

**Class of 1968**

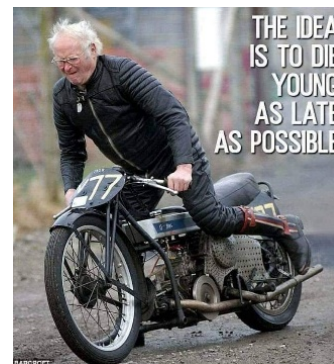
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Dear Friends in the **Class of 1968**,

I hope this finds everyone well. We're cruising along in Colorado. March and April were significant snow months, so we have had *that*, but it melted quickly, and interspersed were some absolutely gorgeous days. Stats say we have 300 sunny days per year.



On Saturday, June 5, after nearly 15 months of campus not being open to visitors, Wabash is opening campus for part of the day. Please plan to come, bring your family, and walk through buildings including the new Little Giant Stadium. More information will be available soon.

The Little Giants will also return to a full football schedule this fall.

<https://sports.wabash.edu/news/2021/1/12/wabash-announces-2021-football-schedule.aspx>

I'm happy to travel the 1100 miles, if it includes a football game. I hope everyone read the email from Coach Don Morel, where he says, *"As I write this, the 2021 team has completed six padded practices with another 14 ahead of them. The team looks strong. Currently, we have 80 players on the roster, and we anticipate 60 Freshman joining us in August. The average GPA of the Freshman class was 3.66. The class we are currently recruiting looks to be higher."* Sounds good, Coach. Wabash will face Allegheny College on Sept. 18 in the first football game played at the new \$13-million stadium as part of the College's Homecoming celebration. Wabash will formally dedicate its new stadium, including Frank Navarro Field, on that day. The night before, Sept. 17, Wabash will induct its newest class into the Athletics Hall of Fame. <https://sports.wabash.edu/news/2020/4/27/general-national-champ-all-americans-headline-wabash-hall-of-fame-class.aspx>. And look for the 127th Monon Bell Classic against DePauw in the new stadium on Nov. 13.

Until then, y'all take good care.

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**Jim Roper '68**

**From the Wrestling Newsletter : Late January the Division III winter sports National Championships were cancelled.** Wabash Wrestling's year is far from over, and the coaches have devised a way to keep the wrestlers together and wrestling for the remainder of the school year. The wrestlers are going to be practicing on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, and the practices are not going to be as intense as in season practices and will focus more on technique, new moves, and fine-tuning areas the wrestlers need to work on. Wabash coaches and wrestlers are once again not happy about the decision by Division III to cancel season, but they now can rest without being anxious on when they will know more information about the season. **EVEN SO ... May 3: Ten members of the Wabash College wrestling team have been honored by the National Wrestling Coaches Association as 2021 Scholar All-Americans.** Little Giants Cameron Bacon, Evan Burge, Trizton Carson, Anthony Cicciarelli, Caden Friedt, Jack Heldt, Grant Johnson, Wade Ripple, Daylan Schurg, and Jared Timberman all received recognition from the NWCA. <https://sports.wabash.edu/.../wrestling-ten-wrestlers...>

## **Wabash Named "Best Value" By The Princeton Review**

by Richard Paige • April 20, 2021

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Wabash College continues to rank among the best institutions nationally when it comes to the value and support its students receive. In its annual college guide: *The Best Value Colleges*, *The Princeton Review* rated Wabash as No. 1 in Best Alumni Network for private schools, No. 3 in Best Internship Opportunities, and No. 28 in Best Value Colleges for private schools. The latter ranking was the highest among private schools in the state of Indiana.

According to *The Princeton Review*, Best Value Colleges for 2021 comprise only seven percent of the nation's four-year colleges and feature each of the following attributes: stellar academics; affordability via low costs or generous financial aid; and strong career prospects for graduates.

