



## **WABASH COLLEGE**

### ***Class Agents Letter***

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**Class of 1973**

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Greetings, Wabash Class of '73!

I trust the summer is treating you wonderfully. Patsy and I have been trying to find time to get away for a few days, but so far have been unsuccessful in those attempts.

The first item that needs to be handled is the fact that I greatly exaggerated the rumors of Dr. David Stout's death. I received the following from classmate Bruce Ong:

"I think the news of Dr. Stout's death is premature. The call home was to his home town, not to Heaven. He received an award. Better correct right away unless he died after April and then you can include the obituary."

Sorry about that Dave. And congratulations on being named "2010 Doctor of the Year at Schneck Medical Center" And thanks Bruce for pointing that out.

It was encouraging to get the response from Bruce, plus another letter from Thom Liffick, in regards to recent Class Letters. I often wonder if anyone is taking the time to read them. Please don't hesitate to call or write if there's something you would like to share with us.

Thom's email came mainly in response to Dave Stout's "death" and to the photograph included in the last Class Letter of class member Wes Allardice providing medical assistance to Crawfordsville resident Rex Vice after Rex had set himself on fire in front of Center Hall back in May 1970. Here is what Thom had to say about that:

"Your questions about the photo and the related time period really brought back strong memories. My recollection is that the unfortunate young man used naphtha, not gasoline to self immolate. I was in Bio lab that afternoon and we rushed out to see if there was anything that could be done to help. The self sacrifice that the Buddhist Monks' protests represented led me to explore more deeply what was going on in Viet Nam and our government's actions there. This young man's protest brought that even closer to home. My views became much less provincial and more open. My attitudes about the war went through a profound change. My philosophical positions were more informed, not just by what I was learning in the classroom, but also as a result of interactions with fellow students. I applied for conscientious objector status even though I had a student deferment that I knew would last through college and medical school (assuming I got in, which I did). I became an anti-war activist to some degree and spoke to groups of students at other colleges.

The Kent State killings were painful. It was as if our government was now coming after us. I remember the student led meeting in the chapel, and the passion on both sides about whether we should join with other student bodies around the country and go on strike as a protest against the killings and the war. I also remember and learned a great deal from the discussion about adding a "Bobby Seale amendment" to the motion to go on strike. Tying the issue of institutional racism into the issues surrounding the war further opened my eyes to the bigger picture. I was proud then and still am that our student body stood up for what we thought was right. I didn't think about it at the time, but the process of those events, the spontaneity with which they occurred, was really amazing. It is often said that attending Wabash can be a life changing event. This is an example of how true that statement is for me."

Thom was kind enough to add a personal update:

"As long as I'm writing, I might just as well fill you in a bit on my life since Wabash. I received my M.D. from IUSOM and then completed a psychiatry residency at the IU hospitals. I practiced at a community mental health center in Evansville for 29 years, serving as Medical Director for 18 years and Medical Director Emeritus for 5 more. My work has always been with the most disadvantaged population of patients, specifically those with schizophrenia and severe bipolar disorder. I left clinical work about 16 months ago to become a Medical Fellow and Clinical Research Physician at Lilly USA. I am also a Clinical Professor of Psychiatry at IUSOM and have taught medical students and residents for 30 years. I have thoroughly enjoyed my work and feel fortunate to have spent my entire career doing what I love. I am still married to my "high school sweetheart", Barb, and we have two wonderful daughters. Emily went to Depauw, IUSOM, and psychiatry residency at IU and is now on faculty at IUSOM. She is the Medical Director of a combined clinical and research program for early schizophrenia. Meg received both her B.A. and Masters from IU, worked as an assistant golf pro for a couple of years, then at the Indianapolis Museum of Art (IMA) and then the Guggenheim Museum in NYC. She is now back at the IMA and manages the Public Affairs department."

Thanks for the update Thom!

Since my last couple letters were primarily to get you on-board with donating to Wabash's Annual Fund, let me share a note I received today from Joe Klen, Director of Annual Giving:

"I am pleased to report to you the final Annual Fund and Class Giving statistics for the 2009-2010 fiscal year that ended on June 30, 2010.

More than 4,000 alumni, parents, and friends made gifts to the Annual Fund totaling more than \$3 million. This is the third consecutive \$3 million year for the Annual Fund.

More than 3,600 alumni made gifts to the College (both Annual Fund and restricted gifts). Twenty-seven classes had more alumni make a gift to the College in FY10 than in FY09.

Alumni participation is at 32.97% in FY10 versus 33.66% in FY09 and 37.69 in FY08. This is the second year to see decreases in the number of alumni donors to the College (-84 or -2% versus FY09)."

For the Class of 1973, we came through with 58 contributors (30.2%) this past year compared to 61 donors (31.4%) for the previous fiscal year. And now that a new fiscal year has begun, be sure to visit <https://www.wabash.edu/alumni/egift> to make your contribution.

### Here's the Honor Roll for the Class of 1973

John Albrecht	Jim Laurent
Pete Allen	Rob Lempke, Jr.
George Angelone	Thom Liffick
Rick Appley	John Lowe
Chris Aul	Pete Mallers
Greg Bartels	Dan Masten
Paul Bisset	Rich Meschke
Jim Braddock	Bob Meyer
Tom Buek	Dave Moody
Aurelian Bukatko	Craig Moorman
Mike Burnley	Jim Mullen
John Busch	Steven Murphy
Lee Clark	Barbara Norton^
Nate Clark	Nelson Ong
Ken Cornacchione	Gary Pinkerton
Dennis Dean	Mark Rains
John Feick	JR Reynolds
Jack Foos	Ray Roembke, Jr.
Douglas Freeman	Chuck Rudesill
Steve Ganson	John Schiff
John Gastineau	Mark Simmons
Ted Grossnickle	Hans Steck
Bruce Guebard	Lemuel Stigler
Guy Guthrie	Tom Stocks, III
Joe Haklin	Jim Thomas, III
Les Howard	Lynn Thomas
Bob Kissling	Tim Whiteman
Stan Klaehn	Dave Worrell
Jim Lau	Charles Young

Progress continues to be made with the changes to the football field and the new baseball field. Here is a link to the blog by Kyle Bender ('12) - [http://www2.wabash.edu/blog/pa/athletic\\_fields\\_construction/](http://www2.wabash.edu/blog/pa/athletic_fields_construction/). The FieldTurf should be in Crawfordsville now. All we need are more clear skies and fewer severe thunderstorms to get things under way. Work has begun on drainage at the site of the new baseball field. Scheduled completion date for the football field is August 9<sup>th</sup>, with the new baseball field ready around September 1<sup>st</sup>.

Wabash Day 2010 (Wabash Alumni Benefiting And Serving Humanity) will be October 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>. Check the Wabash web site (<http://www.wabash.edu/wabashday/>) over the next several weeks to see if there's a Wabash Day project in your area. If there isn't, and you would like to help lead one, contact Jon Pactor '71 to organize a Wabash Day in your community.

Mark your calendars –

First, if you are in the Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky area, there will be a Career Services Networking Event at the end of August. On Sunday, **August 29<sup>th</sup>**, come join us for baseball in Cincinnati as the Reds take on the Chicago Cubs. It will be a terrific opportunity to renew friendships with other alums while giving you the opportunity to interact with current Wabash students. Contact Career services for more information - [career@wabash.edu](mailto:career@wabash.edu).

Second, **Homecoming will be the weekend of September 24<sup>th</sup> through 26<sup>th</sup>**. Hope you can make it back this year as the soccer team meets Hiram and the football team takes on the University of Chicago.

That's all for now. I hope to hear from you soon,

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