

Class of 1967

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Classmates –



Holy Fahrenheit, Batman.....it's hot outside! And it's not even summer yet. Guess there really is something to this global warming. I know some of you in Arizona might say "it's not that bad; it's dry heat."

But I'm in North Carolina and it is humid heat! And it is only May.

That opens the door for this month's blatant solicitation of input from you guys – What are your plans for the summer? Other than just slowly climbing out of our forced COVID hibernation and carefully re-entering society? Let us know.

Some Classmate news –

From **Larry Landis:**

Duane, Earl and fellow 1967 readers,

KUDOS for one of the best among the best when it comes to class newsletters. We all love reading about the iconic stories from our era, but this brought a rich blend of current challenges (who would have thought some struggled far more mightily with Coronavirus than most folks from the Hoosier state) and shared memories. But then, with some 160 classmates still surviving, how could there not be great stories (the last of which laid to rest definitively the Great 4.0 Grade Point Debate) from the gallery.

My/our situation has proven to be somewhat different from others. It turns out Coronavirus was not foremost on our agenda. Late last fall I developed a relatively modest infection in my toe and was started on a two-week antibiotic course which went

so well it was discontinued after 10 days. All went well for about a week or so but then things started "going south," so my podiatrist suggested another week with the infectious disease group. A few moments after starting the IV, I went down — and out, having literally died — from anaphylactic shock. The nurses and the infectious disease physician on site began CPR, which was picked up by EMTs when they arrived. I woke up, having regained a heartbeat and consciousness several minutes later. And for those who are curious, I experienced no bright lights and was not welcomed by departed family and friends. I guess the earthside caregivers responded more quickly than my welcoming committee could respond... or perhaps... I'm still getting my act together and drafting our annual (nearing annual-and-a-half) Christmas letter. Larry
Best wishes to Larry and hope he is recovering well.

And Duane received the following from **Paul Robinson**:

Nerd, We're going to Graduation to see Paul graduate this week. He is a Commencement speaker for his class. And Wade was elected to Phi Beta Kappa as a Junior. wow....who are these kids.? Robbie
I'm sure Robbie is a really proud Grandpa.

Some College news:

The 8th Annual Day of Giving last month raised over \$1.37 million, with over 3400 contributions. Thanks to all of you who participated. For those who missed the opportunity, there is still time before the end of the College fiscal year to make a contribution for the year. It's easy to do on-line www.wabash.edu/give. Every gift, big or small, counts and is important.

This year's Big Bash is a bit, okay quite a bit, smaller than in the past. But there is a campus open day on June 5th for visitation after months of being a closed campus due to COVID. Campus buildings will be open, as will the Bookstore, and Wally's Pub, from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM. Register at www.wabash.edu/bigbash. A Bon Appetit food truck will be available for lunch.

And for Fall planning:

September 11 is the date for the Golden Little Giants (that's for us elder Little Giants). The classes of 1970 and 1971 will be the focus as they enter the distinguished ranks of the Golden. No home football game that weekend, but plenty of camaraderie and typical Wabash refreshments.

Homecoming is scheduled for September 18th. Football vs Alleghany and also the official dedication of the new stadium. Let us know if you're planning to attend some of these events and we'll see if we can arrange some small get-togethers.

I heard from **Duane** that he and Mary Ann are back cycling now that the weather is nice and are planning some biking trips around the country. And I continue to see Facebook posts from **Phil Coons** as he has resumed his regular hiking adventures.

And it begs the question – what are the rest of us doing to stay active in our golden years? The adage of Use It or Lose It comes to mind. We either maintain a level of physical activity of some sort or we tend to lose the ability to be active. I'm sure there are some golfers out there, maybe some other hikers and bikers. For me, having a small rescue farm, being the barn boy (hauling hay and picking up poop), and the lawn boy (maintaining 7 acres of pastures and fences) keeps me moving. Funny how the horses, donkeys and dogs expect to be fed and attended to every day regardless of the weather or my mood. So...what are some of the rest of you doing to keep moving? There have to be some stories there, something to share. (Yes, another blatant attempt to solicit updates and inputs from you all.)

I mentioned Facebook above. We have set up a Facebook group – Wabash Class of 1967. We've got twelve members so far and it is open to anyone from the class (and you can invite others to join, even from classes on either side of ours). It is intended as a forum for us and our friends to share information, stories, updates – or just a place to talk to our peers. It is there to be used if you want, providing a more focused audience than the main Facebook.

Stay cool. Be well. Keep in touch.

WAF,

Earl