



Class Agents Letter

Class of 1967

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Dear Classmates,

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Classmate News and Comments

Jack Webster: Earl and Duane work on connections every day.

Peer Lykke: WE are still alive and kicking! I spent a very happy time exploring the Big Island of Hawaii with my wonderful partner who is a wonderful woman younger than me, smarter than me, and a whole lot better looking!

Several Lambda Chi classmates have been engaged in a "chat room" for many months and recently it evolved into a zoom session. The comments encompass a wide range of subjects, similar to the late night jag sessions we enjoyed in college. And, yes, there are occasional references to That School Down South.

When I was first diagnosed with metastatic urothelial cancer the folks at I U Hospital sent a part of the biopsied cells to a genetic lab have a mutation or genetic variation making my cancer treatable by a drug, Balversa. So it is on to "Plan C" after chemo, then immunotherapies, and



Duane Hile During a recent trip to Phoenix, Mary Ann and I met with Marcy and Paul Robinson. Of course Robbie and I enjoyed reminiscing about a number of “old” campus stories we forgot to tell at our 5<sup>th</sup> Reunion two years ago. (Or maybe we told them but didn’t remember!) In any case, they are great memories of unique events and characters. We’re both looking forward to attending our 60<sup>th</sup> and *hope you all are also*. Further, many thanks to Robbie for continuing *to spread the fame of her honored name*, as he has two grandsons that recently graduated from Wabash and he’s now working on two more grandsons for future classes!

Gerry Hoeltge: Hi Duane,  
Retirement is nothing like I thought it would be and better than I’d ever hoped. Sue and I’ve been married now 57 years—a shade longer than you and Mary Ann but forever short of John and Laura May. And those 57 don’t include the five years we went together before Wabash. Sue, I’m happy to say hasn’t changed; the Lambda Chi Crescent Girl of 1966 could still, in my opinion, easily defend her title. The main difference is that our three children, four grandchildren, and the equal number of grandkids would never fit into that ’56 VW Beetle.

I retired twelve years ago after putting in two years in the Army MC and forty at the Cleveland Clinic. Academic medicine is a young man’s game. It had been a satisfying career: Pathology sent me around the country and to three continents. Retirement has been no less gratifying. This is an election year and I’ll be a location manager once again. By Ohio law there must be an equal number of D’s and R’s staffing each voting location. But on election day, we shed our affiliations and team up to work hard and work together. Geauga is a rural county. I don’t know whether election workers support one another as unselfishly in every county, but they do here and the sense of community makes the 15<sup>hour</sup> workdays pass quickly. Of course we all rush home to turn on MSNBC or Fox News, but for 15 precious hours we are unhyphenated Americans.

In my other retirement persona I teach the Bible to prisoners. It’s a correspondence ministry, and I’ve written now to over a thousand men and women. Two million are incarcerated in America. At least 10% of them will die there. English is not the first language for many. The writing skills of others are limited. Some are estranged from family and friends. It’s a group that needs encouragement not about why they are where they are but about how to live today on their path to eternity. Their world is not like yours and mine, Duane, but it’s just as real.

Take care, brother. I appreciate all you do to keep us together.

Gerry

(Brother Gerry and I reconnected after we both moved to NE Ohio in the ‘70s. Career, family, and travel priorities limited the frequency of our contacts until recent, retirement years. Now, an occasional cup of coffee or phone call generates enjoyable discussions.)