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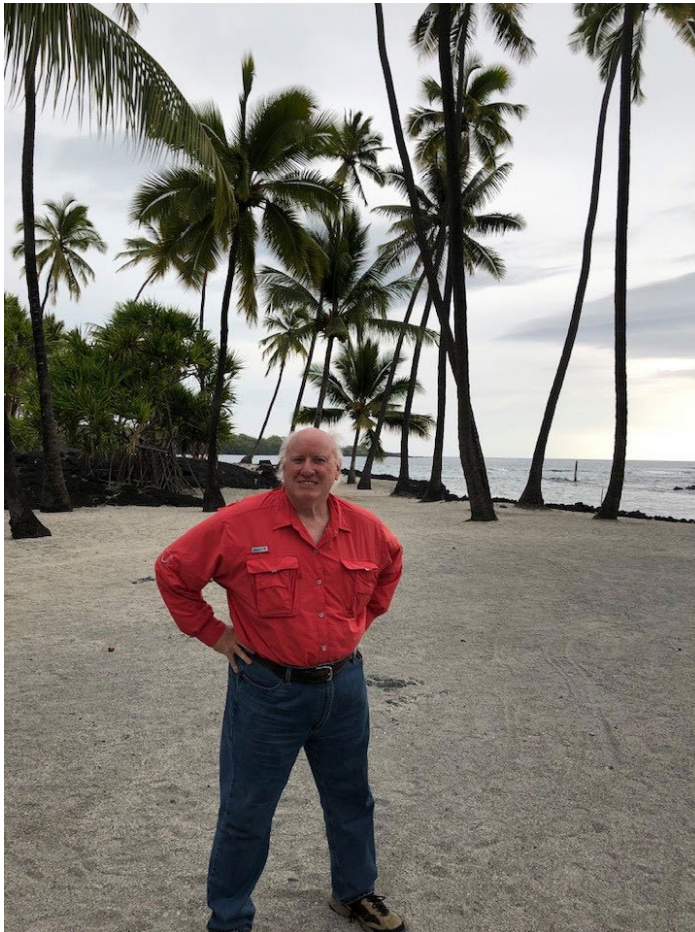
Thanks to the 74 classmates of you who have donated so far this fiscal year. The Annual Fund folks tell me that we have about \$300,000 and a little more than 1,000 alumni donors needed to meet this year's goal by June 30. If you haven't made a gift yet this year, every dollar gets us toward that goal that helps out Wabash students. You can make a gift online at [www.wabash.edu/give](http://www.wabash.edu/give) or mail a check to Wabash College c/o Annual Fund 301 W. Wabash Ave. Crawfordsville, IN 47933.



**Mike Dybel** 2-23-21

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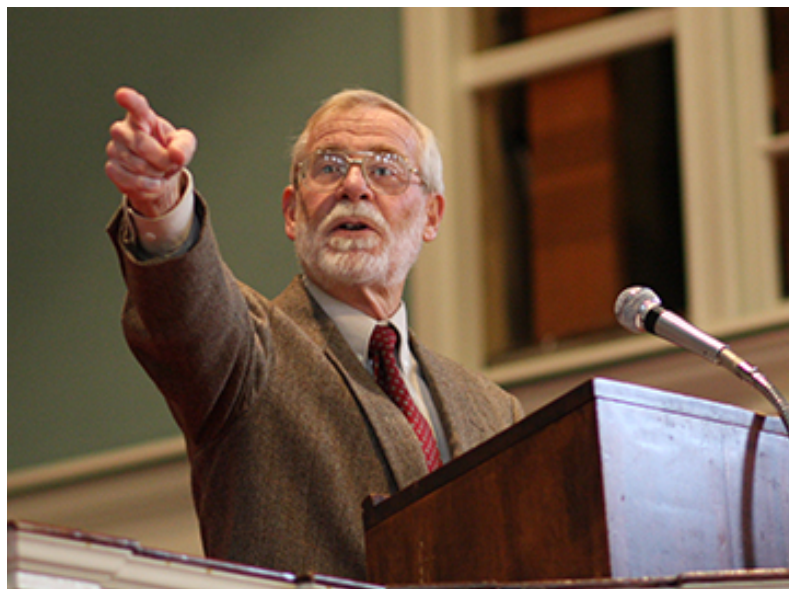
Enjoyed a 72 hour quarantine at the Kauai Marriott. Finally the sun came out to reveal the beauty of Kauai. I passed my covid negative test on March 15 and was awarded a certificate allowing freedom to travel, car rental, and relocation privileges on Kauai. On to bigger and better adventures!



**4-6-21 Mike sez: Carpe Diem.**  
I think Mike has figured it out!



**David Phillips** arrived just after we left. He was a fixture at the Scarlet Inn. A friend, a great guy, and proudly spoke of his wrestling timer days. The world is a lesser place.



**Wabash College – 3-4-21** The Wabash College community is mourning the loss of Emeritus Professor of Chemistry David Phillips H'83. He was a professor who held himself and his students to high standards. David A. Phillips, 83, H'83, of Crawfordsville, Indiana, died on Mar. 4, 2021. He was born Dec. 17, 1937 in Los Angeles, California to William Henry and Iris Eva (Johnson) Phillips.

