



## WABASH COLLEGE

### *Class Agents Letter*

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### Class of 1968

#### Class Agent

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Dear Friends in the Class of 1968,

It's that time again. I hope these photos and stories inspire you to register and attend our Big Bash on June 1-3, to celebrate 50 years of the good life after Wabash. Details for signing up are included in this letter, so please jump on board. I look forward to seeing all you guys. Looks like some records will be set, and I hope attendance will be one of them! Let's do it.



Everyone is celebrating something as 2017 comes to a close. Here are the Butlers, Van and Mary.



Wayne Kornas and his grandson.



Lee Grogg and grandkids.



Mike Gallagher with grand-nieces Lauren and Kate.



The Mike Dybel Clan.

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### **We Lost Roger Senkbeil, Our Dear Friend and Classmate**



Roger C. Senkbeil, 71, of Mishawaka, passed away Thursday, December 28, 2017 at Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, Mishawaka. Roger was born September 28, 1946 in Cincinnati, Ohio, to the late Charles Senkbeil and Irma (Blaise) Senkbeil. He was also preceded in death by his sister, Cheryth Taylor. On August 12, 1989 in South Bend, Roger married Carol Hoover (Nitka) Senkbeil, who survives. Also surviving is a stepson, Todd A. Nitka of South Bend, nephew, Paul (Nancy) Taylor of North Muskegon, MI, and their children Kate and Jack Taylor, niece, Laura (John) Leybourne and their son Max, of New Castle, CO, step-niece, Kristine (Pat) Tamlin of LaPorte, IN. Roger graduated from Wabash College, Crawfordsville, IN and graduate school from University of Northern Colorado, Greeley, CO. Roger was active with several local organizations over the years, including South Bend Civic Theater (Past President), the Blair Hills-Hillside Villas Board (Past President), Economic Club of Michiana, NAIFA of Northern IN, and Mishawaka

Business Assoc. He loved music and sang in the Glee Club at Wabash College and in the choir at Clay Church. He and Carol loved to travel and took many trips across the country over the years, including Israel and Germany. Roger had been a Financial Advisor for AXA for over 30 years, retiring in of 2017. Prior to being in the financial

business, he was the Director at Marshall Starke Redevelopment Center in Plymouth, IN. Roger will truly be missed by all who knew and loved him dearly. Visitation will be held from 10:00 until 12 noon on Friday, January 5, 2018 at Clay Church, 52866 Ironwood Rd., South Bend, IN, 46635. Memorial service will follow at 12:00 noon, with Rev. Brian Durand officiating. Contributions may be made to Clay Church or South Bend Civic Theater, 403 N. Main Street, South Bend, IN, 46601. Welsheimer Family Funeral Home assisted with arrangements. Family and friends may leave e-mail condolences at [www.welsheimer.com](http://www.welsheimer.com)

Charitable donations may be made in Roger's memory to the following organizations:

Clay Church  
52866 Ironwood Rd, South Bend  
South Bend Civic Theatre  
215 W Madison St., South Bend, IN 46601

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**I had a nice long chat with Steve Scheidt a few years back.** He had collided with Dean Moore and veered away from Wabash College after freshman year, but he still loved the place, his friends, and his time there. Still contributed to Wabash. Very good man. Sorry to have to report his passing. Sorry it's late.

Name of Classmate: Scheidt, Steven J.

Date of Death: July 9, 2016

Spouse: Scheidt, Linda L.

