



Class Agents Letter

Class of 1967

Class Agent

Duane Hile

Earl Houck

Alumni and Parent Relations Office

301 W. Wabash Ave.

Crawfordsville, IN 47933

765-361-6360

alumni@wabash.edu

wabash.edu

May 25, 2020

Hello and healthy thoughts!!

Classmate Comments

Here is an exchange between **Steve Wood** and **Earl**:

Earl —

In your recent class letter, you invited reminiscences about The Bank Cigar Store. I've pruned and pruned my collection of books, but somehow, I've always held onto a few left over from college, thinking that I might re-read them (or, I must confess, in a few instances, read them for the first time. I really am going to finish Bleak House one of these days.) Something motivated me to re-read The Scarlet Letter recently, and I dug it out of my now-I-wonder-what-could-be-in-that-box box. This copy must be from Dr. Fertig's English 13 class, which I took in my Sophomore year. When I opened the book (for the first time in 50+ years), I was dismayed to find that although the pages were yellowed and somewhat brittle, they didn't crumble to the touch and I re-read the book. And inside, serving as a bookmark, was a sheet from a Bank Cigar Store note pad on which I had jotted down the names of some of the characters. (I often still do that when I read a book, jotting down the names of the characters on a 3x5 card, having long ago run out of Bank Cigar Store note pads).

Ah, the Bank Cigar Store. Wonderful magazine rack near the back of the store, where you could browse at leisure as the pool balls clicked, just behind the partition. And if you listened very closely, you could hear the clink of coins from the poker game that was going on behind yet another partition beyond the pool tables. The cashier at the front of the store would cash any sized check for you, no matter how small; I know that I probably wrote checks for one or two dollars. You could also buy exotic brands of cigarettes; I remember going there with someone once, and testing The Bank's storied inventory, my companion asked for a pack of Home Run cigarettes, definitely from a different era. "You want a carton or just a pack?" was the response.

--Steve Wood



Steve -

Thanks for the letter and the memories. Your comment about The Scarlett Letter hit home - Hester Prynne was the answer to a crossword puzzle I worked earlier this week. And then I had to look at my "old" bookshelf and I came across two books from College days - a Norton Anthology that I haven't looked at in years and the Lives of Saint Thomas More which the townie woman who played my wife in Man for All Seasons gave me when we started rehearsals for the play. I also found copies of four original one-act plays written by Bob Clymire (the theater professor). One of those we took to the Yale Drama Festival and we performed all of them in the Scarlet Masque theater in the old warehouse in downtown C'ville. Fun days. Thanks for prompting the memories. Hope all is well with you. Do you have a "masked man picture" to share? Stay safe.

- Earl

From **Tom Brown**:

Earl and Duane,

I emailed Dave Decker about his account of Vietnam in the latest class newsletter. We exchanged a couple emails on it and I told him he should write his memoirs. He told me he already had at his daughter's request so I asked him to send me a copy (digital). I read it all the way through. Couldn't put it down. He had the hardest boyhood of anyone I have ever known yet one of the most impressive careers.

Cheers, Tom

From **Rick Helm**: Wisdom for the day: There are three stages in life: youth, middle age, and you look great!

From **Peer Lykke**: My new grandson has a mouthful of a name: Julian Peer Lykke-Coughlan. Born a hefty healthy 9lbs 4 ozs, 21.5" long, and hands like a 5 star NBA recruit! My daughter, Lucia, and her husband, John, live in a neat little suburb tucked on the edge of Washington D.C. called Takoma Park. COVID effect: it may be 3 months before I can visit. Major bummer but gotta think long term, I guess. Brother Tom Werner sent a tongue-in-cheek email wishing that Julian inherits all my healthy habits. I answered saying that I hope he inherits the dumb luck that has allowed me to survive all my "healthy" habits!

Day of Giving

by Ryan Horner • May 15, 2020

In many ways, Wabash's 2020 Day of Giving was unlike any prior iteration; the day's events were all held online due to the closing of campus, there were seven challenges that could unlock significant sums of money instead of one end goal, and a theme of #WabashTogether asked friends of the College to reflect on what ties us together even when we are separated.

In one significant way, however, the College's seventh Day of Giving was like each of the past six: alumni and friends of the College surpassed every goal and broke records on the way to a stunning display of the strength and connections of the Wabash family.

