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Dear Friends in the Class of 1968,

We're moving closer to June 1 and our 50th reunion. This will be your last letter before that big event. I'm hearing from fantastic people who will be there. **Definitely a major lifetime experience.** Let's set an attendance record; *better yet a fun record.* If you haven't signed up, somebody will probably call and ask why. I know from my shrinking veterans' organizations that life is fragile and terribly short. Don't trust time! I'll arrive on Thursday, and look forward to four days of smiles. See you then! JR

Mark Sutton sends:

I'm recovering from having my lower two back vertebrae fused together. The surgery took place the day after Valentine's Day, but I'm well along on the road to recovery a week and a day later. To be sure, the time can pass slowly when one is just waiting to heal, Jim. So any "distraction" that gets one thinking of other things is usually a good thing. And then, lo and behold, another class letter arrives from you and I'm transported back half a century ago as those memories come flooding back. I always look forward to the updates on the living, even as I digest the news of classmates now deceased. So thanks for publishing another installment.

In a show of optimism, I've already registered and sent my money in for the Big Bash. And the thoughts of getting back together with everyone is another one of those pleasant "distractions" that has me looking ahead to June. Looking forward to seeing everyone then.

Harry McGonigle responds to the last letter:

Thanks, Jim.

As always, a lot of good stuff. Back here in Pennsylvania, this is the only contact I have. thanks again, Harry and Dianne McGonigle



From: **Michael Dybel**

I spent a great week in Cabo San Lucas visiting **Claude and Sue Wise**! I enjoyed scuba diving and caught a striped marlin, but best of all was the time spent together! Thank you, Claude and Sue!!

Five Wabash wrestlers earned spots at the NCAA Division III national championship tournament with top performances at the Central Regional that concluded Saturday in the Knowling Fieldhouse. Three Little Giants won individual regional titles. [Owen Doster](#) won the 133-pound weight class. [Austin Bethel](#) captured the 149-pound title. [Kyle Hatch](#) secured his berth in the national championship event by winning the 157-pound weight class. The trio will be joined by [Darden Schurg](#) and [Hunter Bates](#), who finished second at 174 pounds and 184 pounds, respectively.

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Wabash junior attacker Steven Stark earned @NCAC Men's Lacrosse Player of the Week honors after breaking the school record for total points in a game with 10 in the Little Giants' 19-6 home win Sunday over Wilmington. <http://sports.wabash.edu/.../stark-named-ncac-mens-lacrosse-p...>





We haven't heard from Dr. Dave Cook in awhile. Glad to see he signed up for Big Bash. I look forward to seeing my Beta brother again. **Leading A Colloquium?** Great news!

Posted March 3, 2018 **Jay LeSeure**
March 2 ·

My kids Alyssa and TJ with their Uncle Larry at his Bronx apartment in July 2014. The Reverend Laurence J. LeSeure, Episcopal Church USA, passed on Friday, March 2, 2018. May he Rest In Peace and Rise in the Glory of the Lord.



The Wabash College wrestling team was one of 67 Division III programs recognized by the National Wrestling Coaches Association as an All-Academic Team for the 2017-2018 season. Five Little Giants received Individual All-Academic honors. Wabash ranked 12th among 67 Division III teams honored by the NWCA with a team grade point average of 3.4901. The Little Giants were one of 13 teams with five or more individuals to earn All-Academic recognition.

3-10-2018

Wabash wrestlers Austin Bethel, Kyle Hatch, and Darden Schurg advanced to Saturday's All-America rounds of the 2018 NCAA Division III National Championship Tournament. <http://sports.wabash.edu/.../wabash-sends-three-to-all-america...>



Baseball 3/20/2018 9:27:00 AM Wabash College senior Bryan Roberts earned North Coast Athletic Conference Baseball Pitcher of the Week honors for the second time this season after a winning effort Sunday for the Little Giants against Hanover College. Roberts improved to 3-0 for the season with an eight-inning effort in Sunday's 8-3 victory at Hanover.

3-2 Received this epic note from Jon Roe: Jim,



Kudos to you for your serial updates on the Class of 1968. They evoke memories of the friends of youth and the continuity of life.

Have been living in the high desert region of west Texas north of BBNP since 2004 with summer interludes of 4-10 weeks on Swan's Island about 6 miles off the coast near Mount Desert Island in northern Maine (picture from 2017 attached). Connie and I celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary with sons, their spouses, and grand-kids for a week on MDI last summer. Great time was had by all.

Time telescopes as you get older. All the best to the Class of 1968. Hope to see you in June.

Best regards,

Jon (Roe)

My response:

How very special to hear from you, Jon. I've been seriously hoping to see you at a reunion or Homecoming. You were on my list of guys who definitely should not miss this Big Bash. My linebacker brother Randy Slickers is attending, and I hope to see you, too. Working on Johnny Cochran and John Lord. I remember your smile through the crazy times freshman year, and who could forget your scamper to the top of that greased pole to grab the pot, and end that miserable phase of Rhynie-dom. Sounds like we have a lot to catch up on, and a lot of us are looking forward to it!!!

Best,
Jim R.



04-01-18 Wayne Kornas seems to be in Disneyworld or Neuschwanstein. I'm guessing Disney. See you in June!

Looking dapper, Dan! See you in June.



From the College: The upcoming retirement of one of our colleagues offers a professional opportunity in the Wabash College Advancement Office. Please share this information with potential candidates who may be a good fit to represent the College and travel the country to meet with alumni and friends. Interested candidates can submit their application materials via the Wabash employment site.

Major Gifts Officer or Senior Major Gifts Officer

https://wabash.edu/employment/home.cfm?job_id=650

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Had a nice long chat with Ronnie Hill. Retired from the practice of law and a judgeship, he's doing well, other than back problems that preclude out-of-town travel. He is off the pills that come with the years for BP etc. Great! He and Gerri spend a lot of time chasing grandkids around to sporting events: a senior in track, a sophomore playing baseball, a 12-year-old in Little League, and a 6-year-old who played his first coach-pitch game last week. We talked a lot about baseball, since my kids are up their ears in that game. We concluded it teaches you to "just accept things." We told some Wabash stories as time passed. So great to catch up. Ron said his take-away from Wabash College was that "it gave me the ability to work at life, and to enjoy it."

05-05: Wabash produced nine all-conference performances to finish in second place on the final day of the 2018 North Coast Athletic Conference Outdoor Track and Field Championships.

**I look forward to seeing your bright and smiling faces on June 1, our Big Bash!
Drive on over and pick up that 50-year medallion and share some smiles with your
1968 buds. Sign up ends May 23. Do it now!**

WAF! With best regards,
Jim Roper '68