

### Class of 1968

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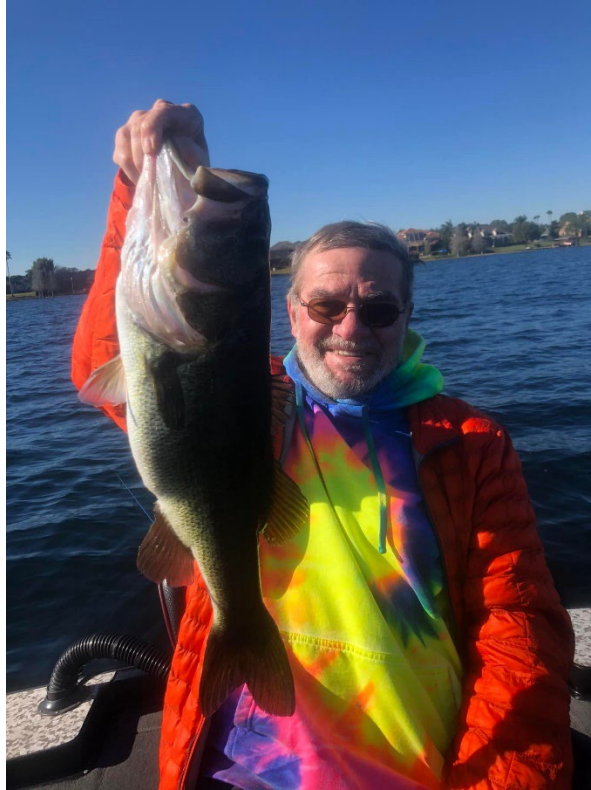
Dear Friends in the Class of 1968,

Here's another letter. Please send news if you can. With a photo. I have defeated skin cancer and cataracts lately. What's up with you? Hope everyone is well. I think aging requires a psychological adjustment they didn't tell us about.

**Onward and upward ...**



**Becky and Chuck Kraft** Doing the grandparent thing. He was Charlie until the Navy got him.



**3-14 Dr. Jim Dashiell enjoying time in Orlando.**



**Dr. Wayne Kornas 3-18-22 Happy Birthday Grandpa!**



## Dr. Todd McDorman Named Dean of the College

Dr. Todd McDorman, who came to Wabash in 1998, has been appointed Dean of the College. McDorman, who has served as Acting Dean for the last two years, will begin his tenure on July 1.

Also ...

Wabash College 184-pounder Chase Baczek was named to the 2022 D3Wrestle.com All-Freshman Team, while Little Giant head coach **Brian Anderson** was named the website's 2022 Coach of the Year

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**Mike Dybel** 4-15-22 (Left) The entrance to our flamenco dinner after a long day exploring Madrid.



**Below:** 4-16-22 On Holy Saturday, Polish people bring baskets containing their Easter morning breakfast to be blessed by a priest In a ceremony called Święconka or the blessing of baskets. Here I am today with my babcia's basket, which is over 100 years old.



In April, 2022, we took a transatlantic cruise from Ft Lauderdale to Madeira, Gibraltar, Cadiz, Lisbon, and London. This was followed by a week on the Costa del Sol in Spain with visits to Marabella, Grenada, Cordoba, and Seville. Our Spanish sojourn was capped by a visit to Madrid and the Prado museum and Ro

## ***From Dr. Dave Cook 4-11-22***

As birthday # 75 closed in last fall, I hung my stethoscope up for good - and I'm looking forward to seeing a number of our classmates (about 18% of the class, if memory serves me) at a 50th IU medical school reunion in June. Are any of us still in practice?

Lynda and I are emerging from our COVID cocoon and starting to do some traveling again: Charleston SC last month (a great place for history buffs to visit aspects of American history from pre-revolution to reconstruction), San Diego next and a couple other domestic flights as warm-ups for a third attempt at a Danube River cruise the end of November (if not cancelled yet again because of another COVID spike or, Lord help us, spill-over of the Ukraine war).



Standing (pre-pandemic) at the Arctic Circle on the Icelandic out-island of Grimsey.





**Mike Gallagher** 4-15-22 Beautiful views from our San Francisco @Fairmont hotel room today. Here for Easter with Jean and Ryan at the ballet. Roper adds: Yes. Reminds me of the free trip the government bestowed on many of us after graduation from Wabash. Ah ... still beautiful.

**THEN, (from Mike) on 4-26-22:** I want to give a shout out to Saint Paul's hospital and their great hand surgery team Of doctors, anesthesiologists, nurses and technicians. 🙌🙌🙌 I had hand surgery this afternoon after fracturing and dislocating the middle joint of my left middle finger attempting a misguided heroic backhanded catch of a line drive during batting practice on my senior softball team last Wednesday. No golf or softball for 6 weeks or so.



**4-28-22** Last Canucks home game tonight, playoffs wait till next year!



**Claude Wise** had a birthday in April. We took a lot of chemistry classes together. Waiting for details from Claude. **Claude and Mike Dybel** below! Gotta love the laughter.



4-22-22 **Bill McCluskey** had a birthday. Many happy returns!!!

Roper adds: Heckuva fullback. Happy Birthday.

