

Class of 1968

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Dear Friends in the Class of 1968,

Well, just when you thought you knew what was going on, they change it. Hope all are comfortable out there.

Read on ...

Borrowed from Cal Black:



Wabash College will have a new head football coach starting in the 2025 season, and his name is Jake Gilbert '98. There is great enthusiasm and excitement from this announcement, and we need to thank the current head coach, Don Morel, for his efforts to recruit Jake back to Wabash. Morel has led the program with class, character, dedication and success, and he wanted to ensure that the great tradition of Wabash football continues into the future. So, enjoy the below information, and if you have a chance please congratulate Jake - SOME LITTLE GIANT!

Wabash College alumnus and standout high school football coach Jake Gilbert '98 will join the College's football coaching staff as defensive coordinator for the 2024 season. Thereafter, Gilbert will take over for Don Morel as the head coach in 2025, ensuring a smooth transition for the next chapter of this storied football program, director of athletics Matt Tanney announced Monday, March 11.

<https://sports.wabash.edu/news/2024/3/11/gilbert-98-returns-to-wabash-college-as-associate-head-football-coach.aspx>

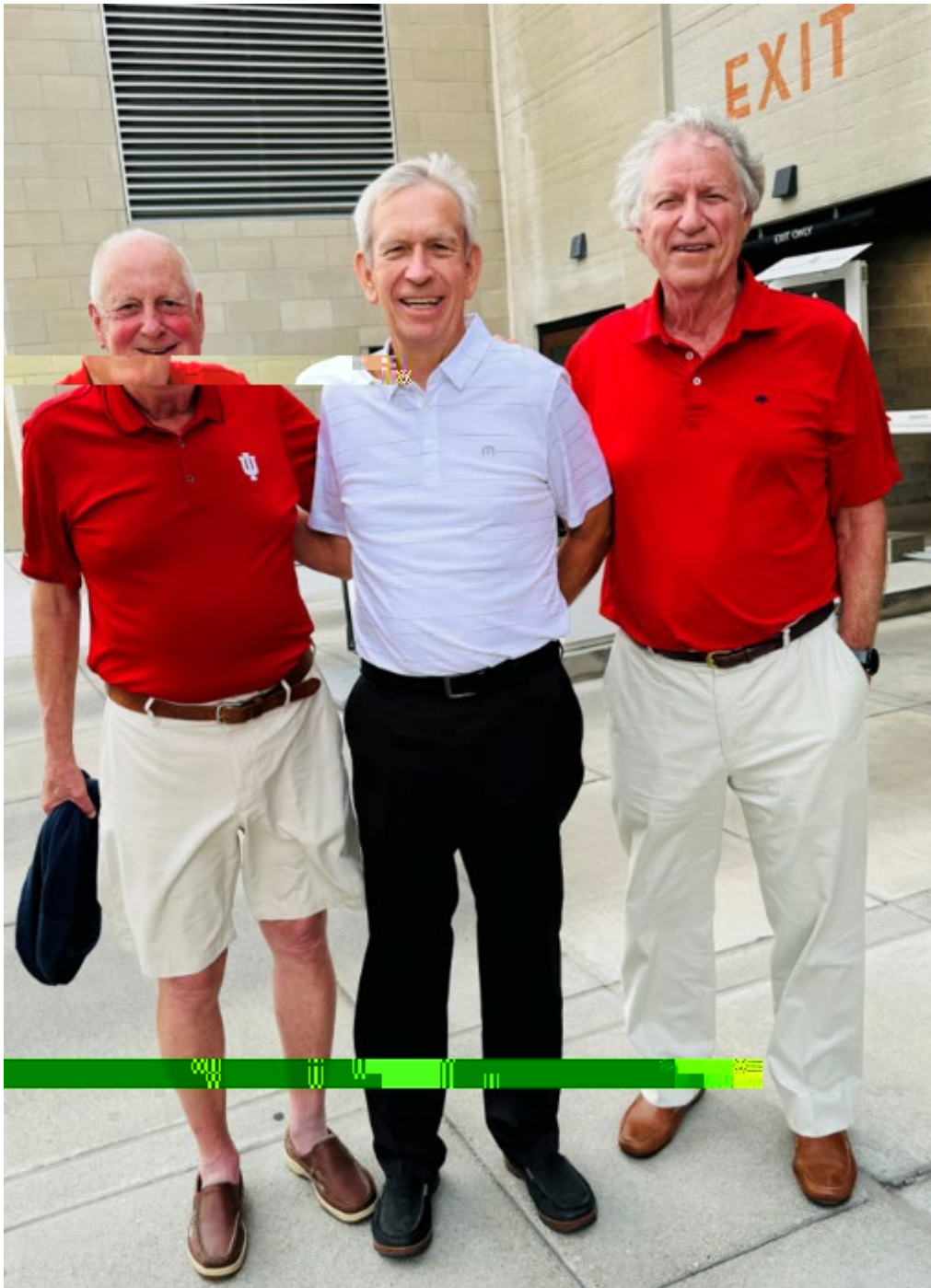
Jason visits Mike.





Two Friends, Two Fraternity Brothers at Wabash. 5-24-2024

Jason Reed visited Mike Gallagher in Vancouver. Great Photo, these two pictures and the next one capture what this letter is all about.



From Dan Susie Here are John Dowd '69, John Leahy and me standing on Massachusetts Avenue in downtown Indianapolis earlier this week. We had just consumed about 20 pounds each of Italian food. Dowd was a Rhyne when Leahy and I were sophomores, so naturally made him stand on his chair in the Italian restaurant and recite the Greek alphabet. (Again, what it's all about for me.)

From **Hugh VanDivier** 7-16-24

Good morning,

Today 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: 4,909
- Alumni Participation: 40.25%, our 11th consecutive year at 40% or higher
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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

Mike Dybel 26 July and a great selection of fresh sushi.

Aug 20 Julane here again. We drove 4 hours from the Pacific Coast to the city of La Fortuna in the central area of Costa Rica to the Arenal Volcano. Costa Rica is roughly the size of West Virginia containing 7 volcanoes. I am happy to report that we found paradise and Shangri-La! At the foot of the volcano is the Tabacon Resort and Thermal Spa which contains dozens of thermal pools amidst cascading waterfalls and lush and spectacular tropical gardens.



From **Mike Gallagher:**

Jim, had a very nice lunch in Indianapolis today with Dave Cook. It was my first time in Indiana for 8 years.



Roper adds: You never know where Mike is going to show up. Great!!!!



We made a wonderful short road trip to my alma mater @WabashCollege today, toured the state of the Art, new athletic facilities and the office in the physics department that is named after me. Great memories.

Happy Birthday Dan Vannatter.





Sadly I announce that Phil Dzurilla passed in 2023. If anyone has more information about his life, please pass it to me. I had some classes with him and remember him as a great guy.



99%
of students
receive financial aid

30%
first-generation
college students

21%
Pell Grant
recipients

I attended the JB Bachman Class Agent Forum in September. JB Bachman '61 is a good friend and loyal supporter of Wabash. The emphasis seemed to be on connections with Wabash College. 40 % of alumni gave to the college last year for the 11th consecutive time. Our class sits at #5 with with 46% giving. Obviously our class is sadly shrinking. I urge you (especially guys in Indianapolis) to keep the faith in Wabash and support when you can. I watched the football game with St. Norbert College. The new coach seems to have a defensive orientation—yeah—get those linebackers making tackles. WAF !

Jim Roper '68