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Classmates --

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Summer is drawing to a close. As I drove by the local elementary school yesterday, a big sign announced "Back to School Night" - for tonight! And a look at the Wabash calendar notes that August 23rd is Freshman Saturday. Time for us to give a few minutes of thought to the College...and our classmates from, lo, so many years ago. So...some classmate news:

From Dave Montieth: "When I read about John May saying 'What the hell do I do now!' upon his retirement I think back to what a great track athlete he was. I always lament not hearing about master's athletics until I was almost 60. I'm certainly not looking for any glory - my interest is solely to encourage classmates to stay active and stay healthy and master's athletics certainly accomplishes that goal. It reminds me of the quote: 'You don't stop playing because you get old; you get old because you stop playing!' I'd love to see some fellow classmates competing in the master's program - I guarantee it will help you get, and stay, in shape. If you're interested, please contact me at dmontieth@aol.com."

[So -- that begs the question. What do some of the rest of you do to stay active? I see **Phil Coons** on Facebook with the Indianapolis Hiking Club. And we saw **Bob Myers** doing the coast-to-coast bike ride. And I recall **John Sturman** doing some race-walking. How about the rest of you? I did a three-mile walk with one of my dogs this morning, then an hour of kayaking. Then half an hour of shoveling horse poop! What a schedule!]

From Jim Clynh: "Earl, Duane,

I like reading your class letters, but haven't contributed or responded yet. Your humor items prompted this email. These look a lot like the "Plugger" series in a few newspapers. You can see them at online at:

<http://www.gocomics.com/features> along with most others

or directly at: <http://www.gocomics.com/pluggers>

There are several other online comics sites that carry Pluggers.

What is a plugger, we are. And the cartoons point out the key features of our lives. I'm attaching one I modified to better fit my life, doing my favorite pastime, watching baseball in the summer.

As to more news about me, here is a short summary.

After Wabash I went to Brown in physics. Got a degree in 1974, with a two year side trip to the military industrial complex, including some time at White Sands.

After I got my degree, I went to work at a research lab in Austin that is attached to the University of Texas. It began in WW II and still is focused on work in the Defense area. I worked in upper atmospheric effects on navigation systems and using them to study that area (100 to 1500 miles altitude.) This included both the early Navy Navigation System and then GPS.

Then I took a job at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey CA teaching and doing research. This is part of the Navy. Monterey is a beautiful place, on the coast about 90 miles south of San Francisco. Spent 14 years there and took an early out about a decade ago. Congress meddled quite a bit and forced a move of the Aerospace Department to Dayton and into the Air Force. I was attached to the Oceanography Department so that didn't affect me at once. (Mapping, Charting and Geodesy are under the Oceanographer of the Navy.) But I could see more downsizing coming and when it came took the money and ran.

I moved back to Austin. It was much more affordable than Monterey and I had a lot of old friends there. I did a few consulting things for a couple of years, but now just "do my thing". I put a lot of my old educational things on the web at Clynch3c.com .

Well that is the short version. Now time for Texas vs. New York."

From **Doug Marshall**: "I practiced Emergency Medicine for thirty years. For the past 15 years, I have owned and staffed an occupational medicine clinic in Indianapolis. I continue to work 50 hours a week and do not anticipate retirement in the near future.

I have been married to my best friend Diane for 35 years. We have two sons. Our oldest Kyle is an assistant professor of anesthesiology at the University of Colorado in Denver. Our other son Keir (Wabash Grad '04) is chief resident in radiology at Yale. They get their brains from their mother."

[That got me thinking, too. Doug's son was a Wally. So how many of us in the class had fathers, grandfathers, uncles, older brothers, cousins who were Wabash men? And how many have younger brothers, sons, nephews, cousins, or maybe grandsons who are Wabash? Let us know...might be a fun statistic to compile for our fiftieth.]

And I got this note from Bill Fye: "Earl, The "Carin for Karen" team is walking again this year. We need you by our side! The Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimer's® is the world's largest event to raise awareness and funds for Alzheimer's care, support and research. Held annually in more than 650 communities nationwide, this inspiring event is a display of combined strength and dedication in the fight against Alzheimer's. We are walking in the 2014 Walk in Butler, Warren & Clinton Counties, September 13th. The end of Alzheimer's starts with me, but I cannot do this alone. Please join me in the fight against Alzheimer's by walking with me. Together, we can become an unstoppable force against this devastating disease. Last year we heard from several Sig's. Please pass this message on to your vast contacts. Please visit my personal fundraising page to register for my team. If you are unable to join me, please consider making a donation to my fundraising campaign. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

