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Dear Many Miler:

Congratulations! Once again, Many Milers stepped up to the plate to help Wabash College perform its excellent educational mantra. We contributed to the tune of 60.9 percent. Only two other classes were in the sixty percent area. The Class of 1951 came in at 67.8 percent and the Class of 1940 came in at 65.2 percent. Thank you everybody. If you don't know, everything we give starting July 1, 2006 thru our next reunion in June of 2011 counts toward our as yet unannounced goal. The class of 1957 chipped in \$3,200,625 at the Big Bash this year, and the Class of 1967 had 66 members in attendance....an all-time record. That one will be hard to beat! Included in this mailing is the information about different giving levels! Anyway, we're on our way toward our 50th!

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And, speaking of.....If you are having interesting things going on at your high school 50th reunions, let us know. Bob Panzer says his Hanover High reunion will be the weekend after Labor Day. Doug Burns tells me that Broad Ripple in Indy will do the '57 thing August 10-11. My West Lafayette class of '57 will be gathering September 21 thru 23. We start with a golf outing at Coyote Crossing and end with a Memorial service on Sunday morning. We have this thing about the Triple XXX on the hill. (They put their hamburgers in flour to soak up extra grease, and their Root Beer is to die for!) You may have driven past it on the way up toward Purdue, a bright orange building at the base of Salisbury Street. Anyway, we will have lunch there. After a dinner on Friday, we attend a home football game. The last time I went to a WLHS football game, Monticello was ahead 35-0 at the end of the first quarter. The thing is, they don't play on the field I did. We played on a field that Purdue installed and was about 3 blocks due east of the Purdue football Ross-Ade stadium. Otherwise, we will headquarter at the Holiday Inn in downtown Lafayette. Do send info so the rest of us can share!

Recent conversations with a few classmates: **Doug Dalrymple** says that he and Sandy still have their home in Naperville, IL, but that they go to Florida for most of the winter. He retired in 1998, and he loves to play golf! **Jim Nichols** lives 3 hours north of LA, so the fires aren't a bother to him. He is an avid hiker and climber...has climbed to the top of Mt. Whitney 38 times! That's 14,505 ft.!!! He has a van with 10 reclining seats which he uses to show people around and take in various hiking trips. He has visited and hiked with Steve Herman and John Dunn in Colorado. Jim's been fighting a macular hole (rip) in one eye where his retina is detached. Also, Jim was told that with his SAT scores (1509!!!) he could join Mensa, and he is enjoying that. (I didn't know how high his SAT's were, although I remember Beta Pledge Brother Doug Burns was over 1500 also!) **Rick** & Constance **Dexter** summer in Charlevoix, MI and winter in Arizona. Rick spent his career with Tomkins which was a supplier of wiring products to the RV industry in northern Indiana.

Tim Murphy enjoys grandkids and is a 6-year survivor of Kidney transplant.

The car business got so bad that he bailed out of it recently. **John McKeever** is a trauma and orthopedic surgeon in Corpus Christi, TX. **Richard Lesniak** is still practicing law. He and Sandy enjoy golf and dancing. He has a plate in his hip, and he can tell you when it's going to rain! **Jon Templin** is living in Georgetown, TX and June tells me he is advanced in Alzheimer's. She has been able to take care of him only because he is very placid and sleeps a lot.

I know June was not able to get away to her Purdue Theta sisters' reunion in Chicago this year, so she is quite nailed down. Jon probably only knows his granddaughter, as the rest of the family he does not seem to know. We send our prayers for Jon & June!

I also spoke with **Jerry Barton** in hopes that he will be able to attend the Glee Club reunion on September 28-29. He was to attend his high school reunion in Washington, IN in June. Jerry told me that one of the highlights of his life was while in Cleveland, he once sang in a chorus with the featured soloist being Placido Domingo.

Received an email from Bev & **Fred Ruebeck**. Fred was checking out a local newspaper online and found this photo of his sailboat from the British Virgin Island's Spring Regatta in March. It's a great shot! You may remember it was originally blue, aka "Fiona"...but they got picked up by bMobile (new Caribbean cell phone company) this past winter and are now sponsored which pays for sails, paint, repairs,



registration fees, mother ship for towing the boat and sleeping, t-shirts, etc. So, it is now lime green with "Fiona" still painted on the stern!

