



## WABASH COLLEGE

### *Class Agents Letter*

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### Class of 1953

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Dear '53s:

Despite an epic rain and wind storm which swept through Indiana on June 6 & 7, eleven members of the Class of '53 battled the elements to return for our 55<sup>th</sup> reunion held in conjunction with the "Big Bash" at Crawfordsville: Those braving the storms were Jack Engledow, Roger Drummond, Stan Long, Fred Warbinton, Bob Miller, Dave Long, Jack Fitzgerald, Pete Moffett, Karl Dickerson, Dan Korb, and our ageless honorary member, Mrs. Jean Williams. The medical profession outnumbered the rest of us with three doctors present. Seven wives also attended, bringing beauty and class to an otherwise rowdy event.

Those of you who didn't make it back missed a bravo performance by Dr. Roger Drummond who served as master of ceremonies at the Saturday evening dinner held at the fantastic Trippet center. It was indeed "Some Enchanted Evening", a number he sang, along with other memorable numbers, including "My Daughter is Marrying an Idiot." Many thanks to you, Roger, for a job well done. Incidentally, Roger's book on "Ticks" has sold more than 40,000 copies, and he has become an expert witness in a lawsuit where the plaintiff claims she was infested with ticks at a motel. Roger is developing a healthy dislike for the plaintiff's lawyers, and believes the claim is totally bogus.

Several '53s called in advance to report they were unable to make it. Frank Mullen, continuing to improve, was unable to get transportation from Richmond, but sent his best wishes.

Despite the torrential rains and wind, which knocked down numerous branches, the campus was in great shape and the facilities outstanding. We heard Steve Goldsmith, ('68), former Indianapolis Mayor and Republican proponent of faith based initiative, speak on current (sad?) status of political affairs, and a recent grad, Mark Doyle, '98, discuss his adventures as a peace corp teacher in South Africa. All in all, we had a great time and are sorry that more of you couldn't make it.

One of the Big Bash attendees, Karl Dickerson, reported on his dream job as a volunteer at the major golf tournaments. He loves to travel and watching Tiger Woods and the other immortals hitting the little round ball.

Charles Crume was unable to attend due to a right knee replacement, but says he is doing OK. Our class may be reaching the point where our artificial joints outnumber our original equipment.

Dick Crampton couldn't make it back, having recently moved from Sarasota, Florida, back to his hometown, Columbia City. He can be reached at 520 South Chauncey Street, Columbia City, IN 46725; cell phone 941-586-6631. Dick continues to battle numerous medical problems including diabetes, skin cancer, kidney failure, and open heart surgery. Dick's wife, Dottie, died two years ago. Hang in there, Dick!

Here are a few photos that were taken at the Big Bash.



Dave Long and Dan Korb



Jack Fitzgerald, Jack Engledow, Roger Drummond & Karl Dickerson



Fred Warbinton and Stan Long



Pete Moffett and Stan Long

Sadly, we must report that John W. Pitzer died June 17, 2008, in Ithaca, New York, after a lengthy illness. A native of Zionsville, John was a Lambda Chi, a psych major, and was our Junior Class Vice President while at Wabash. He was one of our few married students, with a child here. After graduation he moved to Ithaca, and became Vice President of Sales and Marketing for the Ithaca Gun Company. He was an avid outdoorsman and gardener, and was active in endless athletic activities as a coach and spectator with his kids and grandkids. He worked with the staff at the Ithaca College Center for Life Skills helping patients with stroke rehabilitation. His wife of 57 years, Betty Rose, had died April 1, 2008, and he was survived by three children, eight grandchildren and one great granddaughter.

Those of you who were never privileged to attend Harry Cotton's philosophy lectures can get a quick refresher by picking up a copy of "Aristotle and a Platypus Went Into a Bar" at your local library or bookstore. Very funny. The authors followed up with a sequel for Poli Sci majors, "Aristotle and an Aardvark Go to Washington," which is supposed to help us "understand political doublespeak through philosophy and jokes." This could be very helpful in this painfully long election year.

Here's the honor list of class contributors to Wabash for the past fiscal year:

Bonner Allee	Patrick Anderson	William Augspurger
William Backman, Jr.	Jacqueline Carter	Hudson Cattell
Richard Crampton	Charles Crume, Jr.	Dorothy A. Cunningham
Robert Dickinson	Roger Drummond	Jack Engledow
John Fitzgerald	Thomas Florsheim	Frederick Gallagher, Jr.
Robert Green	Herbert Hawvermale	Donald Hendrickson
Calvin Hilgediek	Daniel Korb	Samuel Kriegman
George Littell, Jr.	Stanley Long	Charles Lytle
Robert McLean	Donald McMasters	Robert Miller
Warren Moffett	Frank Mullen	Judith T. Ray
David Saunders	J. Peter Schma	Virginia J. Shaw
Alan Stolz	Louis Sunderland	James Tchalo
Fred Warbinton	Jean M. Williams	Richard Williams
Thomas Woerner		

Let's keep up the good work!

Best wishes for a good summer from the '53 three,

Bob Miller for Drs. Jack Engledow & Fred Warbinton