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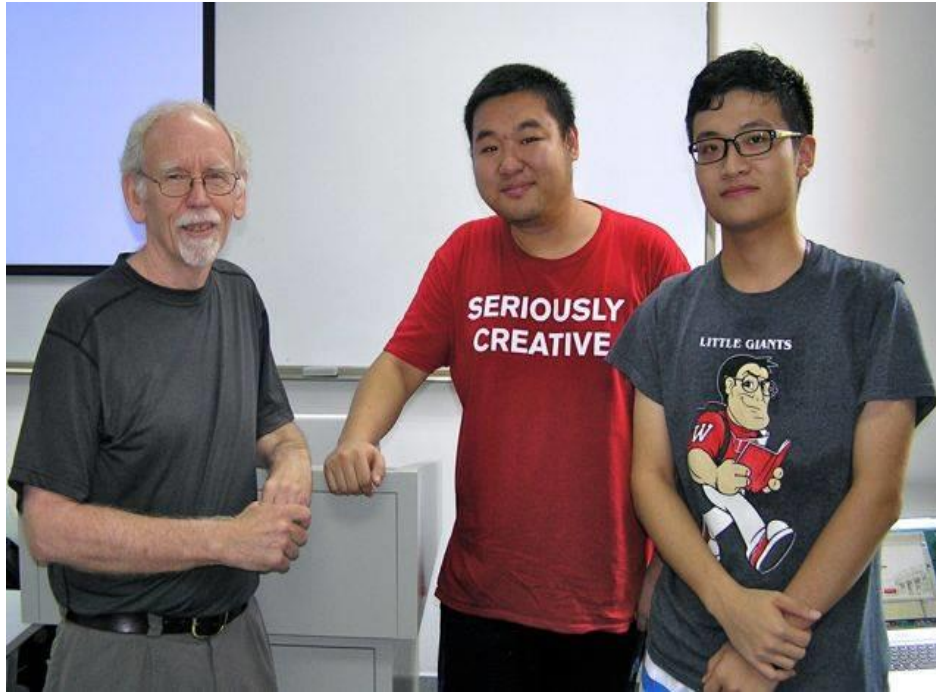
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[If any of you in the Cincinnati area would be interested in joining Bill for the Alzheimer's Walk, contact Bill. As we get along in life, Alzheimer's is touching more and more of us, I'm sure.]

Also had a note from **George Vyverberg**: "**My life since Wabash has been great, but nothing like being 007. After grad school I went to work for Ely Lilly & Co. Over the next 30+ years I had 18 jobs there and lived in six cities around the US. In 2000, a heart problem forced me to retire from the career I loved. I moved to Naples, Florida at that time. In 2007, a heart transplant solved my health problem, so now I just play golf, enjoy my family and partake in the South Florida life style. All is good.**

In cruising the Facebook pages for some familiar names, I came across these items: *Dave Decker* final post from a crotchety old man. I was at the Stop & Shop deli in Trumbull, CT, yesterday and the woman in front of me asked the deli clerk for 2/3 of a pound of something. The deli clerk--who was NOT special needs handicapped--could not convert 2/3 to a digital reading on her scale. They finally agreed on 3/4 of a pound as the clerk knew that that was 0.75 on her scale. I read an article somewhere recently where employers were having a hard time hiring workers and front-line managers who could do even elementary school math. This was the first time I witnessed it for myself. Whatever happened to our schools? I spent grades 1 through 6 in one room schoolhouses in Vermont and very small towns in Montana and Iowa, and we learned math...." and this one from **Ron Sheese...**



Ron Sheese, ... Xinyu and Zhipu are two of the students in my Psychology course this summer in Shanghai -- looking to pick up a few extra credits while home from Wabash College where they study during the academic year. My Wabash friends will recognize their T-shirts perhaps. Interestingly both young men are on schedule to graduate in the Wabash class of '17 -- exactly 50 years after the old man in the picture graduated in the Wabash class of '67. — at [East China Normal](#)

So...let's hear from a few more of you...I posed a couple of questions above...and in addition to those, we'd love to get some updates on what you're doing these days.

And SAVE THE DATES:

- **September 6 -- The Gentlemen's Classic Football game.** At 1:00 PM, Wabash will be meeting "the other men's college", Hampden-Sydney on the gridiron. Duane and I will be there and we would love to see as many of you as can make it too. Should be a good game, and the tailgate party is always fun. Hope to see you there.
- **September 27 - Homecoming.** Be there for the homecoming parade and the crowning of the homecoming queen! Come a couple days early and re-live the Chapel Sing!
- **October 11/12 - WABASH Day.** Check the Wabash home pages for an event in your area...or organize one!
- **November 15 - Monon Bell Game!** Ooooh Wah Wah!

Enough for now. I took the afternoon off, but the horses kept poopin', so I gotta get off my duff and start scoopin'!

Send us some news, guys. And hope to see some of you at the Hampden-Sydney game.

Earl