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#### **Class Agents Letter**

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Dear Classmates,

I hope y'all are engaged in fun activities: traveling, spending time with family, continuing your education, or even working; whatever you consider enjoyable.

#### Classmate News

This item on **Ron Sheese**, via **Earl**:

In searching the Facebook pages, I saw this picture posted by Ron Sheese, who is in Shanghai, China this summer visiting some of the Chinese people he has hosted in Canada recently.





### Here is another picture of Ron, in Chongquin, China

Caption: In addition to the modern bridge in the background and the cruise ships at its base, you will note some cables that appear to be directly over me. These are part of an old cable car system for carrying people across the river that was supposed to be dismantled when the new bridges opened. However, the tourists loved them so much that they have been maintained.



And, also from **Earl**, continuing his excellent animal rescue work:

We had to put down one of our older dogs last week. 13 years old and over the last 6 weeks, he had deteriorated to the point that he couldn't stand on his own without our help. He was miserable and it was time to let him go. As life would have it, two days later a stray wandered into our lives and is now a part of our family. Funny the way these things happen.

Also, one of our neighbors just gave us another horse. His health is failing a bit and he wanted a home for his horse. All he asked was occasional visiting rights. So we're back to 2 horses, 2 mini donkeys, and 4 dogs. Oh, and one cat. And usually a foster dog or two on any given day. Life goes on. No rest for the wicked...or something like that.

I pulled a muscle in my calf two weeks ago and am just now getting full range motion in my leg without pain. Getting old sucks.

#### From me:

I certainly agree with Earl on aging. In college, and for many years thereafter, an occasional strain or injury possibly involved a bit of "taking it easy" or some minor physical therapy. Not so anymore! Now every ailment requires tests and, most likely, surgery; followed by lots of physical therapy! When I visit with medical professionals, I skip parts of the Patient Medical History forms and hand them an 8.5"x11" sheet completely filled with my detailed information on: Medications, Surgeries, Injections, Radiology, and Doctors. Saves paperwork time for me and, hopefully, increases the accuracy of the doctors' analyses!

**Gerry Hoeltge** and I chatted in June to "catch up". He and Sue recently celebrated their 52<sup>nd</sup> anniversary and Gerry retired from the Cleveland Clinic seven years ago. He, too, has had several personal medical challenges, recently undergoing serious surgeries. Gerry said he feels fine now and the Cleveland Clinic relationship was very beneficial.

I'm sad to report that we lost **Frank Kosmakos** on July 19.

**Tom Werner** alerted me to his death: "Just saw a post on Facebook that Frank passed away. Sad."

**Mike Butler's** observation: On the brick patio in front of Forest Hall, Frank's brick says 'Frank Kosmakos, Homecoming Queen, 1964'. "Rest In peace, Frank."

Many messages between us Lambda Chi pledge brothers.

His obituary: Devoted husband of Rona (Shapiro), father of Chris (Dawn) and the late Stefanie. Brother of Maria (Bob) Guzik & Ernie Kosmakos. Grandfather of Shawn & Devin, uncle of Nicholas, Christina, Alexis & Ashley. Brother-in-law of Jeffrey (Jewel) Shapiro. A brilliant mind laid waste.



Homecoming '64, from the '65 yearbook

## The Queen's procession to Chapel Sing at our 45<sup>th</sup> reunion.



(Those doing the heavy lifting are Bob Myers and Johnny May, Jim Stahler, and a classmate who apparently did not want to be recognized (!), with Clark Dickerson displaying his armpits)

And, while we're acknowledging Frank's contributions to the Big Bash, we must give him the **Some Little Giant Award** for his reprisal of his role as our 1964 Homecoming Queen.



(The chauffer is Dr. Keith Baird - formerly our campus doctor, then a NASA doctor.)

#### **Annual Fund 2018-2019**

**Thanks** to everyone who contributed to the Annual Fund, including three wives (!!) of departed classmates:

Nelson Bahler 1832 Elizabeth Ball<sup>4</sup>

Ed Bell

Dave Bickell
Dave Bloomer
Alan Boone
David Brannin
Tom Brown, Jr.
Marilyn Brown
Ron Brown

Jack Brumbaugh Dick Buckingham Mike Butler 1832

John Carry

Rich Chilausky 1832 Steve Claffey 1832 Jeremy Coffman

Ed Cook

Phil Coons, M.D. 1832

Steve Coons Ed Culver

Paul Cunningham, USAF

Ret. 1832

Dave Decker 1832 Clark Dickerson

John Evans, USMC (Ret.)