## Interesting Comments Borrowed from Class of '72 Letter

President Scott Feller recently described four features of Wabash which form the basis of its "distinctiveness":

1. An all male student body
2. Oral and written comps
3. The Gentlemen's Rule
4. A 40% Alumni giving rate

He went on to state his three priorities:

1. Enrollment (extremely competitive for young men these days; there has been a 26% drop in the percentage of men attending college in the last decade).
2. Philanthropy (Lilly Endowment's recent \$25 million was the largest cash gift ever received)
3. Belonging to Wabash (growing and maintaining a strong sense of community)

And, Immediately after Big Bash in June, the Sparks Center demolished, and construction will begin on the new Community Center (so far, that's what's called) that will take its place. The work will last two years. There will be a new kitchen, dining room, event center, Wally's Pub, and many other amenities

## Happy and Successful Wabash!

An interesting article recently discovered from Forbes in 2018 (copy and paste to read):

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/sarahhansen/2018/08/21/grateful-grads-2018-200-colleges-with-the-happiest-most-successful-alumni/amp/>

(Spoiler alert: Wabash # 9, DPU #32!)

Pete Keenan As to Wabash commitment, I thank Max L Keenan, Lambda Chi, class of 1933. He received a partial scholarship and, although dyslexic (not diagnosed until decades later), flourished. I have a framed photo of him next to the family horse-drawn ice wagon in Princeton, IN during his freshman year. Three years later, upon graduation, and with the aid of Wabash professors and staff, he entered Harvard Business School on full scholarship. He met my mother in Boston, and the rest as they say, brag about you guys to anyone who unfortunately is within earshot, how special and successful you are in diverse careers, and how fortunate I am to have been in your midst. A gift instilled in us by our alma mater (even if we didn't realize it until long after) was the confidence, belief and willingness to be the best we could be.

John May: And to add my two cents about happy and successful may be that Wabash requires you to make a serious choice about the How and Where you're going to spend the next 4 years of your life one that is just revealing itself. That euphoria of being a high school senior -- Top Dog and the intellectual superiority that is implied -- now go to that nonsectarian seminar known as Wabash? Damn that's a real moment of commitment.

## Thank You, Classmates

Contrary to the Forbes article regarding alumni contribution rates, Wabash alumni giving has been 40% or greater for 10 consecutive years. Thank You to the 46 classmates and partners who have contributed already in the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

Nelson and Debbie Bahl~~1832~~

Allen and Sandra Boone

Marilyn Brown^

Mike Butler~~1832~~

Jeremy Coffman

Edward Culver and Ingrid Ritchie

Dave and Penelope Deck~~1832~~

John and Nancy Evans USM(Ret.)

Steve and Cindy Gollih~~1832~~

Rick and Frieda Helm

Duane and Mary Ann Hill~~1832~~

Wendy and Sandra Kid~~1832~~

Haines and Janet Lockhart

John and Romello Marshall

John and Virginia Moody

Bob and Marilyn Pinschmid~~1832~~

Robbie and Marcy Robinson

Jerry and Margie Schaefer~~1832~~

Fred Siegel~~1832~~

Bob and Carrie Sonnemaker

Phil and Mary Trueblood

Andy and Susan William~~1832~~

Alan and Susan Witt~~1832~~

Ed Bell

David Brannin

Jack Brumbaugh

Linda Claffey

Philip Coons and Elizabeth Bowman

Paul and Pamela Cunningham USA~~1832~~(Ret.)

Clark and Sherry Dickerson

Mike and Gail Fortier

John and Judy Hart

Dennis and Mary Henry

Jim and Kelly Hover

Bob Lenneberg

Steve and Michele Loheide

Dave and Karen Montieth

John Newport and Jan Hildebrand

Alan P~~1832~~

Jim and Becky~~1832~~hton

Mike and Linda Seifried

Roger and Marsha Smith

John Sturman Jr.

Joel and Dyann West~~1832~~

Fadia Williamson

Steve and Janine Wood

You can add your name to the list on Wabash's Day of Giving on Wednesday, April 24, or any time before the College's fiscal year ends on June 30.

