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Dear Classmates,

Think Spring!

Classmate News

More, from our faithful reader(s):

Earl,

Your Feb 18 missive hit my computer while I was still contemplating your last one.

First, my Kappa Sigma brother Dave is clearly still jumping right along. You may be surprised to know that I still retain my form as well – my 3 inch vertical leap is still with me.

As to wrestling, the news and new facility are fine, but wrestling is what led me to my five weeks on the Wabash Track team.....to avoid Ernie Fritsch [instructor] continuing to use me as his test subject for phys. Ed. class demonstrations of wrestling holds and moves. I think he picked me because of my size, or maybe my ineptness. Track coaches decided I should be a javelin thrower.....leading to training with the sprinters, hurdlers, whose road training near killed me! Short career, and never did touch a spear or attempt to throw one.

Your "missing" list included Richard Anderson, who was, as my old brain recalls, a pledge brother at Kappa Sigma, but I have not heard from or of him for a very long time. I think he fell off the map somewhere.

I did check out John Gaumer from your list. Sadly, he is deceased. John was one of the "fearsome five" who matriculated from my senior class at Rochester High School. He

transferred to Manchester after a year at Wabash, I think to be nearer to his mother as she was older and on her own. And had been my teacher in 3rd grade, as I recall. Anyway, John, Dan Daniels (Delt), Phil Deamer(Phi Delt), Phil Kucinski (Independent) and I all arrived together at Crawfordsville from a high school class of 89, as I recall. It was either a fearsome event, or folly, depending on perspective.

I did touch base with a high school classmate who tries to keep track of us, and verified that John passed several years ago. I do recall he had spent a number of years as a teacher in Turkey, I think at an American school, before returning to the states.

And I see I have been promoted and given a title "Coordinator".....does that come with a pay raise?

Regards, Rick Helm

WAF

Rick,

Always good to hear from you! Thanks for the info on John Gaumer. We'll pass that along to the alumni office.

I never excelled at athletics, with the possible exception of being a slightly better than average tennis player. Never good enough to make a team but barely good enough to win more than lose when playing not to serious opponents. Tom Bambrey used to talk me into an occasional turn at the three miles loop out past the Donnelley plant. He would slow down enough that I could keep him in sight for a little over two miles, then he would sprint back to the Sig house and leave me panting and limping along. By the time I crawled up the stairs to the porch, he was already showered and back to the books. I'd just grab a cigarette and a beer and quietly curse him. Till the next time and deja vu all over again. Guess I was a slow learner.

Thanks for the quick response. Oh yeah, I forgot to mention. ... with your promotion to coordinator, you now make as much as Duane and I do! Hope that doesn't push you into a higher tax bracket.

Earl

Unfortunately, we have the news of the loss of **Chris Bird**:

John Christopher Bird
1945 - 2016 Obituary

BIRD, John Christopher (1945 - 2016) John Christopher Bird (1945 - 2016), a dedicated husband, father and grandfather, passed away on Saturday, April 2, after a six year struggle with multiple myeloma. Born

in New York City December 18, 1945, Chris was raised in Garland, Texas and was a proud member of the Jesuit High School Class of 1963. He attended Wabash College, Class of 1967, in Crawfordsville, Indiana where he met Patricia Jane Corbin. The two married in 1968 and returned to Dallas where Chris graduated from SMU School of Law in 1970. Chris was an amazing father to five blessed children Brian, Catherine, Caroline, Colin, and Bridget and loved their five respective spouses Kim, Anthony, John, Misti and Adam with equal vigor. Chris began his legal career with Geary, Brice, Barron & Stahl and spent the next 41 years practicing law in Dallas, TX. Board certified in residential and commercial real estate law, a member of the Texas Real Estate Law Exam Commission, a multiple year Super Lawyer, Chris was known for his expertise in high-rise condominium projects and homeowner's associations and spent the last three decades managing his own law practice. Prior to and beyond retirement from the legal profession in 2011, Chris found great pleasure working as a member of the Christ the King St. Vincent de Paul Society. While his professional career was undoubtedly successful, Chris was proud of nothing more than his wife Patti, his children, their spouses and his 11 grandchildren (Harrison, Kennedy, Henry, Audrey, Hayden, Jane, Jack, Charlotte, Carter, Amelia, and Andrew). He delighted in taking photographs at various activities and sporting events of his children and grandchildren, not to mention countless other friends and families, and found tremendous joy in documenting each year with a family portrait and an ingenious Christmas card. A memorial service will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 5 at Christ the King Church at 8017 Preston Road in Dallas. Chris donated his body to the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center Willd Body Program and afterwards will be cremated. In lieu of flowers, charitable donations may be made to the Bird Family Scholarship Fund at Dallas Jesuit College Preparatory School and the Christ the King St. Vincent de Paul Society chapter in Dallas, TX. Published in Dallas Morning News on Apr. 5, 2016