Thought you would like to see what Fred considers fun and exhilarating!

For those of you that I have not told, I had a hunk of titanium stuck in my right leg, thus sporting a new hip joint on May 1. The only thing I can tell you about it, and Jim Cumming and Norm Beesley both concur, is that you should not put it off. If a hip doc tells you that you need a new hip....DO IT!

I was up and walking the next day, used a cane for about two weeks, and now it is a total non-issue!

The Class of '07 started at average salaries of \$44,000, and 17% of the class had no job as of graduation. As Joe Barnette wrote in the Trustees' letter, "about 50% of the class went to graduate or professional schools from USC to Virginia and from Cornell to the U. of Hawaii!" The College received more than 1500 applications, a record, and about one-third of them were from alumni. The admissions staff will gladly receive your recommendations any time of the year. Let's see about cranking up a good class for 2012!

This Year's Awards Chapel in April! Faculty awards went to newer members of the Wabash faculty: McClain-McTurnan-Arnold Excellence in Teaching went to History professor Stephen Morillo, and the M-M-A Research Scholar honor was presented to Associate Professor of Chemistry Ann Taylor.

In case you did not read Joe's May letter, John Bachmann '60 will move to Trustee Emeritus status, and he reported that the ten-year return on the College's investments (also tended to by Fred Ruebeck!) was about ten percent, and the endowment is currently valued in excess of \$370 M. I can still remember Max Servies rhetorically asking me how great Wabash would be if little or no tuition was required!

Football Team Looks To Big Season

The Little Giant football team returns several veterans from a team that lost only two games last year, one of which was in overtime and the other on a missed field goal at the end of the game. With a praiseworthy freshman class, the team is looking for another successful season. The D3 Football website has placed Wabash in the Top 25 Teams at #22. I hope to see classmates at some of the games – be sure to let me know you're in town. **Homecoming will be September 29.**

The schedule is as follows:

Sept. 8 Franklin 1 p.m.
Sept. 15 at Millikan 2 p.m.
Sept. 22 at Ohio Wesleyan 1 p.m.
Sept. 29 Earlham 2 p.m.
Oct. 6 at Allegheny 2 p.m.
Oct. 13 Wittenberg 1 p.m.
Oct. 20 Oberlin 1 p.m.
Oct. 27 at Wooster 1 p.m.
Nov. 3 Denison 1 p.m.
Nov 10 DePauw

The Silver Dollar bar was burned to a cinder.

CRAWFORDSVILLE, Ind. (AP) - A Tuesday morning fire destroyed or damaged several downtown buildings on most of a city block, including one that contained apartments. Television pictures from helicopters showed fire trucks from several departments pouring water on the buildings in the city about 40 miles west of Indianapolis. The flames were extinguished by midmorning in the fire that was reported about 3:45 a.m. "We opened the back door and saw flames racing up the back side of the building," said Robin Baumann, an employee of the Silver Dollar Bar, which was destroyed in the blaze.



Crawfordsville Fire Chief Todd Barton said police were trying to account for everyone who lived in the apartments. "We rescued five or six individuals from the windows and helped another down the stairs," he said. Barton said the people who were rescued were treated at the scene but not hospitalized. "This is a sad day for the residents of Crawfordsville," Mayor John Zumer said. Explosions could be heard from the buildings, one of which contained a gun shop, said John Gianakis, son of the building owner. The family owned 16 commercial and apartment units in several buildings that were damaged. The buildings also contained a flea market and a shoe repair shop, Gianakis said. Several streets around the fire were closed for much of the morning. The state fire marshal planned to investigate what started the blaze.

From the Archives

by Beth Swift

Among the oldest homes in Crawfordsville is the Elston Homestead, built by Major Isaac Elston. The Major started his career in this area by opening a general store, and serving as postmaster. This humble beginning evolved into



the area's first bank. Through these enterprises and a good bit of land speculation in Indiana and Illinois, Elston amassed quite a fortune.

The Homestead is located in Elston Woods, so named because the land was all owned by Major Elston, who gave his children land in this area. This historic district contains a number of interesting homes and among these are the several homes of Elston family members. The list includes the Elston Homestead - which has served as the residence of Wabash Presidents for over 40 years and is currently home to President and Mrs. White. The Lane Place, the scene of the annual Strawberry Festival was the home of Joanna Elston Lane and her husband, Senator Henry S. Lane. The Daughters of the American Revolution House was built by the Major's son, also named Isaac and purchased by the DAR in the 1930's. The General Lew Wallace home and study were built on land given to Elston's daughter, Susan Wallace.

