants won the NCAC title by a wide margin. Ohio Wesleyan was our top challenger, but they came in a very distant second. Two Wabash students qualified for the D3 national finals.

Lacrosse is a relatively new varsity sport for Wabash, and as one would expect of a new program, they are trying to recruit quality student/athletes to build the program so it is competitive. Our coach is new this year and has solid credentials in the sport. He looks forward to raising our level of competitiveness this spring.

Wabash Golf this spring had an eventful and fun spring training (during Wabash Spring Break) in AZ again with some pretty strong scores in the 70s from Coach Petty's charges. Wabash benefits (as it does in all activities involving students) with alumni hosting the team both in their homes and on superb golf venues. (Makes one wish one had been a better golfer as an undergrad.)

As of this writing, Wabash leads the NCAC in men's sports total points heading into the Spring season. All of the above athletic accomplishments are terrific. But what is more important about these successes is the fact that these are very bright young men with aspirations of making a difference in this world when they graduate. We may not see many of them in professional athletics, but we will read and hear about them in their chosen careers in the years to come.

Now ... while enjoyable to read of Wabash athletic prowess, it is important to understand that Wabash is also All American academically and in preparation of our undergrads and future leaders. Here are some bullet points of just some items which you all should make you proud to be a Little Giant:

- **FULBRIGHTS.** Wabash is in the elite group of the top 40 institutions of higher learning in the award of Fulbright English Teaching Awards. This year Wabash has 6 Fulbrights ... and over the last six years the total number is 38. (To appreciate the "All American" aspect of this ... just appreciate that we are a small school with almost 1,000 undergrads).
- **RHODES.** Wabash has 9 Rhodes Scholars.
- **PRINCETON REVIEW.** Princeton Review reviewed 650 colleges and universities.
 - Wabash has an overall ranking of 9 top 20 rankings in the Princeton Review.
 - #2 in Best Alumni Network (**THIS MEANS YOU !!!**),
 - #3 in best Internship Opportunities (**THIS ALSO MEANS YOU... AS ALUMS ARE INSTRUMENTAL IN FINDING AND ESTABLISHING THESE OPPORTUNITIES!!! ... KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK ALUMS !!!**).
 - The Schroeder Career Center is ranked in the top 10 in the country!!!
 - # 29 out of the top 200 in Best Value Colleges.
- **ALMA MATH COMPETITION.** The Wabash team of 3 math majors **WON** the Alma MATH Competition (out of 64 teams nationally).
- **WALLY'S.** There is a new addition to the Sparks Center. **WALLY'S!** For us Neanderthal's, it is in the former Fobes Lounge (to the left as you walk into the facility. It has been reinvented into a new casual restaurant called "Wally's" and features brews by companies owned by Little Giants (Sun King and Triton Rail-splitters). Open Wednesdays when there are home athletic events as well as during Thursday thru Sunday.
- **Apologies.** are also in order in the event your authors over looked or forgot something ... which given our age ... we undoubtedly have. BUT ... you get the flavor and should investigate further on the Wabash web site.

Now: Cal has received several nice emails from Bill Summers in which he bemoans the long winters in Des Moines. Ironically, Bill lives three houses from the house where Cal was born in Des Moines. He also mentions that since our 50th reunion he has had many great contacts with friends from '66 and '67.

Hobby Elliott has called several times and both Jay and Cal have had lengthy conversations about our mutual years and friends at Wabash. Hobby lives in Logansport and is a remarkable calligrapher and artist and has sent us a number of Wabash related items that are truly artistic and thoughtful. If you recall, in the goodie bags for our 50th reunion was a color drawing of the old Wally Wabash of our days, and Hobby was the artist! As Hobby is without transportation, Jay is going to try a "short" detour to the Land of the Logansport Berries and bring Hobby down to visit Wabash ... if it works out ... on the Saturday of the BIG Bash this year on Saturday, June 1. That is the day of the Chapel Sing at 11 AM. For any of you close enough to Wabash by distance ... the event is May 31 through June 2 this year. If you can set aside a Saturday ... The Chapel Sing, Tommy's Scarlet Nickel pub tent, and a fun day running into other alumni and just being on the campus during a happy and nice warm day.

We want to bring up something which is coming up in April which **WE WANT TO ENCOURAGE YOU TO PARTICIPATE** in and get others around you to participate. The Annual Fund each year is vitally important in Wabash budgeting its costs. The last number of years the Annual Fund Goal set by the College has been met through the generosity of **YOU GUYS ... THE ALUMNI**. One of the pivotal events which has arisen over the last several years is the **WABASH ONE DAY OF GIVING!** It is a day Wabash secretly sets and then advises alumni early in the day when you are to:

- Communicate with your College
- Make a gift to the Wabash Annual Fund
- Keep track of the goals via technology as they are hit and the vitality of the College is celebrated
- Encourage and infect others (family, friends, fellow alumni) to join in and participate
- AND just have a very fun day. It is infectious and delightfully so ... to follow and touch other alumni and friends and communicate during this one day AND, **IN THE PROCESS, SET A NEW RECORD** (new records have been set each year over the last year).
- It is easy to do ... when you learn of the ONE DAY (and you will) simply go on line to Wabash and prepare to join in. The day is always a secret ... as that is part of the fun but ... if I were a guessing person ... our experience says ... *look for something around the 9th of April ... just a guess.*
- **NOW THE IMPORTANT IMPORTANT IMPORTANT PART: LOOK AT THE Class of 1966. That is where you and your friends (wife, partner, significant other, buddy, parents etc.) REALLY HELP. And our Class of 1966 gets credit. We want 1966 to show very very very well. AND IN THIS REGARD TO EMPHASIZE THIS 1966 GOAL, AN ALUM HAS AGREED TO AGAIN SPONSOR AN ADDITIONAL "ADD ON" TO THE GIFT WHERE YOUR GIFT WILL CAUSE AND TRIGGER AN ADDITIONAL GIFT TO BE MADE TO THE COLLEGE IN THE 1966 COLUMN. Thus your gift and those of the others around you will be making a larger impact in its effect. SO JUST DO IT!!!**