And, although he was not a classmate, Dr. Stephen Webb was a long-time superb Wabash professor:

1961 - 2016 Obituary



Stephen Howe Webb 54 of Brownsburg, was born March 13, 1961 to Helen and Carl Webb of Indianapolis and departed this life on March 5, 2016. Steve married the love of his life, Diane Timmerman, on July 16, 1988 in Chicago, and they had five children who, with their faith, were the center of their lives. Steve was a graduate of Warren Central High School where he wrote his first book, the History of Warren Central, and was an avid debater. He graduated Summa cum Laude from Wabash College and received his PhD with distinction from the University of Chicago.

He taught religion and philosophy for 25 years at Wabash and recently taught at CTS in Indianapolis and served in several prison ministries. Steve wrote over a dozen academic books on a wide range of theological topics from rhetoric to gift-giving to vegetarianism to Bob Dylan and more. In recent years, Steve published a great deal on Mormonism, including books on the LDS faith with Oxford University Press, where the majority of his books were published. Additionally, Steve wrote hundreds of essays, articles, book reviews, chapters in books, and web articles. The scope of his work was deep, original, and often provocative. He loved a good argument and loved engaging with people and ideas every chance he could get. In the past few years, he truly enjoyed his connections to the wonderful people of the LDS community.

Steve was an amazing, engaged, and loving father to his five children. He was always ready to play a game, enter into a theological debate, help with homework, or watch a movie with them. He was a steadfast and giving husband who shared a deep bond with his loving wife. Together they enjoyed traveling the world and also just hanging out and enjoying the simple things in life. They especially loved attending all of their children's events.

Left to cherish his memory are his parents, Carl and Helen Webb, his brother Tom Webb of San Francisco (wife Wenela and son Ian), his devoted wife Diane Timmerman of Brownsburg, and their children Charis, Barek, Asher, Teka, and Tsehai. Also honoring his memory are his sister-in-law Therese Hamilton (husband Donnie and daughter Eleanor), brother-in-law Charles Timmerman (wife Suzanne Edmands and daughters Calla and Meryl) and godparents of the children, Aron and Joyce Aji and Tom and Susan Darling, as well as a host of friends and family. All remember Steve for his honesty, deep faith, true friendship, and interest in others. He will be deeply missed by all.

Online remembrance book at www.matthewsmortuary.com

Published in the The Indianapolis Star on Mar. 9, 2016- See more at:

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/indystar/obituary.aspx?n=stephen-howe-webb&pid=177969609#sthash.azoW7cC7.dpuf>

50th Reunion

The first reunion letter from Clark Dickerson went out recently. There will be more news as we approach the Big Day, so please plan to attend, June 2-4, 2017.

The Class of '66 is going full tilt to set records for attendance, Chapel Sing, and contributions. So, it is time for us to gear up!

Honestly, I think it is great that we have this rivalry with the Sophs after all these years, and, yes we are going all out to beat all reunion records. However, I sincerely hope each and every one of you will return for our 50th because you want to see classmates, relive some pleasant Wabash experiences, see changes on campus, and generally enjoy yourselves. It is fun to return to campus, especially when the weekend is focused on relaxation, with no tests, quizzes, or term papers!!

If there is someone with whom you would particularly like to make a reconnection, why not contact him and ask him to return. You can find current contact info on the Wabash website, under Alumni and Alumni eservices. This log-on is protected, so you will need to set up a log-on, if you haven't already done so.

In recent years I've had the opportunity to interact with many Wallies who have celebrated their 50th. Everyone I've encountered has said how much he enjoyed being on campus for that special milestone.

As your class agents (Earl and I) and reunion coordinator (Clark Dickerson), we are excited about seeing all of you and retelling old stories (some of which might even be true!). We hope you share our enthusiasm and will make it to campus for all or even a part of the fun weekend.

Athletics

As many or most of you know, we have a new football coach. Don Morel, who has been the Offensive Coordinator, became the head coach in late March, when Eric Raeburn went to D1 Savannah State U.

In case you missed the story, here is the link:

<http://sports.wabash.edu/news/2016/3/28/don-morel-named-head-football-coach-at-wabash-college.aspx>

Humor

A chicken crossing the road is poultry in motion.

Dijon vu - the same mustard as before.

Practice safe eating - always use condiments.

Is it me, or do buffalo wings taste like chicken?

Have a great summer and plan to attend our 50th!

Duane