

Class of 1968

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

Here's another letter about our group. Yeah, it's sadly shrinking. Do those health screens. Catch things early. Send me an update when you can. Take care. Enjoy life!



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Wabash College Athletics

7-11-19

The 2018-2019 Wabash College basketball received the Team Academic Excellence Award from the National Association of Basketball Coaches after earning a 3.404 grade point average for the past season.



Okay. Scott Klika is up to something.

Looking well.

8-7-19 **Mike Dybel**



Bev and I celebrated our 42nd anniversary today! Adam and Yan joined us for dinner at Arboria. Where did the years go?

Wabash College Athletics 8-8-19

The 2019 college football season marks the sport's 150th anniversary and the 133rd season of football at Wabash College. The Little Giants are one of only nine current Division III schools to have fielded a program for that many seasons. Wabash ended the 2018 campaign with a 9-1 record and won a share of the North Coast Athletic Conference title with an 8-1 league mark. Fourteen starters return from last year's team, including eight starters on the defensive side of the football. That has led to the Little Giants being picked as the favorite among the conference coaches to win their ninth NCAC title this season along with a top-25 ranking in the D3football.com poll at the number 23 spot.

The overall schedule for 2019 has been a bit of a challenge for Wabash head coach Don Morel and his coaching staff. The Little Giant players reported to campus in mid-August just a few days prior to the start of freshmen orientation and classes. The team participated in two scrimmages in late August against Indiana Wesleyan and Rose-Hulman but will not take the field for a real game until September 14 in a road contest at Wisconsin – Stevens Point. Following the North Coast Athletic Conference opener one week later at Allegheny, the Little Giants will finally play a home contest against Denison on September 28.



Wabash is ranked 23rd in the D3football.com 2019 preseason top-25 poll. The Little Giants received 105 total points from the panel of 25 voters.

<https://sports.wabash.edu/.../wabash-23rd-in-d3football-com-p...>



8-10-19 Special birthday dinner with bleu cheese martinis. BTW, if you like a juniper-y gin, skip the Jackalope. Very floral. We recovered, however, and the evening was wonderful — with [Van Butler](#) at [Eolus Bar & Dining](#).

Mike and Kathy Gallagher 8-11-19 Hiking the Cutoff. Watch your step!



We stand on the shoulders of giants.

All that we are is because of those who came before us. The history of Wabash College is made of those courageous enough to take bold, giant steps. Now, as we move confidently toward our bicentennial in 2032, we are taking our biggest stride in history

Giant Steps: A Campaign for Wabash College.

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SAD NEWS On Aug 17, 2019, at 8:55 PM, Susie, Dan wrote:

Got a text this morning from Jane Slickers. Tom Howard passed away yesterday....esophageal cancer. She said he has been treated for it for a couple of years and "fought the good fight." He passed away on Wildhorse Island in Montana, which according to his wife, Beatrice, was his favorite place on earth.

Very sad....there was no one quite like "Howie."

Daniel F. Susie

He was indeed one of a kind; but had a big heart and do anything for you. Thanks for letting us know. **Ben Brouhard**

Thanks for letting us know--this is very sad, indeed. He was one of a kind--remember the dead duck that somehow found its way into the bed of Clint, the visiting Field Secretary that Phi Delta Theta National had sent to report on Indiana Beta's conformity to National's idea of standards? Pretty sure Howie had something to do with that (since I saw him put it there) **.J. A. Cragwall, Jr.**

As brother Ben said Tom had a big heart. He in fact would give you the shirt off of his back, and he did several times. When I was a Rhine I was assigned to Tom and Randy's room for a period of time. While cleaning the room I would find oxford cloth button down shirts scattered all over the room. On at least 6 or 8 times I would ask Tom if they were to go to the laundry and he would frequently say would you like to have the shirt. Most of them had only been worn once or would still be in the original packaging. I couldn't afford many shirts like those and it was truly a generous gesture that I had never experienced before at that time of my life. May our brother RIP. **John Dowd**

Tom put a pledge pin on me during one of my random visits to the house after being seduced by a Cragwall rush letter in spring of 1967. He said that if I took the pin he could leave rather than stay for Honors/rush. Good salesman! **GM Dill**

Wasn't Howie one of the leaders of the group that hunted rats at the City Dump...until Dean Moore put an end to that? Dan

That is my recollection □ John

Jim Roper adds: I did speak with my linebacker brother, Dr. Randy Slickers, who informed me of Tom's passing. Tom was a tough blocking back for us under Coach Ken Keuffel. Randy said Tom had just gotten the cancer diagnosis before our 50th Reunion, so he was not able to attend. (Also, I think Ronnie Hill's accidental knee shot had a lot to do with Dean Moore's decision about shooting rats at the dump. Right, Ron?) **Tom was a great guy and the world is a lesser place without him. Here is his Obituary:**

Thomas William Howard, 72, passed away on August 8, 2019 surrounded by family, at his cabin on Wild Horse Island (Flathead Lake, MT) after battling esophageal cancer.

