



## Class Agents Letter

Class of 1967

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Dear Classmates,

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### *Classmate News*

**Alan Boone:**

I have not written before, so I guess it is about time to check in, even though I have little to say.

When I was 70, my son and grandchildren talked me into entering a 5k, and I came in SECOND! BUT, that was second in my age group of 70 and up. AND there were only two entries in that age group, AND the other entrant was 90, AND he beat me by a good 20 minutes. The moral is: always get the rest of the story.

After Wabash, I spent my career in the airport business in Indiana and North Carolina, most of it as CFO for the Indianapolis Airport Authority. What a ride that was! Sandy and I just celebrated our 55th anniversary. We raised three children. That grew to six by marriages. Then came eight grandchildren. As of this writing, that has grown by marriage to eleven. Sunrise, sunset - laden with lots of happiness and tears.

I retired from the aviation industry in 2011. Now my time is spent painting canvasses that no one will ever see, and self-publishing books that no one will ever read. They are neither erudite nor sensational, but it has been fun and interesting. Don't look for them on the New York Times Bestseller Lists. Self-publishing includes everything from editing to cover design. Dickens self-published. He had a little better success. Sandy is a writer also, as is my oldest daughter.



I remember well, our motley little group at Kingery. Among other things, we had a water balloon launcher that could fire over the top of Martindale. Anyone unlucky enough to be on the receiving end would be searching the Martindale windows for the source. We were lucky to have men like Dean Moore, Dean Kurtz, Drs. Rogge, Shearer, Planitz, Charles, Haenisch, Cotton, Baker et, al. I truly appreciate the depth and breadth of my Wabash education. The degree may hang on a wall, but the education is with you wherever you go and whatever you do.

Thank you for all of the work you do as class agents. I realize that guys like me, who don't keep you up to date, do not make that job easier.

**Phil Coons:**

My wife Liz and I are just back from an eleven-day cruise on American Cruise Lines of the Snake and Columbia Rivers from Clarkston, Idaho to Portland, Oregon. We had superb weather all the way. The change in topography and beauty of the scenery that we experienced was incredible. We were treated to lectures and museums which documented the Lewis and Clark Expedition which would have failed at multiple points had they not received help from multiple tribes of our First Peoples.

We also witnessed the environmental damage caused at the Hanford Site by our efforts to build a nuclear bomb during WWII. In addition our construction of numerous dams along the Snake and Columbia Rivers has devastated the salmon fishing industry and the native tribes that depend on these fish for their livelihoods. The trip provided much food for thought and reflection. After reading Oppenheimer and visiting the Hanford Site, I now understand a little bit about nuclear chemistry.

**John May:**

We are no longer the Boys of Lambda Chi - as good as our pledge class was / is - we are probably beating the odds - and for that alone - THANK GOD or whoever looks after us gentlemen and our friends. As Peer is recovering and anticipating his cardio rehab, I'm sitting here doing my minimal rehab for a hip replacement. Knees, shoulders and hips - sound like the lyrics from Sesame Street - are the going currency for this longer life span that we're enjoying and which continues to confound the Mavens at the SSA. Considering the advances in medicine - thank heaven for anesthesia and infection preventions - most of the procedures we'll eventually be offered will be life extending and betterment of our conditions. Drugs, continued research, and new applied sciences are the advantages - which are great now - so much better than our parents - and somehow be looked at by our children who will smile and wonder how we survived as long as we did! I wish - no want - all of you to be happy, healthy, and in love with your lives!

## **Annual Fund**

Today (July 16) we closed the books on fiscal year 2023-2024, and I'm happy to relay the final totals to you.

- Annual Fund Dollars Raised: \$3,808,088 exceeding our \$3.7 million goal by \$108,088
- Alumni Donors: 4909
- Alumni Participation: 40.25%, our 11th consecutive year at 40% or higher

Carrying over our theme from April's Day of Giving, Wabash has lots to celebrate. We couldn't have done it without you. Thank you for your fierce loyalty, your strong advocacy, and your selfless generosity. You help keep your alma mater strong. Wabash Always Fights!

**Hugh Vandivier '91**, Associate Director of Advancement Initiatives

### **Thank you, classmates, for your annual fund contributions:**

Nelson and Debbie Bahler 1832	Ed Bell	Dave and Linda Bickell
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**REMINDER: Our Mini-reunion 50 + 2!**

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THIS SPECIAL CLASS OF '67 EVENT!

Friday, September 13: **6:00 PM** – Athletics Hall of Fame Dinner & Induction, Knowling Fieldhouse.

(Free Dinner for first 16 registered guests from '67)

Saturday, September 14: **12:15 PM** – Homecoming Luncheon, Knowling Fieldhouse.

(Free lunch for all '67 registered guests)

Saturday, September 14: **2:00 PM** – Football vs. Ohio Wesleyan University, Frank Navarro Field

(Free game tickets for all registered '67 guests)

REGISTRATION: for the dinner, lunch, and game, send an email to Pam Rager at [ragerp@wabash.edu](mailto:ragerp@wabash.edu) or call her directly at 765-361-6360.

ALSO:

- There will be an open wrestling practice on Saturday from 10 – noon, Shelbourne Center.
- We'll have plenty of opportunities during the weekend for classmate jag sessions.
- We plan to use the Holiday Inn as an off-campus gathering place.

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***Parting Thoughts***

The biggest joke on humans is that computers have begun asking us to prove we aren't robots.

If Adam and Eve had been really smart, they'd have eaten the snake instead of the apple and saved us all a lot of trouble.

There's a fine line between a numerator and a denominator. Only a fraction of people will find this funny.

**See you at Homecoming?**

**Have news to share?**

**Healthy wishes to all!**

*Duane*