In writing this, the following just needs to be said:

STUDENTS: YOU are the reason and the foundation. Keep setting the scholarship and wholesome citizenship bar; succeeding in personal and career preparation and performance at and after WABASH. **ALUMNI:** just continue your record setting and total and unflinching support for what our students accomplish; faculty, coaches, and administration continue assisting our students in focusing; ALL keep encouraging new Little Giants to be; opening doors for our students and fellow alumni; and JUST take a moment to feel good about **WABASH! ... which ... ALWAYS FIGHTS ... ALWAYS** (WITH ALL THAT PHRASE GLOBALLY ENCOMPASSES AND MEANS IN ALL OUR LIVES).

Finally, we sadly report the passing of our classmate, George Love. Here is his obituary:

George H. Love Jr., Esq., 75, of Latrobe, passed away Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2019, at UPMC East, Monroeville. Born Dec. 30, 1943, in Derry, he was a son of the late George H. Love Sr. and Elizabeth Letitia (Werner) Love. George was the founding shareholder in The Love Law Firm, LLC., located in Youngstown. Since 2001, he had concentrated his practice in the area of elder law, estates, probate, wills, powers of attorney and trusts with emphasis in asset protection and wealth preservation and transfers. He retired in 2001 from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs as the assistant regional counsel for the Regional Counsel's Office, Philadelphia, and was the attorney in charge of the Pittsburgh division. George had 32 years of federal service having been the acting regional counsel, principal senior attorney, the assistant district counsel and special assistant U.S. attorney for the Veterans Administration in Pittsburgh. He was a lieutenant in the Judge Advocate General's Corps of the Navy and served as an arbitrator for the American Arbitration Association and the National Academy of Conciliators. He was listed in Marquis Who's Who in American Law, and Lexington Who's Who Registry of Executives and Professionals. George was admitted to practice in 1973 before the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, in 1976 to the United States Supreme Court, and had also been admitted to the U.S. District Court, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, and U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims. Professionally, he was a member of the American Bar Association, Pennsylvania Bar Association and the Westmoreland Bar Association. George was a lance corporal in the Marine Corps, serving in Vietnam from 1967 to 1968 as part of the Third Battalion First Marines (First Marine Division), Special Landing Force Bravo. He participated in five campaigns and 10 combat operations. Prior to his military service, he was a graduate of Derry Area High School and earned his bachelor of arts degree from Wabash College and, upon returning from the military, he earned his Juris Doctor degree from the Duquesne University School of Law. George was a member and past commandant of the Marine Corps League Rolling Rock Detachment No. 738, Latrobe, and past commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 3414, Latrobe. He was admitted to the Order of the Silver Rose in 2006 and was a life member of the Military Officers Association of America and numerous veteran's organizations. He was also a member of Sacred Heart Church, Youngstown, as well as the Knights of Columbus, Daniel P. Nolan Council No. 940 of Latrobe and the St. Vincent Assembly No. 918 of the Fourth Degree. George held memberships as well in the American Arbitration Association, National Academy of Conciliators, Hypnotists Union Local No. 469, Association to Advance Ethical Hypnosis, Western Pennsylvania Association of Wabash College Men and the Duquesne University School of Law Alumni Association. For several years, he taught various courses at Westmoreland County Community College and his interests included hypnosis and traveling. George is survived by his wife, JoAnn A. (Horansky) Love, of Latrobe; one son, George H. Love III and his wife, Elena, of San Diego, Calif.; one daughter, Jennifer Love-Dupilka, Esq. and her husband, Ray, of Latrobe; one sister, Susan Dell and her husband, Byron, of Latrobe; and four grandchildren, Raven Dupilka, Raymond Dupilka III, Cara Dupilka and Sabrina Love.

Family and friends will be received from 3 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday at the JOHN J. LOPATICH FUNERAL HOME INC., 601 Weldon St., Latrobe. Members of the Sacred Heart Rosary Altar Society will recite the rosary at 2:30 p.m. Thursday in the funeral home. The Rolling Rock Detachment of the Marine Corps League will conduct a service at 8:45 p.m. Thursday in the funeral home. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Friday at Sacred Heart Church, Youngstown, with the Rev. James Podlesny, O.S.B. as celebrant. Committal service will follow at St. Vincent Cemetery with military honors accorded by the VFW Post No. 33, Greensburg.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that memorial contributions be made to the Scholarship and Financial Aid Programs at Wabash College, 301 W. Wabash Ave., Crawfordsville, IN 47933, or Duquesne University School of Law, Hanley Hall, 600 Forbes Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15282 To sign online guestbook, send condolences, or to view detailed obituary information, please visit www.lopatic.com.

These fleeting years...

Cal and Jay