In this interesting photo taken before the 1930's restoration of the house by Wabash Trustee Isaac Compton Elston III, we can see the "bones" of the house. The house was originally built to face Main Street and the façade that we see in this photo is really the back side of the house. Two lots on Main were sold and handsome houses went up immediately. So, if you get a chance to visit the house, note that as you enter by the front door you are actually entering through the former rear of the house. This is noticeable as the grand stairway was built to face the front of the home.

This house has seen a great deal of history. If walls could talk we would know a great deal more about our local history as the Elston family was right at the center of life in Crawfordsville for our first two centuries.

Well, that's about it from Middle Tennessee and Crawfordsville. We spent a long weekend at Gatlinburg, and once we finally got there, we had a great time!
Best wishes to you and yours....

Many Miles Before the Night.....

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Some humor...

Two guys, one old and one young, are pushing their carts around Home Depot when they collide.

The old guy says to the young guy, "Sorry about that. I'm looking for my wife, and I guess I wasn't paying attention to where I was going."

The young guy says, "That's OK. It's a coincidence. I'm looking for my wife, too. I can't find her and I'm getting a little desperate."

The old guy says, "Well, maybe we can help each other. What does your wife look like?" The young guy says, "Well, she is 24 yrs old, tall, tan, with blond hair, blue eyes, long legs, big boobs, and she's wearing tight white shorts, a halter top and no bra. What does your wife look like?"

The old guy says, "Doesn't matter --- let's look for yours."

Giving Clubs were established to recognize annual contributors to Wabash. All gifts secured between July 1, 2007 and June 30, 2008 will count toward fiscal year 2008 goals.

Little Giant Club \$100-\$249

Scarlet Flag Club \$250-\$499

Old Wabash Club \$500-\$999

The 1832 Society

Caleb Mills Circle \$1,000-\$2,499



Lifelong friend and classmate of Edmund Hovey at Dartmouth, Caleb Mills came to Wabash College as her first teacher. Caleb Mills gave to Wabash an intellectual and moral character which has since become its most important source of strength. It was through his ideals, vision, and energy that he gave to the college its sense of mission which it has to this day never lost.

Byron K. Trippet Circle \$2,500-\$4,999



Byron K. Trippet enrolled as a freshman at Wabash in 1926, and for the following forty years he was a commanding and distinguished figure of the college. As a true spokesman for the liberal arts, he was a Rhodes Scholar, had honorary degrees from four institutions, a member of the Phi Beta Kappa national lecture panel, and chair of the committee on liberal education of the Association of American Colleges. Far more than simply the ninth president, Trippet shaped the foundations of the Wabash experience.

Elihu W. Baldwin Circle \$5,000-\$9,999



Elihu W. Baldwin put his concept of the college's purpose indelibly on the character of Wabash. His presidency was the shortest of the first nine, but also the most important. Without him, an infant Wabash College might have disappeared, and his courage, resolution, and cheerfulness in the face of adversity were decisive in keeping Wabash alive through the years.

Frank H. Sparks Circle \$10,000-\$24,999



Frank Hugh Sparks was the eighth president of Wabash College who after a successful career in business early in his life found greater joy in teaching younger men. He came to Wabash to fulfill his dream of providing positive learning experiences for young men after returning to school himself to earn a PhD at the age of 40 solely to do so. Sparks introduced his ambitious strategy for building a "Greater Wabash" and the notion of its independence from government aid. Since then, Sparks has become one of the most recognized presidents of Wabash College.

Edmund O. Hovey Circle \$25,000 and above



If any single person stands out among the dedicated, courageous, tenacious missionaries and laymen who brought Wabash College into being, it has to be Edmund Otis Hovey. He was not only one of the founding fathers, but also a long time trustee, a teacher, treasurer of the college, fund raiser, and the first historian of the college - the original "Mr. Wabash". Most importantly, he was responsible for persuading Caleb Mills and Elihu Baldwin to leave the prosperous East and come to Wabash as the first teacher and president respectively.