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Dear '52ers

WABASH HOMECOMING REPORT – 2012

By Russ Thrall, As Requested

Well, Bill, you once again missed a great Homecoming event!! They keep getting better and better.

First of all, the weather could not have been any nicer. Sunny and mild. There was a cocktail party Friday night in the field house, followed by a top notch dinner in honor of the very successful Campaign of Excellence. We raised over \$68M and did it a year ahead of schedule. A very nice affair, indeed.

On Saturday [September 29] we won the game over Carnegie-Mellon, although it started off rather badly...the stands were full. Phi Psi (of course) won the Homecoming competition.

I saw and talked to **Mike Austin** and **Hugh Smaltz**, who seem to make just about all Homecomings. They both appeared to be well and happy and thriving...given our natural ripening process, etc. After the annual pig roast at the Phi Psi house following the game, I attended the glee club presentation in Salter Hall, featuring a 60 man alumni glee club in addition to the current undergrad glee club. This Reunion Concert was presented in honor of the glee club's 120 year anniversary. They were outstanding. I walked out with **Irmi McKinney**, who was delightful as always.

Bill, everything was first class...in the Wabash tradition. Even my round trip air travel was smooth. Sunday night I slept for 8+ hours! You talk about exhausted...but I would do it again tomorrow.

Make it next year!

P.S. **Jean Peters** and her son Jeff did indeed attend as did a couple from Baltimore who have been my friends for 30+ years and have listened to my Wabash ravings that whole time. It was time for them to see for themselves. Needless to say, they were “enthralled”...loved every bit of it as much as I did. They are also good friends with **Gordon and Jean Peters**, having joined in several trips to England with us. It was a great reunion within a reunion.

Bill, I figure we only have so many chances...so...!

'52 @ 60 REVERBERATIONS CONTINUE

Russ Thrall's last line about our dwindling chances in his foregoing Homecoming Report (thank you for the report, Russ!) brings to mind several more comments received from classmates following our **'52@60** reunion in June.

- A recent e-mail from Maine: “Yes, one by one, we drift away, but in our wake we leave wonderful memories of how Wabash colored our lives and how we colored Wabash from 1948 to 1952. – **Jim Thomas '52**”
- “Dear Bill – Just read your class newsletter concerning the 52@60 Reunion. Sorry I was unable to attend, but I did enjoy your account of the event. However, I must make a correction to a remark made about ‘paddling in fraternities.’ As you know Bill, I am a Phi Gam, and I can speak as a member of the chapter cabinet for three of my four years at Wabash, paddling never occurred during those years at the Fiji house. Since there were no Phi Gams at the reunion I wonder who the author of that statement was. Like most fraternity members, I owned a paddle, as a wall decoration only. Keep up the good work. Stay well. **Don Fisher**”

- An October 15 e-mail from **George Littell Jr.**: “Hi Bill, Got your most enjoyable recap of the recent ’52 Reunion, and wish I might have been there. As you well know, I started in ’48 with all of you, but finished in ’53, after a third year back in the Marine Corps. May have also told you the BIG reason that I could not make it in June, was that I was married on May 26, in North Carolina – no, we did not HAVE to get married...but did!!! Short human interest story here: wife Lois and I were in high school together in New Jersey. We knew each other..BUT...after graduation, went our separate ways, had families, marriages broke up, and 2 years ago we ‘re-met’ on ‘Classmates.’ Lois jokes about being single for 32 years, getting married at age 80, and becoming a Great Grandmother at 81 (just two weeks ago). But ... as I mentioned earlier, Lois is carrying twin boys...and the scary thing is the boys look like **Steeg!!!** ... **George**
- In the course of a recent telephone call from Kentucky, **Hugh Smaltz** told me he had been thinking more about our brief reunion discussion concerning the **Paul C. McKinney Scholarship Fund**. Hughie has decided to act and do something about it before year-end. With his permission, I am sharing his decision with you – just in case you also decide to make a Wabash College donation before tax year-end December 31. All one need do is indicate right on the check itself that your gift is intended for deposit to the **Paul C. McKinney Scholarship Fund**. I intend to follow Hugh’s lead before year end.
- Classmate **Jim Youngjohn** reports from Valparaiso IN that having enjoyed our 60th so much, he is “still above ground and on the green side of the grass,” so may well attend our 65th reunion. Meanwhile Jim has done more traveling since his biodata in **’52@50** and counts among his major accomplishments having skied on seven (7) continents. These include (1) North and (2) South America, (3) Australia & New Zealand, (4) Antarctica, (5) Morocco (Africa), (6) Europe, (7) Japan and Turkey (Asia).

TWO MEDICAL REPORTS

Robert W. Mouser, M.D. reports that last year he started living in Rittenhouse, an assisted living retirement community in Indianapolis located on 96th Street between Spring Mill and Ditch Road.

Bob may be reached at 317-218-3613, and reports that he is “open to visitors any time.” His wife is also disabled, but still able to remain at their residence at the SW corner of 86th & Meridian. Bob began in the fall of 1948 as a member of our Wabash class at age 15(!) as a Phi Psi. He left for medical school two years later, and has devoted 56 years to the practice of medicine, becoming board certified in all three of his practice areas: Family Practice, Legal Medicine, and Diabetes. I asked him about the term “Legal Medicine?” and learned Bob also has a law degree, which he put to good use in helping Gov. “Doc” Bowen fashion the Indiana Malpractice Act.