Tom was a loving father of seven children and devoted husband to his wife, Beatrice. Tom was born in Madison, South Dakota on September 22, 1946. He attended the Lawrenceville School, in New Jersey, where he was an outstanding athlete. He participated in baseball, track, and football and was named "athlete of the year" by the student newspaper. He was a successful academic and went on to play football at Wabash College, graduating with a Bachelor's degree in economics in 1968.

After graduating, Tom became an officer in the Army National Guard. He was a newspaper publisher at Howard Publications, in Twin Falls, ID (The Times-News) and Casper, WY (The Star-Tribune). In 1985, Tom moved to Oceanside, CA to help grow the North-County Times. He then focused on diversifying and expanding the family company with investments in oil and gas exploration, medical product companies, a German energy management company, and other startups. Howard Energy Company became the family mainstay after the newspapers were sold to Lee Enterprises in 2002.

Tom was a cowboy at heart and passionate about the outdoors. Deep sea fishing and hunting were his favorite hobbies. He enjoyed hunting birds and big game in Africa, British Columbia, New Zealand and back home in Wyoming. One of his greatest joys was sharing these experiences with his good friends, hunting buddies, and children. Tom enjoyed flying his plane and had his pilot's license for many decades. He had a passion for cooking, eating, and hosting friends and family. Tom will be remembered for his entertaining stories, boisterous laugh, witty humor and generous heart. His family will miss the many lively debates, which were always resolved in light-hearted humor. Above all, Tom's greatest love and joy was his family.

Tom was preceded in death by his mother, Lillian Irene Howard.

He is survived by his father, Robert Staples Howard, Palm Desert, CA, who founded Howard Publications; and brothers, William (Cheryl), Friday Harbor, WA, and David (Beth), Leland, MI; and sister, Andrea Palmer (Jack), Naples FL. Tom was a proud father of seven children: Brian, David (Ann-Cathrin) and Alyssa with his former wife Linda Teply Howard, Rancho Santa Fe, CA; and Alexandra, Annika, Andrew and Adrienne with his wife, Beatrice Schmid Howard. The family has resided in Wilson, Wyoming for the past eighteen years, with three years spent in his wife's home country of Switzerland. The family greatly enjoyed living the Swiss culture and exploring Europe together. The children relished becoming local "tour guides" for their father, utilizing their superior language skills.

A celebration of Tom's life will be held at the Howard residence in Wilson, WY on Tom's birthday, September 22nd.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation in his name to Dr. Jaffer Ajani's research at MD Anderson or to an educational institution close to your heart.



08-23-19

Dr. John and Dot Hudson visited us recently. They have moved from Boulder to Broomfield, nearer Denver, CO. Dot has more back surgery coming. Those are my twins, Seth and Will, holding their dog, Rosie.

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Nikki Carpenter, Coordinator of Enrollment Office Operations, at
carpentn@wabash.edu or 765-361-6374.

082319 Got a note from **Buzz Madsen**: We're fine. Just got a "new" tractor. A 1950 Farmall H.



8-22-19

Here's my son Matt Roper, on his first day at college—just down the road from us at the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs. We helped him move into a dorm. He's got a girlfriend and a job, planning to play club baseball. Not sure what message he's sending with that nice shirt. He DID complete and learn from his experience at OLAB at Wabash. Majoring in Business.

9-2-19 Nice Family shot of Mike and Kathy Gallagher and their son and daughter.



Alumni Push Wabash Into Top 10 of Forbes Rankings

Wabash alumni ranked 10th nationally on *Forbes* listing of the most engaged donors for private, non-profit institutions with enrollments of more than 500 students. Wabash joined Notre Dame as the only Indiana institutions to rank in the top 10.

Seen on FACEBOOK:

Terry Smith

9/13/19

Class of 1964

1. Did you know your current love...yes
2. What type of car did you drive? 61 ford falcon
3. What kind of job did you have...bailed hay, grease monkey
4. Where did you live...newtown, in
5. Were you popular...hope so
6. Were you in choir or band...yes to both
7. Ever get suspended...no
8. If you could, would you go back...no
9. Still talk to the person that you went to prom with. married her
10. Did you skip school? Nope
11. Go to all the football games..didnt have football

- 12. Favorite class....math
- 13. Do you still have your yearbook...yes
- 14. Did you follow the "original" career path....no, I wanted to be an FBI agent.
do you still have your senior ring...think kath has it
- 16. Who was your favorite teacher...miss sutherland
- 17. Uniforms? No
- 18. Favorite thing to eat in the cafeteria...hamburgers
- 19. High school hair style.... flat top
- 20. How old when you graduated...17
- 22. Who do you think will play along...no one, cuz you're all lame

Another one for the books. Please stay in touch and send me your news and activities with photos! I am headed to a memorial service for a Vietnam bud on Homecoming weekend. Somebody will have to send me a report. With photos! Take good care.

Wabash Always Fights

Jim Roper '68