Bill Fye

Steve Golliher 1832 John Goodrich, Sr. 1832 Dwight Hamborsky, Jr. Dennis Harrell 1832

Mike Harvey Rick Helm Dennis Henry Duane Hile 1832

Earl Houck
Jim Hover
Dan Jenkins, Jr.
David Jones 1832
Peter Keenan 1832
Wendy Kish 1832
Phil Kucinski

Larry Landis 1832
Bob Larzelere, Ph.D.
Bob Linnenberg
Haines Lockhart, Jr.

Steve Loeide 1832

Joe Lwanga
Peer Lykke
Gary Marks
John Marshall
John May
David Merrell
Dave Montieth
John Moody
Bob Myers

Bruce Newby 1832

Dan Petrak

Bob Pinschmidt, Jr. 1832

Alan Pyle 1832
Linda Randak^
Jack Robertson
Robbie Robinson
Jim Rushton

Jerry Schaefer 1832

Mike Seifried
Fred Siegel 1832
Ron Sheese
Roger Smith
Gene Snipes
Bob Sonnemaker

Jim Stahler, MSW Rex Stratton III John Sturman, Jr. Phil Trueblood Jack Webster

Tom Werner 1832
Joel Wesp

Andy Williams

Ted Williamson 1832 Alan Witte 1832

Steve Wood

John Zimmerman 1832

## **Campus News**

Even though it's summer there is a lot happening on campus. A few examples:

## Wabash Places 47 Student-Athletes On NCAC Academic Honor Roll for 2018 – 2019

https://sports.wabash.edu/news/2019/6/20/general-wabash-places-47-student-athletes-on-ncac-academic-honor-roll.aspx?path=general

## Wabash To Join MCVL for 2020-21 Volleyball Season

https://sports.wabash.edu/news/2019/6/27/wabash-to-join-mcvl-for-2020-21-volleyball-season.aspx

#### **Hess Named NCAC President**

https://sports.wabash.edu/news/2019/7/3/general-hess-named-ncac-president.aspx

## New Interdisciplinary Major Made Possible Through Walsh Endowment

https://giantsteps.wabash.edu/?pagetype=news&news ID=11446

## Long Establishes Scholarship Honoring Husband and Father-In-Law

https://giantsteps.wabash.edu/?pagetype=news&news ID=11451

## **Koliseks Give Annul Leadership and Estate Gifts**

http://giantsteps.wabash.edu/?pagetype=news&news ID=11396

#### RATERS STEPS DOWN AS DEAN OF STUDENTS

https://wabash.edu/news/displaystory.cfm?news ID=11414

#### A Contest

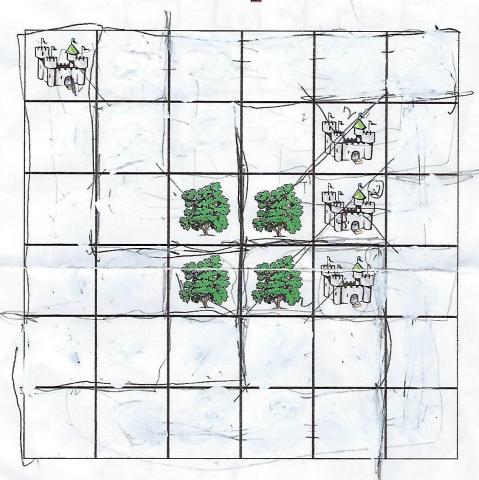
On the next page is a puzzle that was part of a Mystery Weekend in which Mary Ann and I participated. All of the "detectives" agreed this was the most challenging of all the brain teasers. However, I'm confident it will be a piece-of-cake for Wallies. Two clues (be creative in the estate design and no diagonals) and two caveats (the outline of all estates must be the same and ignore the pen marks). Have fun! Be the first to send me your solution!

Send us some news and pictures. . . or I will fill several pages in future newsletters with detailed anecdotes regarding the activities of our incredible three children and six grandchildren. In fact, here I am with our sixth grandchild, our second grandson, Jack William Sobotka, of Portland, OR. Wabash Class of 2038!



Duane

# Ravenwood's Veteran Warm Up Puzzle



Ravenwood's king of old had four sons when he died. His estate included four castles and four oak groves. Each son *must* have a castle. The oak groves are a source of prestige and a valuable resource. Each son must also have an oak grove *AND* the outline of each son's estate *MUST* be *IDENTICAL* to the others. Otherwise jealousy and strife will be the king's legacy.

So... to avoid any unpleasantness... you must divide the estate into four *identical* tracts. You must use the grid lines to outline these tracts for the serfs are settled in their zones, and each tract *must* contain one castle and one oak grove. The relative position of the grove and castle within the tract need not be identical.

Show your solution to Denham or his assistants and you shall be rewarded.

This is the fine print: the relative positions of each castle and oak grove will vary within the new estate boundaries, of course, but each estate will have one of each