While at Wabash: Was a Member of: Sigma Chi

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Obituary:

Steven Jerry Scheidt, 69, of Elkridge, Maryland, passed away at 9:50 a.m. Saturday, July 9, 2016, at Howard County General Hospital in Columbia, Maryland. Born September 30, 1946, in Dayton, Ohio, Steven was the son of Paul and Betty Spies Scheidt. He grew up in Columbus, Indiana, and was a graduate of Columbus High School and Wabash College. An extraordinarily loving husband and father, he enjoyed sailing, cars, grilling out and spending time with his grandchildren. He was also an accomplished painter and a veteran of the Indiana and Michigan National Guards. A memorial service will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday at Harrison Lake Country Club in Columbus. The cremated remains will be buried in Garland Brook Cemetery. He is survived by his wife, Linda L. Scheidt of Elkridge; son, Ryan (Arielle Weininger) Scheidt of Chicago; daughter, Jessica (Jason) Jue of Vienna, Virginia; and grandchildren, Joanna and Margot Jue; mother, Betty Scheidt of Sun City, Arizona; and brother, Alan Scheidt of Hampstead, North Carolina. He was preceded in death by his father, Lt. Col. Paul Scheidt of Columbus. Memorial contributions may be made to the World Food Program at [wfpusa.org](http://wfpusa.org), a group Steven actively worked with and supported.

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### Anna Professional Ballroom Dance Instructor On Michael Dybel's page

1-9-18 ·

I am very proud of this performance! Michael did so much hard work preparing for this beautiful Foxtrot "You make me feel so young" His enthusiasm, acting skills and desire to do the absolute best is contagious! Michael's growth as a Ballroom Dance is unstoppable! - "You made me feel so proud"

Anna



### **Mike Dybel** - Works at President, Strategic Technologies International, Inc.

Lives in Libertyville, Illinois "These pictures are from the Extravaganza Showcase held on September 15, 2017 at the Chevy Chase Country Club in Lincolnshire, IL. Ballroom dancing is a new hobby I took up last year! I broke out of my BBBs - Business and Biotech Box - where I spent my career, and discovered there was an artistic side to my life that provided exercise, music, new friends, and a diverse supportive social network! And it's been a lot of fun!!"



Roper sez: I'm posting these photos to lighten things up a bit. Mike seems to be having so much fun. Ask him about this at the 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion Big Bash!

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Dear Wabash Representative: I am sad to inform you that a former Wabash College faculty member and a friend of mine, Dr. Robert Johnson, died this past December 2017. I taught in the Political Science Department at Wabash from 1967 to 1974. Bob Johnson began teaching in the Math Department in the Fall of 1968 and left in 1973. He later taught Math at Galludet College in Washington DC before retiring several years ago. Please leave a message for the Wabash Magazine editor so he or she can place this information in the next issue. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Barry R. Schneider, PhD

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The note below appeared on Facebook on 1-20-18. Wabash streams athletic events. Check it out. I need to learn about the new wrestling scoring system—always considered my strength to be counter-wrestling. I'd probably get tagged for "stalling" nowadays:

The Wabash wrestling team had little trouble dispatching three opponents Saturday in the annual Max Servies Duals. The Little Giants defeated Thomas More College (45-0), the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh (44-3), and Cornell College (32-12).

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Have arrived at our Happy Place on Playa La Ropa in Zihuatanejo



Mike and Kathy Gallagher 1-23-18

Nice ambiance for a bit of merlot?

01-28-18

Steve Johnson and family. (?)



Lookin' good!

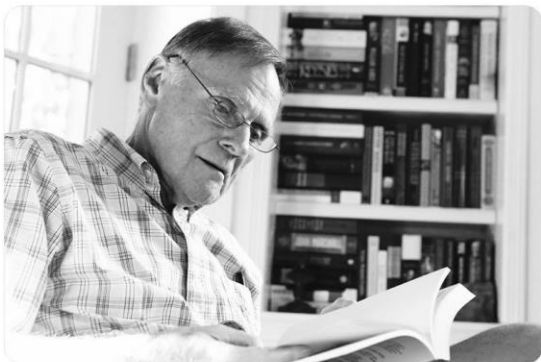


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"As long as I can read, life will be worth living." – Stephen Bowen '68

[#TuesdayThoughts](#)



## WABASH RISES IN PRINCETON REVIEW RANKINGS

by Richard Paige • January 16, 2018

Wabash College continues to rank among the nation's best when it comes to ranking the best institutions for academics, affordability, and career prospects.