This Indiana pioneering statute has been followed now in some 20 states. (Defense of medical malpractice cases was one of my areas of trial work, so I can personally attest to the high merit of Bob’s significant contribution in this medical/legal field.)

A follow-up e-mail from **Donald G. Fisher, M.D.**, reports that “Jeanne and I are both doing fairly well. I had to give up golf because of my eyesight. After cataract surgery, then corneal transplants in both eyes since 2001, I can see well enough, but have not regained any enthusiasm for golf. I have audited courses at University South Carolina – Aiken every year since 2001 (including French; Art History-four courses; American, Russian, and World History; Philosophy)...Being PreMed, I missed all these great courses at Wabash. Jeanne and I have played tournament Bridge as intermediate players and we have created gardens that require considerable time and energy...”

“I retired from my surgical practice 20 years ago. We performed considerable volunteer work and foreign travel the first ten years. Since we moved to Aiken in 2001, we are content at home. That’s about all I can tell you ...Don”

JOHN PAUL JONES, JR.
(Deceased)

I received this e-mail from pannjones@sbcglobal.net on Saturday, Oct 13, 2012: "I just wanted to let you know that J. P. Jones, Jr (John Paul Jones, Jr), Kappa Sig class of '52 passed away December 15, 2005. I should have let you know a long time ago! Patsy Jones."

John matriculated with us at Wabash all four years. Indeed, he was Treasurer of our Senior Class '52, and a member of Kappa Sigma. He then went to law school and at the time of publication of our *1990 Wabash Alumni Directory*, he was then a practicing attorney residing in Noblesville, Indiana. His fraternity brother **Jim Thomas** tried to induce him to return for one of our reunions, but to no avail.

Our latest '52 Class Roster of 3/7/12 gives a Fishers, IN, address for "J.P." but what is provided as his telephone number is now an unlisted number. **Dick Daniels** was unable to obtain a bio-data from J.P. for his monumental book *'52@50*. As all of us are fully aware, Daniels did not take "No" for an answer. So although I doubt more info regarding J.P. is readily available, I will still ask if any of us has additional information, please advise me accordingly. (Obviously, my own efforts to obtain more info from Patsy have not met with success, although I have acknowledged and offered thanks for her belated message.)

"WALLY" WABASH (UPDATED)

Herewith something never published before today!

It's our own lovable **Wally Wabash** character created by classmate **Don Cole**, and printed in many of our publications during 1948-52 and beyond, BUT today sporting a new, updated cap. As you will recall, Don's original and inimitable creation sported a unique chapeau which I can only describe as "slouchy." Its brim is upturned at both ends, front and back, is round-shaped with

sort of a flat-top-crown. The creator of this cartoon character, **Don Cole** of Del Ray Beach, Florida, refers to Wally's hat as "his signature Pork Pie headgear."

Well, this newly updated version published here for the very first time sports a brand new baseball cap, while retaining the appropriate "W" identifications. Don drew this new version and sent it to classmate **Hugh Smaltz** 6/30/12, who in turn recently sent it on to me with a copy of **Don Cole's** transmittal letter, which explains everything. Enjoy!



6/30/12

High Ho Hughie: . . .

Thank you for the new, foldable, ball cap I received the other day. (While I'm at it, thank you for all the memorabilia you have sent to me over the years.)

Hughie, we were so very glad to hear from you — as it been a while and we missed you.

I am enclosing herewith a picture of Wally sporting the new cap. This is rare art as you and the artist are the only ones who have ever seen Wally wearing a ball cap instead of his signature Pork Pie head gear!

All the best —

Don & Sonja

* And Thanks for everything.

Blow,

ISN'T THIS GREAT PRINTING +
DRAWING FOR AN 80!

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And a big 'thank you' from all of us to **Don Cole** and **Hugh Smaltz** for sharing this artistic treat with all of their classmates.

ROBERT PAUL REVENAUGH

(b. March 1, 1930 - d. August 21, 2012)

Bob's first year and a half of college was at Wabash, followed by a year and a half at Wisconsin, then three years completing his law degree at Northwestern, followed by certification as a financial planner. There is an Indiana statute somewhere (I looked it up once-upon-a-time when still engaged in the practice of law) which makes this 1 ½ year classmate of ours a fellow alumnus of Wabash.

His Army service as a draftee included ski patrol and German Mountain Rescue work where he met future wife Helga and fathered a daughter and two sons, all of which and more is detailed autobiographically in our bible **'52@50**.

His Professional Business Management Company, which he guided and grew for 40+ years at Lake Bluff, Illinois, provides financial services to health-care professionals. When it came time to retire, however, **Robert P. Revenaugh** opted for a different lifestyle, leaving their home in Barrington for a 350-acre farm in Elizabeth, Ill. where, for the last 20 years he and his wife reveled in farm life. The tractors, the hay, the horse – he reportedly loved it all, including the hard work it took to maintain.

In his last 10 years, Bob became active in his church where he played the piano, banjo, and sang in the church choir. Asked how he wanted to be remembered, "His answer was that he was an ordinary person with Christian values who lived by them," his younger son recalled.

Cordially,

Bill

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