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Dear 49er's:

Since my last letter, Clara Lou has been back in the hospital, but she is home now and is making a satisfactory recovery. We are looking forward to being with our family over the holidays. The Wabash football team is one of the exciting items around Crawfordsville. They have had a perfect season and Coach Raeburn says our defensive team is one of the best. They played DePauw in the 122nd Monon Bell Game last Saturday at Greencastle and defended the Bell for the 7th straight time.

The construction area on Crawford Street is a beehive of activity and the landscape is changing by the day. The new living units are taking shape and it will be a wonderful addition to Wabash. They hope to have the units finished by January 1, 2016, so the guys in Martindale Hall can move into the new units so the Re-design of Martindale can begin. I have asked Michele Ward to enclose updated photos of the new units.





The freshman Class of 2019 was welcomed to campus on August 22nd. The class is made of 251 men from 17 states and seven foreign countries, 32 are legacies, a dozen are Eagle Scouts, and others have participated in Boys State, National Honor Society and one raised \$100,00 for Riley Children's Hospital, very interesting group.

The alumni giving to the 2015 annual fund was again outstanding, over 40% made a donation – 41.03% or 4677 alums were donors in '15 up from 40.15% in '14, and 37.24% in '13. Total giving for '15 is \$3,115,677. We had an increase of 139 donors in '15 over '14. It is great that our alums are continuing to support Wabash.

Wabash has been recognized nationally by three different groups [1] Wabash was named a 2016 Fiske Guide Best Buy, offering a quality education at an affordable cost, [2] Once again Wabash was named the best institution for under graduate education by the *Princeton Review* in its annual college guide, [3] *U.S. News & World Report* has ranked Wabash in the top tier of National Liberal Arts colleges. This will help in recruiting young men. Their families can use this data, when choosing a college.

The Alumni Office has informed me of the passing of two classmates, Fred Massena and Bob Baur. I have asked Michele Ward to include their obituaries:

MUNCIE - **John Robert "Bob" Baur**, 91, of Muncie, passed away Sunday, October 4, 2015. Bob was born on October 13, 1923, in Eaton Indiana, the son of Albert Emil and Mary (Young) Baur. Bob graduated from Eaton High School. In 1941 he enrolled in Wabash College. After the bombing of Pearl Harbor in 1941, Bob joined the Army and served in the U.S. Army's 44th Infantry Division in France and Germany just after D-day, where he earned the Bronze Star. After his service to his country, Bob returned to Indiana and graduated from Wabash College in 1949 where he was a member of the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity. After Wabash, Bob continued his studies at the University of Southern California.

In 1951, Bob married Joanne Nixon of rural Eaton, Indiana. After their marriage, Bob and Joanne lived and studied at the University of Geneva in Switzerland. Bob was active in the real estate community in Muncie. He enjoyed tennis, especially following his children's competitions and volunteered as a tennis referee. Bob and Joanne spent annual summer vacations on Lake Webster in northern Indiana. Bob followed politics, the stock market, and was particularly interested in history. He believed in the importance of education and valued a liberal arts curriculum. From his passion for the community he loved, he and Joanne supported education and other charities in the Delaware County area.

He was a fifty year member in the Muncie Exchange Club, a Republican precinct committeeman, and a board member of the Muncie Housing Authority. Bob was a member of High Street United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife of over sixty years, Joanne Nixon Baur; sons, John Robert Baur, Jr (Alisa) of Santa Barbara, CA, Michael Nixon Baur (Vicki) of Muncie, IN; daughters, Ann Baur Whitlatch (Jim) of Bloomington, IN and Molly Baur of Santa Barbara, CA; his grandchildren include, Elizabeth W. Gentry, Elizabeth L. Baur, Benjamin M. Whitlatch, John R. Baur, III, Lauren B. Whitlatch and Eli V. Baur.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Betty Baur Lambert; and brother, Albert Emil Baur, Jr.