The 186-year-old liberal arts institution was lauded by the *Princeton Review* in its annual college guide, "Colleges That Pay You Back: The 200 Schools That Give You the Best Bang for Your Tuition Buck," ranking in the top 20 nationally in four different categories.

Wabash ranked No. 18 nationally among the Top-50 Colleges That Pay You Back, an improvement of 20 places over the 2017 rankings; No. 2 in America for Best Alumni Network and Top Internship Opportunities; No. 8 in Best Career Services; and No. 19 in the Top Colleges That Pay You Back for Students With No Demonstrated Need.

### Email from your Reunion Chairman, Jim Millikin:

Just heard from Mike Gallagher... as of the end of January the total for the class gift is \$3,000 short of ten million. This is an all-time record!! Pass this along to your various contacts...maybe it will spark some additional generosity to push us over this little hurdle. We have had several more registrations ... keep up the good work!!

Jim

### Now some info and news from the college:

**Alumni Survey** We can guess what alumni like you think about Wabash, or we can ask you. We've decided to ask you. We're working with an outstanding firm from Chicago to conduct a comprehensive survey from as many alumni as we can reach. They tell us the best response rate was 31% from an Ivy League school. We'd like to beat that! In mid-February, look for an email or postcard with your unique link. As you take a break to complete this important survey, we'll give a coffee break to someone on campus of your choosing. For alumni completing the survey, we'll also give 10 lucky winners a \$50 gift card to the Wabash College Bookstore. Knowing that you guys are competitive, we'll send an update halfway through the survey period with which classes are leading in response rates.

**Big Bash** This year, we're giving you an incentive to sign up early for Big Bash. **If you register by March 1, 2018, we'll waive the \$10 registration fee.** We've already seen more registrations, so be sure to promote this. To see the schedule, find out who's registered, and register yourself, go to [wabash.edu/bigbash](http://wabash.edu/bigbash).

### Meanwhile in Athletics:

Wabash scored 119 points to win the team title at Saturday's DePauw Indoor Track and Field Invitational in Greencastle, Indiana. The Little Giants finished ahead of Rose-Hulman in second place with 115 points. The host Tigers took third place out of 14 teams with a score of 97 points.



Four Wabash wrestlers captured individual titles to help the Little Giants take the team championship at Saturday's Mid-States Invitational at Manchester University Saturday. A total of 20 Little Giant competitors earned top-eight places in their respective brackets. Wabash scored 330 points to win the team title. Olivet finished with 194 to place second overall with Adrian College finishing third out of 10 teams with 146 points.

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This letter was sent from Ron Nichols '64, to Cal Black '66. Thanks, Cal, for sharing:

Cal,

As the years go by and our memories and contacts with Wabash and Beta friends continue, and our class agents letters and visits to campus continue, we seem to let the issue of our own mortality get pushed to the backs of our minds. A subtle reminder of this is the fact that our reunions are now every five years. We have lost classmates and Beta brothers in the past few years and know that there are more to come.

Let us cherish our memories, celebrate the present, and provide for the future of Wabash College and Tau Chapter of Beta Theta Pi.

Yours in -kai-

Ron #922

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Hey, guys, when I saw that **Randy Slickers** had signed up, I went for it. No, I have 4 kids at home, and I don't know what I'm doing tomorrow afternoon, but I signed up. Here's what you need to do. **Now!**

1. Online registration for Big Bash can be completed from the Big Bash web page ([www.wabash.edu/bigbash](http://www.wabash.edu/bigbash)). There is a link to register at the top and also on the right hand side of the page. **Note: The registration fee (\$10) will be waived for those who register prior to March 1.** Be one of the first to register and encourage your classmates to do the same.
2. Call the Hampton Inn directly at 765-362-8884 to reserve your hotel room.
3. Make plane reservations and whatever else you need to get to Crawfordsville, June 1-3, 2018.
4. I plan to be there on May 31. SEE YOU THEN!

With sincere best wishes,

Jim Roper '68