## Deep Thoughts

*How do you milk sheep? Introduce a new iPhone and charge \$2000 for it.*

*If you lose a sock in the dryer, it comes back as a Tupperware lid that doesn't fit any of your containers.*

*Today's science lesson on chromosomes: xx, female; xy, male; yyy, Delilah.*

**Wrestling:**

**DIII Central Region Tournament**

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**DIII National Tournament**



**Football.**

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**Basketball.**

**Spring sports.**

**NCAC addition.**

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*Something must have changed in the NCAC membership requirements for the admission of JCU to the conference?? Curiouser and curiouser . . .*

## In Memoriam

### IN LOVING MEMORY

Dr. William Michael "Mike" Harvey



Dr. William Michael "Mike" Harvey, 78, passed away on January 7, 2024, in St. Louis, Missouri. Mike was a wonderful husband, father, father-in-law, papa, son, brother, friend, and veterinarian who was deeply loved and will be terribly missed but always cherished and remembered.

Mike was born in Junction City, Kansas, on June 11, 1945, to Helen and Warren Harvey. He attended Arsenal Technical High School in Indianapolis, Indiana, where he was on the football, basketball, and track teams in addition to serving as Class President his junior and senior years. Mike then went on to Wabash College where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree majoring in Biology and minoring in Psychology. He was Head Dorm Counselor, Senior Council Vice President, and member of the football team, track team, Eta Sigma Phi Honor Society, and Blue Key Honor Society. After graduating from Wabash College in 1967, Mike married his high school sweetheart, Donna Burnette, and they moved to West Lafayette, Indiana, where Mike attended Veterinary School at Purdue University. During Mike's final year at Purdue, his daughter, Tina, was born and following graduation in 1971, Mike, Donna, and Tina moved to St. Louis, Missouri, where Mike would reside and practice veterinary medicine for the next 52 years.

Mike began his career at Lemay Animal Hospital during which time his second daughter, Kimberly, was born. Mike worked at Lemay Animal Hospital for 15 years until, in 1986, he decided to open his own practice and that is when Lemay Plaza Veterinary Clinic was established. For over 50 years, Dr. Harvey or "Doc" as many called him gave his heart and soul to the veterinary profession. He never retired because he loved his work so much and at the age of 78, he was still a practicing veterinarian. He loved the community, he loved the relationships he built with clients, many of whom have been with him for countless years of course, he loved his four-legged friends.

If you knew Mike, you probably also knew all about his wife, his kids, and especially his grandkids. He loved them fiercely and never missed an opportunity to brag about them to anyone and everyone. Mike was preceded in death by his parents, Helen and Warren Harvey; his in-laws, Betty and Harold Jacobs; and his brother, Thomas Harvey.

Mike is survived by his wife of 56 years, Donna Harvey (nee Burnette); daughters Tina (Randy) Pickens and Kimberly (Mark) HarveyManus; grandchildren Kristine, Katie, and Caleb Pickens; pets and grandpets Chelsie, Grayce, Mowgli, Louie, Berry, Bronco, and Delilah; sister Susan (Mark) Minges; sistein-law Kim (Hebbeler) Harvey; nephews Jason (Rhonda) Furry and Scott (Kathie)Furry as well as many extended family, friends, clients, and fur babies.



John William Carry

JUNE 20, 1945 – DECEMBER 10, 2023

*OBITUARY*

John William Carry, age 78, a decorated Vietnam combat veteran, dedicated lawyer, and devoted family man, peacefully departed this world at his home in Osprey, Florida on December 10th, 2023 surrounded by his loving family.

Known for his dedication to justice and his service to our nation, he also found solace and joy in the pursuits of hunting, fishing, and his love for the American West. His legacy of valor, legal acumen, and his charming personality, humor, charisma, and wit will be forever cherished.

He is survived by his devoted wife, Dawn, his daughter Emily, his son, Benjamin, his grandson Seamus and his sister, Janeth. John's love and life lessons have left their mark on those fortunate enough to know him. May he rest in peace.

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I hope you are all well and enjoying spring! Please send news about yourself or comments to me at [hilehmc@ol.com](mailto:hilehmc@ol.com).

*Duane*