



## **WABASH COLLEGE**

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### **Class of 1968**

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Dear Friends in the class of '68,

**Here's the story of Homecoming, 2016.** Since I didn't see much of a Class of 68 turnout, I did meet and speak with a lot of others, and they are pictured in here.

I had a great time at Wabash. If you weren't there you missed a terrific opportunity to have fun and learn where *alma mater* is headed. I had a great time randomly talking with students and faculty. Wabash is probably the friendliest campus on the planet, especially if you are wearing a red hat with a "W". The kids are tuned in and know where they are going. I watched the modern version of the chapel sing, which everybody takes a lot of pride in, notwithstanding the absence of barbers. President Greg Hess is on top of the driving issues, and I met and like the new football coach, Don Morrel, and watched the Little Giants beat Oberlin 51-0. The starters did not play the second half. Coach Morrel is looking for bright kids, good athletes, with a work ethic. Gotta have the work ethic. They are going to increase recruiting efforts in Chicago. Tom Runge was there, and his bride, Carol, was inducted as an honorary alumna. All in all, Wabash remains a good place.



**The Face of Homecoming for 1968** is here, represented by John Leahy - '68 fully retired lawyer, Dan Susie - '68 still working full time lawyer, John Dowd - '69 fully retired US attorney, Russ Dukes -'68 fully retired doctor. These guys have supported Wabash steadfastly for decades!!!!

Posted on Facebook by someone named Jackie, on 9-9-16:

It was so great to meet AT thru-hiker Funnybone (Class of 2012) this morning. I'm thrilled that he's asked me to contribute to his book about the AT. Thanks for stopping by, [Jim Dashiell!](#)

(AT= Appalachian Trail)





Terry Smith and his clan! 9-10-16

**Note from Jim Hutcheson:**

Thank you for the most recent newsletter. I am sorry that I will not see you at Homecoming this year. The date conflicts with a veteran's event in Peoria. The local Goodwill Industry has a Veteran's Stand Down for homeless veterans at which I am a volunteer. See you next year. WAF Jim Hutcheson, '68  
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**Wabash College Athletics** Five Wabash cross country runners placed in the top-20 individual places in the Little State division at the Indiana Intercollegiate Friday. The Little Giants won the team title for the fourth consecutive season. <http://bit.ly/2cGbRxT>





**From Beth Swift, Archivist of Wabash College:**

The question is, “Why do we call DePauw men Dannies?” A very simple question and yet, the answer seems beyond the most in-depth research. The answer is with you, the men of Wabash. Here is what I have found, it appears that the first use of the term “Dannies” was in a Bachelor article of January 13, 1956. The writer, John Pence says in the fourth paragraph of a story reporting a Wabash loss to DPU, “By the end of the first 20 minutes of play, the “Dannies” had maintained their fourteen point lead with a halftime advantage of 50-36.” Prior to this January, 1956 story the men of DePauw had been regularly called kittens. By the fall of 1957 the term was in full, regular use as a “Danny” flyer was prepared for the Monon Bell game. An editorial from the Bachelor says that 600 of these flyers were passed out on campus and another 300 left at DPU. (The Archives doesn’t have any of these flyers, if you have one we’d love to see it.)

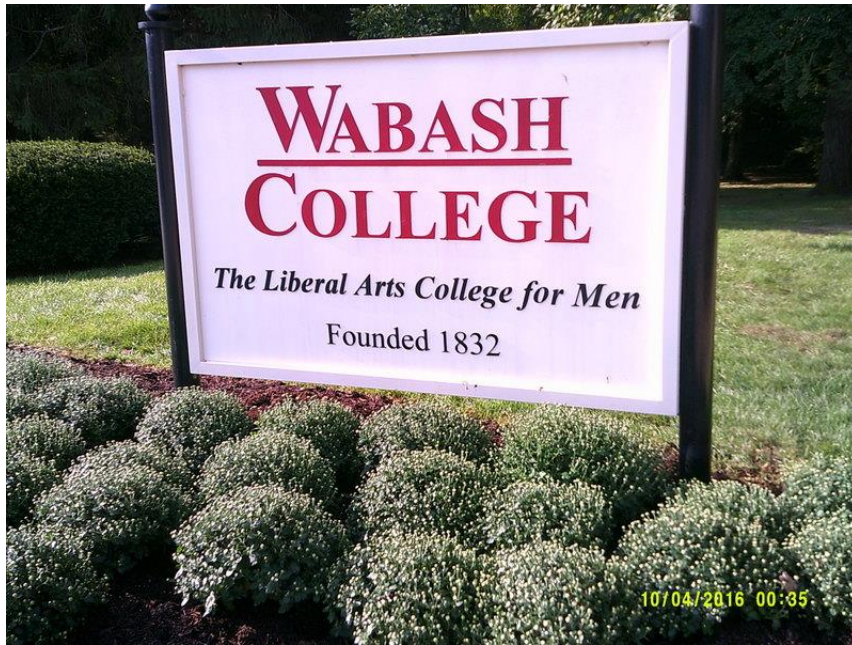
Does anyone know how this got started, or why? Anything you can add to the origin story would be greatly appreciated. Contact me via email at [swiftb@wabash.edu](mailto:swiftb@wabash.edu), you may call at 765.361.6378. Beth Swift



Mike Dybel

10-03-2016

Great Sand Dune NP in CO. I got sand blasted by 30-40 mph winds



No begonia blossoms, yet nice!