Funeral services are 12:00 p.m. Saturday, October 10, 2015 at High Street United Methodist Church, 219 S. High Street, with Dr. Dale Mendenhall officiating. A committal service will follow (at roughly 1:30 p.m.) in the historic 1867 Mt. Zion Church on Eaton Wheeling Pike, 1701 W. Eaton-Wheeling Pike roughly 1200 N and 100 W, with burial to follow in the adjacent 1840 Mt. Zion Cemetery. Full military honors will be provided by the United States Army and the Veterans of Delaware County.

Friends may call from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Friday, October 9, 2015 at the Meeks Mortuary, Washington Street Chapel or one hour prior to services on Saturday at High Street United Methodist Church.

In lieu of flowers, friends are invited to contribute to Wabash College, 301 W. Wabash Avenue, Crawfordsville, IN, 47933 or to Mt. Zion Church Board, c/o Dolly Rees, 17210 N. Willman Road, Eaton, IN, 47338. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.meeksmortuary.com.

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Fredric Massena, age 90, of Cedarville, Michigan, died peacefully on June 5, 2015 at Cedar Cove in Cedarville. He was born November 9, 1924 in Washington, DC to Frederick Foster Swallow and Martha A. (Hazzard) Swallow.

Fredric was orphaned during the depression and his first opportunity to attend school was the last two months of third grade in Illinois. He was forever grateful to his case worker Miss Price and his teacher Miss Robinson who became the center of his world. They loaded him up with books to read during summer vacation including the book "Tom Swift and his Aeroplane" which ignited Fred's passion for flying and his dream of becoming an airplane pilot. Fred felt that if you don't have a passion for something and you don't have dreams, you don't have much of a life. Fred's case worker found him a loving home with his very own bed in his very own room and an unused workshop which enabled him to become a serious airplane modeler. His adoptive parents, Roy and Mabel Massena allowed him to dream and provided him tools to achieve those dreams. He grew up in the Golden Age of Aviation and rode the wave of flying history. In 1942, after three years of college, Fred signed up for the Naval Aviation Cadet program where he earned his Navy Wings of Gold. World War II ended and Fred transferred to the U.S. Marine Corps where he continued flight training and flying. He later served with the U.S. Army National Guard. In all, Fred served his country for 20 years.

Fred was an astute businessman who participated in various successful businesses and investments over the years. In the early 1980's, Fred moved to Cedarville where he enjoyed living simply and appreciating the nature around him. He continued flying but also enjoyed golfing, amateur radio, sailing, kayaking, cross-country skiing, and philanthropy. He and his dear friend Vesta B. Knuth enjoyed dancing and attending athletic events and fundraisers at area schools.

Fred is survived by his adopted son, Richard Wallace (wife, Shelly) Paulsen of Spokane, Washington; daughters, Pamela L. (husband, James L.) Knight of Bainbridge Island, Washington, and Patricia Ann (husband, David J.) Krueger of Davis, California; son, Roy Phillip (wife, Vickie L. McConnell) Massena of Spokane; grandchildren, Anthony L. Mattingly, Tyler M. Larsen, Morgan Wagner Massena, Hans Fredric Greiner, Megan Katrina (Massena) Koontz, Eric Preston Greiner, and Molly Miranda Massena; and great grandson, Arlin Jack Larsen.

Fred was preceded in death by his sister, Patricia S. (Swallow) Hord; his former spouse, Betty Lucille (Frobish) Massena; and his longtime companion, Vesta B. Knuth.

Services will be held Wednesday, June 10 at R. Galer Funeral Home, 24549 S. M-129 in Pickford, Michigan. A gathering time will start at 6:00 P.M. followed by a memorial service at 7:00 P.M.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Les Cheneaux Community Schools Athletic Department, P.O. Box 366, Cedarville, MI 49719.

We send our deepest sympathy to Fred and Bob's families.

I have received word that Tom Runge, our Director of Alumni and Parent Relations is retiring March 31, 2016. Tom has been our Director for 15 years, after he retired from the Air Force. He will be missed. Some Little Giant. Steve Hoffman, Class of 1985, will be our new Director. Steve has been a long time member of our College Advancement team.

Last, I hope we can continue supporting Wabash, because I believe this is a critical time for all Liberal Arts Colleges.

Wabash Always Fights!

Dale

P.S. – We beat DePauw 45 to 17