**David Phillips** earned a B. S. in Chemistry at the University of Redlands in California, then a Ph.D. in Chemistry at the University of

Washington. While at Washington, he met and married Prudence (Kimball) Phillips, the love of his life for 45 years. Pru enjoyed a brilliant career as a chemistry teacher at Crawfordsville High School, sending many of her students on to earn advanced degrees in science and medicine. She died in 2009. After one year as a post-doctoral fellow at Washington, David served for two years as an Instructor at Middle East Technical University in Ankara, Turkey. In 1968, he accepted an appointment as Wabash College's first inorganic chemist. He taught continuously until [his retirement in 2004](#) and enjoyed teaching all-college courses such as freshman tutorials and Cultures and Traditions. He was a professor who held himself and his students to high standards. One of his joys was seeing students advance from introductory chemistry through the final senior course, Chem 13, Advanced Inorganic Chemistry. David not only developed and taught this capstone course for 36 consecutive years, but he and Pru gave celebratory dinners for the seniors who finished it. In the five years before he retired, he chaired the committee that oversaw the construction of Hays Hall and the renovation of Goodrich Hall at Wabash College.

Early in the 1968-69 season, David attended his first Wabash wrestling match. Shortly thereafter, Athletic Director Max Servies recruited him as a timer. For the next 35 years, David would be a fixture at most of the College's home wrestling meets, including the Little State tournaments and NCAA Division III Regionals hosted at Wabash. He also served as the College's Faculty Athletics Representative to the NCAA for six years and was inducted into the College's Athletics Hall of Fame. Music was an essential part of David's life. He was an accomplished

violinist and played with a quartet at Wabash and in the College's chamber orchestra for many years. In retirement, David developed several projects aimed at restoring the College's institutional memory. Several of his articles appeared in *Wabash Magazine*, and he published two booklets – a collection of biographical sketches of the men whose portraits hang in the Wabash Chapel and (jointly with Professor John Zimmerman) an illustrated tour of the College's buildings and important landmarks. One of his best narratives of the founding of the College was delivered as a Chapel Talk, ["In the Beginning There Was Hovey,"](#) on November 18, 2010. David is an honorary alumnus of Wabash (Class of 1983). He is survived by his siblings Joy Elizabeth Butler, John E. Phillips, and Glenn A. Phillips, and their children, including Elizabeth Ritchie Lynch and Robert Alen Ritchie; and by the siblings of his deceased wife, Pru, Thomas R. Kimball (Suzanne), Martha Kimball (Christian Detrick), and Susanna K. Monette, and their children, including Elizabeth B. Kimball and Randall C. Monette. Memorial contributions may be made to Wabash College, Advancement Office, 301 West Wabash Avenue, Crawfordsville, IN 47933, online at [wabash.edu/give](http://wabash.edu/give), or by phone at 877-743-4545. **A memorial service will be held on the campus of Wabash College at a time when people may gather in person to celebrate David's life.**

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**Terry Smith** is feeling crazy. *February 23 at 3:56 PM* · Well, today I purchased my first pair of hearing aids. So, for those of you who used to talk behind my back, I will now be able to hear you.

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### **Received this update from classmate TOM DAVIS**



Now retired after sales career that included enveloped, gentlemen's clothes, shoes, shear bend and punch steel, human bodies (aka headhunter), and a variety of recreational vehicles. Now an RV traveler trying to see a lot of the places I drove past in the sales career and the 2 states I did not have as territory; and also visiting the 3 kids and spouses, 6 grands and spouses, and 13 great grands oldest of which started driving this year. In my spare time an avid gardener in the 2 acres Barbara and I have occupied for 34 years.

### Wabash Trio Named NCAC Athletes of the Week

Three Wabash College students have been named the North Coast Athletic Conference Athletes of the Week for their respective sports. Kellen Schreiber earned NCAC Men's Basketball Athlete of the Week honors. AJ Shaheen received the NCAC Men's Lacrosse Athlete of the Week Award. Dylan Scheid was named the NCAC Baseball Pitcher of the Week.



Also

The Wabash College cross country team was recognized by the US Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association as a **2020 NCAA Division III All-Academic Team**.

The Little Giants were one of 180 men's teams honored by the USTFCCCA for earning a cumulative team grade point average of 3.1 or higher on a 4.0 scale through the fall 2020 semester. Wabash received the honor with a cumulative team GPA of 3.41.

### Sad News

I had reached out to Peter Kimmel, who had sent a nice story about his year with our class at Wabash some years ago. I asked for an update, and received this reply from his widow, Inge:

My beloved husband Peter Kimmel died more than one year ago, on Jan.13th 2020 after a long and painful case of cancer.

Sincerely,

Inge Kimmel





**Van Butler** (definitely newsworthy!)

March 26 at 2:40 PM · [Gilbert, AZ](#) ·

Hole in one! My first ever. On #14 at Kokopelli.  
— with Mary Langer Butler

Also

Greg Estell '85 was re-elected to the Board of Trustees for a four year term.  
Garrard McClendon '88, Neil Patel '94, and Cleophus Washington '85 were  
each re-elected to the NAWM Board of Directors for a three-year term.



5-4-21

I'll leave you with this (Yes, It's an F-111 Aardvark): May the Fourth Be With You.

**Jim Roper '68**