A reminder NOT to trust time! Make plans now for our 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion at Big Bash, June 1 2018!







This is Dr. David Phillips, a chemistry professor who arrived as we were leaving, He was asked to keep time for a wrestling match by Max Servies, and he did just that for 35 years. He also served as faculty rep to the NCAA. The book he is pointing to is his work, a history of the Wabash campus, with photos supplied by Dr. John

Zimmerman. David chaired the committee that oversaw the construction of Hays Hall and the renovation of Goodrich Hall. He is an honorary alumnus of the College (Class of 1983) and a member of the Wabash College Athletics Hall of Fame. He had great stories of Wabash life with the likes of Ed Haenisch, Paul McKinney, Max Servies. A great guy! Look him up on your next visit.

Lambda Chi guys building a moat for their Homecoming decorations. Wabash has to be the friendliest campus anywhere. Great kids.





I toured the “baddest room in Indiana”, the Shelbourne Wrestling Center. Beautiful.



#### Four Friends

Here are some terrific guys from neighboring classes. That’s Jay Fisher, lawyer and football recruiter/tailgater extraordinaire from Michigan, JB Bachman who was honored for his decades of service as a loyal alumnus, myself, and Roger Billings, an Abraham Lincoln biographer. Wonderful friends. Wabash President Greg Hess took this photo for us!



The Phi Delta Theta house had a problem with mold over the summer, and is in the middle of repair and restoration.



Mike and Carol Senkbeil are doing great in the South Bend area. I see them at most Wabash gatherings.





Tom Runge's wife Carol was honored as an honorary alumna. That's NAWM president Rick Cavanaugh and President Greg Hess presenting the honor. How well deserved is this recognition of a loyal and hard-working lady.

Proof once again that Wabash men marry up!



Sugar Creek was unremarkable. Not much water in there, clear with no runoff, but ever in my mind the line of demarcation for the Realm of Wabash, as I returned from a weekend in the Region. My Rubicon.

Wabash is officially in support of Pike's Place, where a city park will be erected on the site of Tommy's Silver Dollar tavern. Yeah!







**Martindale Hall** has been completely renovated inside. Looks like a modern hotel. Morris and Walcott will probably have to be brought down, due to structural problems. Sparks also has structural issues. New housing is providing a beautiful place to live. Delta Tau Delta is back, and they should occupy the house of the same name next fall.

**From Wabash President Greg Hess:** Some necessary changes are in the wind. Three R's at Wabash are Responsibility (Gentleman's Rule), Resilience (WAF) and Reflection (What kind of place do you want Wabash to be?) The 4<sup>th</sup> R is Resources. Costs \$44.2 million to operate the place each year. Good trends: Freshman to Sophomore retention is 91.5%. Excellent outcomes seen in national rankings I have published some here. And the Endowment draw is down from 6.47% to 5.99%. Working on that. President Hess repeated that he wants this place " **to be a college where every Wabash man matters and is put on a path to success.**"







Here is Beta Theta Pi's own John Goodrich '67, with his son, J.B., who has a son, J.B. John is our dear friend who has done so very much to make Wabash a better place. He's still full of the energy we remember him for. Go John Goodrich! We consider him one of our own in the Class of '68. Some Little Giant!





A ceremony at the flagpole put Tom Runge's name in bronze. I told him he needed an F-111 in one corner and an A-10 in the other. The original flagpole was dedicated by Wabash students to remember the victims of 9-11-01. **This is a most fitting memory for the Grunge, whose spirit and persona were for us the beating heart of Wabash for a long time. Nice!**



Here's Ken Crawford, CA for 1969. Air Force man, retired in California, and came home to Bloomington, Indiana. Say hi when you see him at Wabash.



Here's a shot of the Wrestling Facility, taken from the baseball right foul line. The campus looks great.



Here is the candidate for Phi Delta Theta!

Here's proof the Delts are back. The Homecoming Queen is selected differently now. Wabash uses a combination of judging the house decorations, the halftime banner, and the \$ amount collected by the house queen candidate for a charity in Indiana called "Women in Need." So we didn't learn who won the thing. All good fun, good cause.





This is a photo of Steve Charles, editor-in-chief of the best college magazine ever, covering the Runge plaque dedication. He does a magnificent job, and I enjoy reading WM cover to cover. A very nice guy.



Sigma Chi (with black and red faces) won Chapel Sing. Good, but the glee club sounded better.

And that will wrap it up. If you are on Facebook, friend me so I can capture your outs and abouts. Otherwise, I might have to do some cold calling. So send updates. Contribute if you can. Refer a future Wabash man. And mainly, **have fun**. Life is short. Get those health screens.

WAF,  
Jim Roper '68