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Dear Classmate,

This is an end of Wabash school year note just to bring you up to date. Weather stinks in Michigan. Arizona dodged the North Pole and the Water deluges. C'ville ... nearer Michigan than Arizona.

The College held its (now ... annual) "One Day of Giving" event in support of the Annual Fund. For those of you who missed the event it is announced early in the day and the web site and contacts are made to encourage and celebrate contributions to the College Annual Fund (which is the lifeblood fund comprising the annual mainstay of the College financing Wabash each year.) It exciting to follow and participate (and get others to participate) and inspiring in its results and benefits. It has been held for the last 6 years, occurring on a day in April, and on a day basically kept secret until unveiled early morning of the day picked. Every alum and supporter of Wabash is encouraged to come forth that day and participate.

Every Year, Wabash has excelled, been a leader among colleges and universities who are also following the one day of giving event, and this year is no exception. Wabash has always met and exceeded its giving goal for the day. And watching this, I believe **ALWAYS MEANS ALWAYS!** And the Class of 1966 was in the middle of the fun and giving for this event. Here is how it is designed and works:

- The College selects the Day and keeps the exact day under wraps (has always been a day in April). This Event is now one of the 3 most important days for gifts to Wabash (the others being year-end giving and giving before the end of the College fiscal year in July.) It is the mainstay and "make or break" for the success of the Annual Fund.
- The format is that the College selects the target number of donors to shoot for (NOTE IMPORTANTLY: it is donors and not the amount focused upon ... it is **WABASH LITTLE GIANTS STEP UP All Little Giant supporters matter, everyone is an equal Little Giant, and TOGETHER we are all SOME LITTLE GIANT!**) The College then selects steps along the way which ... when hit ... unlock the certain Lead Challenge Pledges. This year the donor total target was 4,410 gifts on April 10. There were 4 steps along the way to the donor target ... which steps when reached release a Lead Challenge Pledge.



- The College also encourages and solicits persons who will make an Affinity Challenge. Our Class had an Affinity Challenge of \$20 for each donor who selected the Class of 1966 as an Affinity. This year we had 34 givers and 56 gifts who/which selected the Class of 1966. This resulted in increasing the Class of 1966 by another \$680. (Other examples of Affinity Gifts included the Wrestling Team or the Football Team or the several different Fraternities or some academic or extracurricular student groups.) The idea was to make it fun to hit the goals and steps and also to let people know the donor also supported the various affinities. The result is that every gift – without regard to size - was very important and sent the Little Giant Message ringing around the Country on April 10.
- Now the Result:
 - 3,805 alumni participated. 5,238 gifts were made. The Class of 1966 Affinity Challenge was selected for 56 gifts.
 - The total donor goal was met at 10:30 PM 4.10/19. **The total giving for the day including all Lead Challenges and Affinity Challenges is reached as: \$1,165,444 and the Class of 1966 supporters were responsible for \$4,055.96.**
 - **This total resulted in benefitting per student: \$1,361.**

So ... for all of you who participated ... that is simply GREAT. For all ... NEXT APRIL on that SPECIAL DAY ... be a part. The amount is not as important as just participating. With the multipliers (as they say or rather said when we were younger) your participation will have the IMPACT OF A TELIGRAM! Thank each one of you for just thinking of Wabash. Wabash is great because you all ... each one ... are **SOME LITTLE GIANTS!**

Friends of Wabash Wrestling,

Wabash wrestlers pinned for six on the Wabash Day of Giving. The response of the Wabash Wrestling family was amazing!!! More than \$29,000 was contributed to the Wabash Wrestling Fund, by over 160 donors. This is a 17% increase in donations over last year. When this fund started, five years ago, it collected about \$3,000 from 35 donors. What a change!!!

Though we are not told exact comparisons, lest the other sports hang in shame, wrestling likely lead the pack in sports fund in number of donors, and for certain lead all funds in dollars received. But, what should we expect from the number one Wabash sport.

Your donations will be used to strengthen our team by strong staff and needed equipment.

A special thanks to our challenge leaders, Dan Creasap, Dr. Dan Emerson, Dr. Chris Healy, Drew McCoy, Adam Miller and Dr. Garrett Thiel.

Thank you for supporting our guys and this fantastic sport.