In a 24-hour fundraising effort to support current students, the Wabash community broke the following records: *total amount (over \$1.2 million), total donations (over 6,000), and the average amount raised per student (\$1,406—which is approx. \$400 more per student than universities which are nationally-ranked leaders in single-day fundraising).*



The Page family (Ben '18, Jake '21, Mark, Jennifer, Andrew '22, and Nick) celebrates #WabashTogether

The Day of Giving—which took place on May 12—averaged 251 gifts per hour, met all seven challenges to unlock \$490,000 in pledged gifts, and set the #WabashTogether hashtag trending nationally.

President Gregory Hess was quick to express his thanks to the College's supporters, whose gifts also count as contributions to the [Giant Steps](#) campaign. "Lora and I remain truly in awe of the generosity and spirit of the Wabash nation. Students, faculty, staff, parents, alumni and friends pitch in each year to make sure that a Wabash education remains exceptional and affordable.

"You can't fake gratitude—that's what Wabash runs on."

The video recap can be found [here](#).

MANY THANKS TO EACH OF YOU WHO CONTRIBUTED!!!

Wabash, Hampden-Sydney to Renew Gentlemen's Classic

Wabash College and Hampden-Sydney College will renew their football rivalry in 2022 and 2023. The two colleges for men will open those seasons by playing each other in a continuation of The Gentlemen's Classic, which began in 2014. Wabash and Hampden-Sydney are both nationally recognized liberal arts colleges and are the only two remaining all-male schools in the country.

"Renewing a football series with Hampden-Sydney in 2022 is a unique opportunity for our football program," said Wabash athletic director Matt Tanney. "Wabash offers exceptional resources for students in and out of the classroom, and a gridiron series with the Tigers is another exciting way to elevate the experience for our football scholar-athletes. The new Little Giant Stadium is being constructed for the purpose of hosting celebratory and competitive contests like this one."

"The uniqueness that Hampden-Sydney and Wabash share in being all-male institutions make this such an exciting opportunity for our teams, fans, and alumni," Hampden-Sydney athletic director Chad Eisele said. "We look forward to renewing the game, and building upon the rivalry."

Wabash, located in Crawfordsville, Indiana, will host the first meeting between the two teams in the 2022 season opener. Hampden-Sydney, located just outside of Farmville, Virginia, will host the rivalry game in 2023.

Wabash swept the two-game series in the first set of games. The Little Giants defeated 21st-ranked Hampden-Sydney 34-21 in Crawfordsville in 2014. Wabash started the 2015 campaign with a 35-3 victory over the Tigers on the way to a 12-1 record and a trip to the quarterfinals of the NCAA Division III playoffs.

Wabash ranks fifth in NCAA Division III football history with 696 victories over 133 years. The Little Giants advanced to the 2019 NCAA Division III playoffs by winning a share of the North Coast Athletic Conference title. Hampden-Sydney has claimed 558 wins in 125 seasons. HSC head coach Marty Favret is the second-winningest coach in school history with 131 victories in 20 seasons and a five-time Old Dominion Athletic Conference Coach of the Year.

"I am thrilled with the renewal of The Gentlemen's Classic and the opportunity for two great institutions to kick off the 2022 season," Wabash head football coach and two-time NCAC Coach of the Year Don Morel said. "Our players are excited to be a part of this tremendous rivalry and look forward to continuation of the series."

"It's an exciting challenge for us to compete against such a respected (Wabash) football program," Favret added. "I know it will be an experience our players will remember for a long time." The all-sport series between Hampden-Sydney and Wabash is tied at 3-3. The two teams split a pair of baseball games in 2014 and 2015. The Tigers won the only

basketball game played between the two schools in 2001 and captured a win in tennis in March earlier this year.

National Champ, All-Americans Headline Wabash Hall of Fame Class

A national champion runner, All-American football and basketball players, and Gagliardi Award finalist are among eight individuals who will be inducted in the Wabash College Athletics Hall of Fame during Homecoming weekend in September. Every two years, the National Association of Wabash Men inducts outstanding athletes, coaches, and teams into its Hall of Fame, which was established in 1982.

