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Dear Classmates,

Difficult to believe, but summer is basically gone and classes have begun!

Fall sports are ready to start and there are many new faces along with high expectations for all the teams. Mary Ann and I will be among the Wabash football fans at Hiram this Saturday, September 1. We will also be attending the first home game on September 8 and hope to see you at the tailgate area.

Wabash Giving

There is some great news from the Development Office:

In the 2017-2018 year, Wabash surpassed its \$3.3 million Annual Fund goal, broke its alumni donor record with 5,184 alumni donors, and once again bucked national trends by increasing our alumni participation rate to 44.2% - which will likely put Wabash's participation rate in the top 15 of all nationally-ranked liberal arts institutions.

Thanks to all of you who made contributions, and, who continue to support our Alma Mater in many ways.

Classmate News

Our classmate news this letter is in honor of former Little Giants:

From **Larry Landis**:

Thx, guys, for the impressive, eloquent communication from Ron Parker. Truly a worthy tribute to Kurt.

Regards,

Larry

Obituary for Randy Gene Brown

Randy Gene Brown, 73, of Bloomington Indiana, passed away on Wednesday, July 11, 2018 in his home.

Randy was born in Lebanon, Indiana on January 29, 1945 to Victor and Betty Brown. In his younger years, he was an Eagle Scout and graduated from Lebanon High School in 1963. He attended Wabash College for 4 years, where he became an Alumnus and was a member of the Sigma Chi Fraternity. During his time at Wabash College he married the love of his life Marilyn Gable on July 2, 1966 in Crawfordsville, Indiana, they spent 52 wonderful years together and had 2 children. Randy started his career with the Boys Club in Crawfordsville. He began work with the Boy Scouts of America in 1969. After several promotions and moves he became a Scout Executive for the Hoosier Trails Council until he retired. Randy was a member of the American Legion in Lebanon and received his 50-year certificate this year. Family was very important to Randy, he and his wife loved to travel across country with their grandchildren every year. Some of their favorite places were Niagara Falls, Yellowstone National Park, the Black Hills, and especially to Disney World. Randy was a beloved husband, father, and grandfather. He will be deeply missed. His ashes will be scattered at Lake Maumee at a later date.

Randy is survived by his wife of 52 years, Marilyn Brown; his mother, Betty Brown; children, Adam Lee Brown of Menasha, WI, Ruth Elizabeth Wilson (Matt) of Grand Rapids MI; brothers, Lee Brown (Chris) and Brent Brown (Becky); grandchildren, Victor and Eliza Wilson, Caleb and Tyler Brown.

Randy is preceded in death by his father, Victor Brown.

A Celebration of Randy's life will be held at 12:00 P.M. Sunday, July 15, 2018 at Allen Funeral Home and Crematory, 4155 S. Old State Rd. 37, Bloomington, IN 47401.

Friends may visit on Sunday, July 15, 2018 from 10:00 A.M. until 12:00 P.M. at the funeral home. In Lieu of flowers memorial contribution may be sent to Hoosier Trails Council or Monroe County YMCA.

Obituary for Walter H. Lechler

Date of Death: May 17, 2018

Spouse: Lechler, Gabriele

While at Wabash:

Was a Member of: Phi Gamma Delta, attended 2 semesters

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Dettingen/Erms (Germany), May 18, 2018 +++ The long-time Chairman of the Supervisory Board of ElringKlinger AG, Professor Walter Herwarth Lechler, passed away suddenly and unexpectedly on Thursday, May 17, 2018, at the age of 75. The day before his death he had attended the Annual General Meeting of the Group and exercised the voting rights of the Lechler family.

"The news of Professor Lechler's passing has filled us with tremendous sadness," says Klaus Eberhardt, Lechler's successor as Chairman of the Supervisory Board. "In him ElringKlinger has lost a seminal father figure. The idea of corporate responsibility was always of paramount importance to him, which fundamentally also included social aspects. Our thoughts are with his wife and his family."

Professor Lechler was the son of a Stuttgart-based family of merchants and was himself an entrepreneur throughout his lifetime. In 1972, following his studies in business administration in the United States and Cologne, he became a member of the shareholder committee of the company then known as Elring GmbH. In 1989 he was appointed chairman of that committee. He sat on the Supervisory Board of ElringKlinger AG and its predecessor company ZWL Grundbesitz- und Beteiligungs-AG from 1976 onward, as from 2012 as its Chairman. Having stepped down from the Supervisory Board in May 2017 on the grounds of age, he was elected as its Honorary Chairman. One month later the Evangelische Hochschule Ludwigsburg (Protestant University of Applied Sciences) made him an Honorary Professor. Additionally, he held the position of managing partner of Lechler GmbH, Metzingen, from 1976 onward.

"Alongside his deep entrepreneurial conviction and his exceptional social commitment, I was particularly impressed by his astute ability to focus on that which was essential," says Dr. Stefan Wolf, CEO of ElringKlinger AG. "With his calm mindset, he examined

complex issues in a perceptive and well-judged manner even during hectic times in order to arrive at solutions of long-term merit. In doing so, he became a role model for me and for many others within and beyond the company. He will be sorely missed by the ElringKlinger family and by me personally."

While the death of Walter H. Lechler is tragic news for ElringKlinger AG, it will not lead to any significant changes. As the head of his family, he made provisions for his estate well before his death. The ownership interest of 22 % in ElringKlinger AG, which Walter H. Lechler held himself up to his death, will be transferred to the family trust that had been founded by his uncle Klaus Lechler upon his death. Thus, in future the trust will hold, either directly or indirectly, 52 % of the interests in ElringKlinger AG. The aim of the trust is to ensure the ongoing development of ElringKlinger AG as a company.

<https://www.elringklinger.de/en/investor-relations/releases/press-releases/18-05-2018>

Happier Notes

We even get "fan mail"!!

"This is a fan letter to two very devoted Wabash graduates. Thank you for your hard work and dedicated service on the Class Agents' letters. I am married to a loyal Wabash man. He loves your letters and devours them when they arrive. We've attended the Big Bash and enjoyed it tremendously--especially the Chapel Sing! Keep the letters coming. They are worth your considerable effort! You are appreciated."

A Wabash wife and supporter

And, we say, "Thank you very much. We enjoy writing the letters!"

The most fun is sharing news – pictures and comments – from you all! Please take a few minutes and send us something we can share in future letters.

Duane

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