OK ... back to regular programming. The Big Bash is scheduled for the weekend of Friday May 31 through Sunday June 2, 2019. I have gone on Saturday each year since our 50th reunion. It is fun. I drive down from Michigan, get there reasonably early in morning, just register and see a few alums I haven't seen for a good while and some faculty and staff, attend the Chapel Sing Event ... which is fun but bereft of real class which the Class of 1966 always brought and always won (Jon Pactor ... eat your heart out). Spend some time in the Scarlet Nickel running into people. Then drive back home. It is usually a great Indiana weather day. If you are within driving distance, I encourage you to try this. If you are attending anyway, I will see you.

As this is a co-class agent letter, I will finish with a few items as I sit in 90 degree temperatures in Phoenix. Not much rain out here but plenty of sunshine so it is nice weather for a cold beer!

Bill Cook sent an email and mentioned that he has three students he recruited and sponsored from Cambodia who will graduate this May. I have met two of them, and they are outstanding young men. He lamented the fact that none of them were history majors!

Bill Summers has sent me several emails with pictures as he lives one block from the house where I was born in Des Moines, IA. It is nice to see the neighborhood is very well kept and updated. However, Bill did have a serious fire in his garage, and this email describes it.

Ok, an update...on 9 March 19 our garage burned to the ground with a VW Jetta inside and lots of tools inside. Insurance has settled, the Jetta is gone, a total loss and as you can see from Robin's photos this morning the new garage is nearing completion.

We woke this morning to a full moon setting to the west and workers here at 7:30 AM to replace windows on the northside of our house which were damaged by the intense heat of the fire.

This gave Robin the opportunity to photograph our deep back yard (our meadow) in the full glory of daffodils and greening trees. The clear sky and fresh northerly breeze add to our enjoyment of the day.

A side note for Cal Black, your old neighborhood in DSM is looking really nice these days.

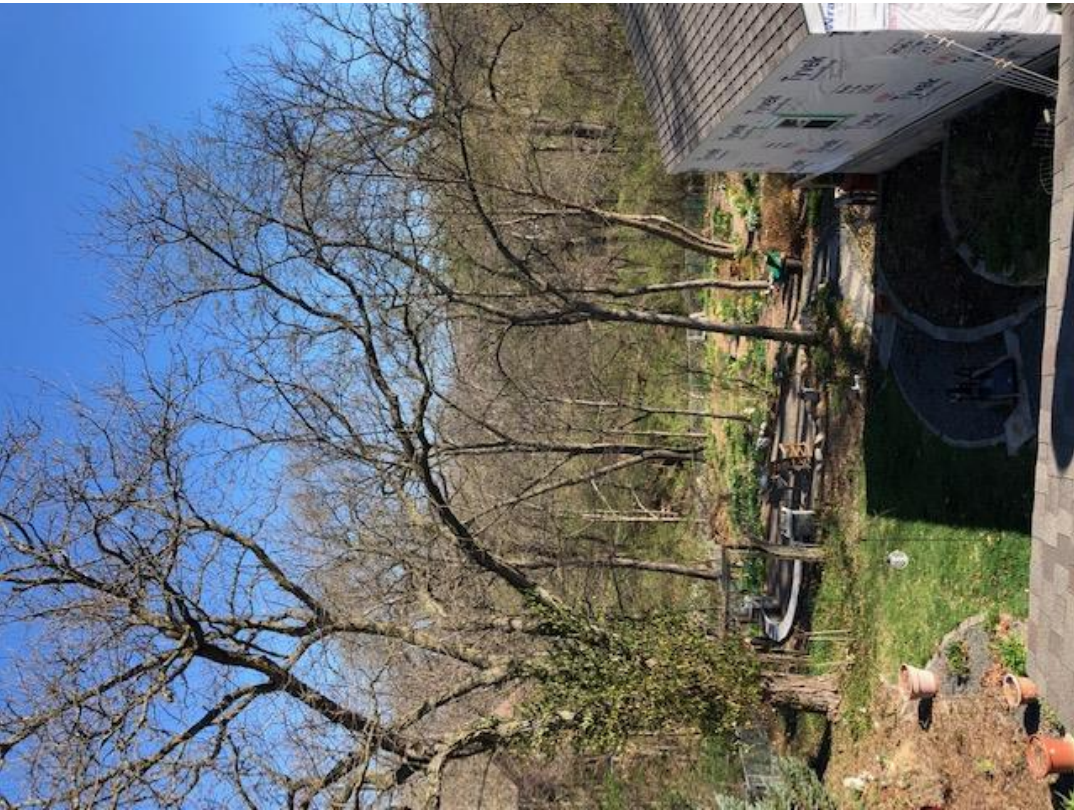
So, the garage door is now installed, exterior siding and some remaining interior work in the garage next week to complete the building and we're done with early morning construction sounds.