## Hey, Grunge!

**Jim Roper** missed you at the Fireball Reunion in Waco. Good ol' days (?) in Clovis. Remember "It's 4:30 at Bardo!" (The Cannon AFB final approach fix you filed a flight plan to—Bardo—was over Texas—one hour earlier than Happy Hour in New Mexico.) Had a great time at the 522<sup>nd</sup> Tac Fighter Squadron gathering. Spent 5 loooong years in CVS. Red Flag photo below—2 X 2000 pound dumb bombs. JR



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The Princeton Review rated Wabash as No. 2 in Best Alumni Network, No. 3 in Best Schools for Internships, and No. 29 in Best Value Colleges for private schools.

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## Wabash College 5-7-2022 (Walt Snodell Our Class)

It was a special weekend in Chicago for 16 high school seniors. Students were surrounded by family and friends as they were awarded scholarships **from Kathy Snodell, wife of Walt '68**. The Snodell Scholars program was established in 2018 by Walt and Kathy to make a Wabash College education available to a greater number of students from the greater Chicagoland region.

“We all need and get help along the way. Many times, we don’t even know it, and we’re almost never in a position to pay it back. But we can pay it forward when it’s our turn. That is what the **Snodell Scholarships are all about**,” Kathy told the scholars. “You will experience a lot at Wabash. You’ll come away from Crawfordsville having learned how to think critically, act responsibly, lead effectively and live humanely. You will hear that mantra a lot in the next four years. Own it, live it, and when your time comes, pay it forward.”

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### Not Our Class—But Close

Wabash College wasn’t easy for Paul “Robbie” Robinson ’67, a first-generation college student who didn’t even think pursuing higher education was possible as a kid.



“I didn’t know I was going to go to college, but I didn’t know what else I was going to do with my life,” said the alumnus originally from Cincinnati, Ohio. “Other people from high school were going to college or had a job, and I didn’t. I felt stuck.” He has always been grateful for the lasting opportunities Wabash provided him, and his grandsons, Paul ’21 and Wade ’22 Haesemeyer, and he proudly believes in the College’s mission of educating men to think critically, act responsibly, lead effectively, and live humanely.

(Paul was a great linebacker for Coach Ken Keuffel. Great friend, too.)

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## **ALLISON MANWELL**

**ASSISTANT ATHLETICS DIRECTOR  
INTERNAL OPERATIONS**

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Allison Manwell will join the Wabash College athletics administrative staff as the assistant athletics director for internal operations, Wabash director of athletics Matt Tanney announced Thursday.

Manwell, a 2016 Indiana Wesleyan University graduate with a bachelor's degree in elementary education, earned a master's degree in sports management from Ball State University in 2018. She is currently working toward a degree in building-level administration from Purdue University.

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**From Terry Smith - 5-12-22**

Going to brag a little bit again because I have not felt this well in a long time. About a month ago, I mentioned that I had lost 25lbs and now have reached another goal--lost 36 lbs. Want to lose 5 more and know the last 5 will be tough. As I said before did it the old fashioned way---changed my eating habits and have been exercising. And am going to work hard to keep it off. That will be the tough part.

Send us a photo, Terry!



05-15-22

**Van Butler** is with **Mary Langer Butler** at **Dalton Ranch Golf Club**.

Durango, CO ·

Finally got her hardware for 2021 ladies Club Net Champion at Dalton Ranch!!

**Betty-Dan Vannatter**· 5-14-22

Has anyone taken a cruise through the Panama Canal? If so, what cruise line did you use? Any other tips or info you would like to share? I'm doing some preliminary research right now. Other than wanting a balcony cabin and a final destination in Los Angeles we're pretty flexible.

Hey, Dan, I jumped Gatun Drop Zone with the Army Rangers. Don't recommend. JR

#### **FROM THE HORSE'S MOUTH—Hugh Vandiver to all of us**

For now, as we enter the final 45 days of the 2021-2022 fiscal year for Wabash, we want to make sure that you, our Class Agents, know that we're in a strong position to meet our Annual Fund dollar goal. However, we're nearly 1,000 alumni donors shy of last year's mark. This especially concerns us because we generated 324 new alumni donors in the final 45 days of last fiscal year. (Alumni giving factors significantly in our rankings with The Princeton Review and U.S. News & World Report.)

To keep our 9-year streak of 40%+ alumni giving, we've set an ambitious goal to generate more than 600 new alumni donors before the June 30 fiscal year-end. This would be a significant accomplishment given where we stand today. At the bottom of this message, I've pasted where your class stands this year compared to where your class finished last year, and the five-year average and five-year high number of donors.

Here are just a few highlights of a great 2021-2022 year for Wabash...

- Last weekend, 221 members from the Class of 2022 joined the ranks of Wabash alumni at Commencement.
- Cooper Smith '23 earned a Truman Scholarship, and six graduates earned Orr Fellowships.
- The MXIBS celebrated their 50th anniversary on campus.
- Athletic teams achieved tremendous success, including the Wrestling team's runner-up performance at Nationals, Basketball's deep playoff run, and Track & Field's continued dominance in the Conference.
- The 4.19 Day of Giving set new records. The College reached record-setting marks in dollars raised as well as impact per student.
- The latest Princeton Review rankings list Wabash as #2 for Best Alumni Network (behind Notre Dame and just ahead of Hampden-Sydney).

PFYR	Current	Total	Difference	5-Yr Highest	5-yr Average
1968	64	78	-14	107	85

We need at least 14 guys to step up to the plate. We can do this.

I'm calling this a wrap. Please drop a note if something changes or if it doesn't. Your classmates want to know.

Yours in Wabash.

**Jim Roper**