Jake WatermanHeadlining this year's inductees is two-time NCAA Division III Champion runner **Jake Waterman '13**, who won national titles in the indoor and outdoor 800-meter run. Waterman was also a two-time national runner-up and a six-time All-American.

Other inductees include **Cliff Bell '76, Greg Birk '77, Mike Brown '76, Bill Cannon '79, Russell Harbaugh '06, Jim Pursel '73, and Chris Whitfield '88.**

The **2005 Football team** will also be enshrined in the Hall of Fame after winning the North Coast Athletic Conference Championship, posting a perfect 10-0 regular season record, and advancing to the second round of the Div. III playoffs.

Cliff Bell was a prolific scorer in basketball, averaging in double figures in each of his four seasons. He finished his career with 1,223 points and 763 rebounds.

Greg Birk was a talented distance runner, lettering four times in cross country and track and field and earning MVP and team captain honors in both sports. He also served as head coach and assistant coach of the cross country teams.

Mike Brown was a four-year baseball letterman, two-time captain, and three-time team MVP. He led the team in batting three straight years, hitting nearly .400 in 1974.

Bill Cannon was a fierce linebacker on some of Wabash's greatest teams of the era. A four-year letterman, he played on the 1977 Stagg Bowl team that finished 11-2. He was the 1978 team MVP, made 13 career interceptions, and was named to the Little All-America Team.

Russell Harbaugh quarterbacked the 2005 Little Giants to a perfect 10-0 season, NCAC title, and 11-1 record. He was a three-year starter who threw for 7,118 yards and 56 touchdowns, and was a finalist for the Gagliardi Award, which recognizes the Division III Player of the Year.

Jim Pursel was a rugged defensive lineman and four-year letterman for the Little Giant football team, earning MVP and All-ICC honors. In track and field, he was a record-setting shot-putter, who won the GLCA and Indiana Little State titles.

Chris Whitfield led the Wabash basketball team in scoring, rebounding, and blocked shots three straight years from 1986-88. He scored 1,473 points and pulled down 681 rebounds, and was an Honorable Mention All-American in 1988.

The Hall of Fame induction ceremony is scheduled for Friday, September 18, 2020.

Big Bash Reschedule

From Steve Hoffman:

We have cussed and discussed the issue considerably, and we have decided to reschedule Big Bash 2020 for June 4-6, 2021. Essentially, this means that we will be honoring the reunions of twice the number of classes (as we say, the 0's, 1's, 5's, and 6's). We think that this will work very well, and it will give alumni the opportunity to connect with more classes. It will be a great weekend, and one for which alumni will be excited.

From Duane: I hope you all will consider attending in 2021, to celebrate our being GOLDEN LITTLE GIANTS!

Campus News

Did You Know that you can subscribe to daily emails that include Wabash calendar items? To do this, and for details on our events, always refer to www.wabash.edu/calendar.

More Virus Comments



Remember wishing the weekend would last forever? Happy now?!?!

Here are links to “interesting” articles of new information or misinformation on the “C” virus:

<https://www.nbcbayarea.com/news/local/cdc-updates-coronavirus-transmission-guidelines/2294210/>

<https://thehill.com/policy/healthcare/499085-cdc-acknowledges-mixing-up-coronavirus-testing-data>

Maybe we will get accurate info . . . some day.

Typical DPU

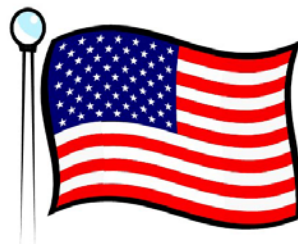
A Dannie sits down in Coach on a flight from Indianapolis to NYC, then abruptly stands up and moves to First Class. The flight attendant, noticing this, asks to see his ticket.

She says, “This is a Coach ticket, please move back to your assigned seat.” He responds, “I went to DePauw and therefore I’m much too important to sit in Coach all the way to New York; I should be in First Class!”

The attendant goes to the cockpit and explains the situation to the Captain. The Captain smiles and replies, “I’m a Wabash grad; I know how to handle this.” He goes to the Dannie, leans down, and whispers in his ear. The Dannie gets up and moves back to his assigned seat.

“What did you say to the passenger?” the attendant asks the Captain. The Captain replies, “It was easy; I told him First Class is not going to New York!”

THANK YOU to all our veterans!



Duane