But, we're down to 1 car, up for more space in the new garage (on the same concrete pad) and looking forward to a long spring-summer season of gardening and adding to the floral complement of our meadow.

I couldn't not share these views with you all.

Peace,
B

I've always wanted a view without screen! They are installing new window at top of stairs so now's my chance to shoot the meadow without hindrance. New garage door on and siding and gutters go up next week...



Jim Roeder sent an email and advised that he will be inducted into the Seymour, IN High School Athletic Hall of Fame in December. He sent along some of the documentation provided for evaluation by the committee, and his athletic accomplishments in high school are truly outstanding. He was a star in football, basketball and track. Jim had a great career as a defensive back for Wabash, and he is SOME LITTLE GIANT!

Finally, and with great sadness, we have lost another classmate, Bob Takacs. I remember meeting him at summer football camp in August, 1962 and he was a soft spoken, gentle Little Giant from day one. Bob Takacs, SOME LITTLE GIANT! Here is the obituary for Bob.

Robert S. "Bob" Takacs, age 74 of Elwood, passed away on Sunday, March 31, 2019 at St. Vincent Mercy Hospital in Elwood following an extended illness. He was born November 27, 1944 in Duquesne, PA, the son of Stephen and Mary (Piskor) Takacs. He graduated from Duquesne High School, and then attended Wabash College on a football scholarship. Bob obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in Zoology, and a minor in Psychology. After college, Bob went to work for Delphi Corporation (Delco Remy) in Anderson, where he was a supervisor for 34 ½ years, until he retired on February 1, 2001. At work he was known as the "Hoosier Dome Assassin", after an altercation occurred at the Hoosier Dome, which over the years became a more blown up fight with each story. Bob married Vickie Jones on June 4, 1988, and they shared over 30 years of marriage together. He loved to play and watch all sports, especially the Indianapolis Colts, and the Pittsburgh Steelers. Bob was an excellent golfer and truly enjoyed the game, and was proud to have hit 2 holes-in-one. He loved his two cats, "Snickerdoodle" and "Simba". Bob liked to play Sudoku in the Anderson Herald, and watch The Young and the Restless soap opera with Vickie every day. He was a man who always treated everyone equally, and never missed a chance to tell a good joke. More than anything, Bob will be remembered as a man who loved his family.

Bob's family includes wife, Vickie Takacs of Elwood; 4 daughters, Krista Greenlee of Knoxville, TN, Robin Takacs of Noblesville, Kelly Beeman (Laura Simpson) of DeLand, FL, and Stacy Takacs (Betsy Meyers) of Tulsa, OK; 2 sisters, Arlene (husband John) Polika of North Huntington, PA, and Mary Ann Dowler of North Huntington, PA; 3 grandchildren, Michael Perkinson, Mason Perkinson, and Stevee Jo Takacs; 1 great-grandchild, Vincent Takacs; and 2 nieces, Patricia Jones, and Jennifer Brady. Bob was preceded in death by his parents, and 2 brothers-in-law, Wayne Dowler, and Jerry Lee Jones.

A funeral service celebrating Bob's life will be conducted at 4:00 pm on Friday, April 5, 2019 at Copher-Fesler-May Funeral Home with Col. Stan Walker officiating. Cremation will follow and burial will take place at a later date. Visitation for family and friends will be held from 2:00 to 4:00 pm on Friday, April 5, 2019 prior to the funeral service at Copher-Fesler-May Funeral Home in Elwood. Memorial contributions are suggested to Elwood Animal Shelter through the funeral home. Online expressions of condolence and memories may be made at copherfeslermay.com.

"These fleeting years..."

Cal and Jay