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Classmates -

Happy summer to you all. Ours has started busy and hot -- I live just outside Pinehurst NC which hosted the US Open and US Women's Open golf tournaments back-to-back. The influx of forty thousand or so golf fans made life a bit hectic here for a couple weeks. And the heat started early this year, too.



I mentioned in my last letter that we were getting a couple miniature donkeys to add to our collection of animals. Until they arrived, I didn't quite realize how big our draft horses were!



Big Bash has ended. 382 alumni attended just a few shy of the record 389. You can check out the pictures and stories on the Wabash homepage in the Alumni section. Only three years to our 50th! So it is time to start renewing some of those old friendships and contacting long lost classmates to generate some sparks for being there in 2017.

In Duane's last letter, Joe Faulkner asked if anyone knew about Bobby Buroker. Well, some guys did and here are their responses:

From **Fred Siegel**:

Hi Earl,

Yes, I imagine there may be several classmates like Joe who remember Bob and wondered whatever became of him. I also wondered whatever had become of Joe Faulkner and was delighted to see his note in the latest class letter. Let me summarize Bob's life after Wabash as I personally knew of it.

Bob Buroker entered law school at the University of Chicago in 1967. He soon decided he had made a mistake, for unlike his classmates, he did not aspire to be a corporate lawyer working for a top New York law firm. He lacked the killer instinct. So he switched fields, earned his Ph.D. in Early American History at Chicago. He won a national award for the best dissertation of the year in American History, totally in keeping with Bob's achievements in whatever he undertook.

I was working on a doctorate in math at Northwestern at the other end of the elevated line and Bob and I kept in contact. I switched fields and schools in 1969 leaving Northwestern for the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign where I earned my Ph.D. in economics in 1974.

Bob began his teaching career at Claremont College in California. I lost track of him for many years and didn't reconnect with him until about a decade ago. By that time we were both divorced. Bob had remarried, but I haven't. Bob had been teaching history at Pacific Lutheran College in Tacoma, Washington for a number of years and had developed serious cardiovascular problems. I believe it was a year or two after our 40th reunion that I learned that he had peacefully passed away from a fatal heart attack. I had the good fortune to speak with Bob several months before his passing. It was good to hear his voice and recognize his personality. It was as if we were undergraduates again. He was teaching and working on a book at his passing.

Bob was hard to track down because he had changed his name after his mother's death. Bob's parents had divorced when he was very young and he had no memory of his father or the Burokers. Instead he was close to the Kemps, his mother and her family. He changed his name and is listed in the latest Wabash alumni directory as Robert L. Kemp, class of 1967, with a + indicating that he is deceased.

I do hope we can learn of our other classmates and I appreciate the good work that you and Duane do, Earl. I suppose I should report on myself. I'm retiring next month from the University of Louisville, after 37 years; the last twelve years I've been Chair of the Finance Department. There is nothing like a large state university to make one appreciate the education we had at Wabash.

I'm sorry to break the bad news about Bobby. Rick Clinebell, Chuck Turner and Gave Lodge also passed away in earlier years. The rest of our pledge class are still with us. I'd say a majority of the group have made one or more reunions and it was good to see them. You'll have to make the 50th.

And here are a few other memories of Bob and others:

From Rick Helm:

I remember learning a lot from Bob by reason of his debate participation; logic, false logic, presentation, organization of rhetoric. And bluffing when you did not have the goods but were not willing to say so! Bob and Kavalchek [sp] won a couple of times by claiming to have 'authority' and speaking of it, when their 3 by 5 card was actually blank, or so they said. they used a card catalogue of 3 by 5 cards, desktop size, about 30 inches long, and would carry it in to debates when the opponents regularly wheeled in 3 drawer file cabinets crammed with "authorities". First, using a small card catalogue was intimidating to opponents. And they could pull a card with scribbling on it and cite just about anything, when in a pinch, so long as they did not actually name a source.

Also from Rick: Some time back I had spare time and 'googled' Rick Clinebell, and some of his research projects popped up. I think he was also into some rare insects. Esoteric and well beyond Biology at Wabash.

I stayed in touch with Gavin, was best man at his wedding, and in touch with Marcia after his passing; sadly, she also passed away about 7 years ago. I have been in touch, exchanging Christmas updates mostly, with their son. Gavin, the son, is regularly on or near Broadway. He can also be found with some internet looking.

I'm getting a little pushy in asking guys individually for some inputs. And here is one:

From Bob Pinschmidt:

OK, shamed into a response.

I spent 32 years in the chemical industry, most of it with Air Products and Chemicals (the last two words now in a much smaller font). When it became clear they were exiting chemicals, I was lucky enough to find a job as Deputy Director with the Institute for Advanced Materials with the Univ. of N. Carolina - Chapel Hill. That lasted six years, with me getting to work on materials, nano tech, solar fuels and environmental issues. It also got us away from Pennsylvania winters and Pennsylvania Dutch xenophobia. But further away from our three kids, now in Chadds Ford, PA (two daughters, and, in one of life's finer ironies, working for DuPont), Northampton, MA (saving the world one country at a time), and NYC (State Department, not clear what).

The UNC job ended almost a year ago and I spent 3 months in, to be honest, rather anxious retirement. Fortunately my old UNC boss is a founder of a 3D printing start-up and I am working 'part-time' on monomers, resins and polymers and loving it, drawing heavily on the APCI work and experience. Marilyn, whom I met at Illinois after Wabash, is still a piano teacher and sometimes writer and artist. We try to travel a lot, with recent trips to the Maritime provinces; Czech Republic/Germany/Poland/Croatia; Germany again; UNC business to Moscow and Arkhangelsk; and the western US. I also work with a community garden, as we have too many deer and not enough sun here (but also no grass to cut!).

Have not been in contact with a lot of classmates, but do go often to the Monon Bell game at a Cary tavern with other grads and 'the enemy' (whose team has not offered much competition recently). Would love to hear from others of you - and am grateful for the work of our classmate volunteers (that means you, Earl).

Bob Pinschmidt

And another from **Steve Wood**:

I don't have a bucket list, but as I approach my middle years, I'm starting to think that such a list might be useful. I do have a frequently changing list of books that I want to read, and I suppose that is a sort of bucket list. The list contains most history and biography. I have a theory that as you get older, you tend to read more history and biography. (I think that most Division 2's and even some Division 1's eventually drift into Division 3.)

After having worked at IBM for a little more than 38 years, I retired in early 2012. My wife Janine, who was a high school math teacher, retired last year. We have lived in Raleigh since 1983. We have 2 children: my son lives in Austin, and has a daughter; my daughter and her husband live near us in Raleigh and have 2 sons.

--Steve Wood

So let's hear from a few more of you. Send us your personal updates. Maybe, like Joe, you're wondering whatever happened to some old friend, room-mate, team-mate, classmate. And maybe, like Joe, you'll prompt some updated info from other readers. So...send us your info. And if we don't hear from at least three of you within a week or so of reading this letter, be warned, you might be the next ones to receive a "personal" request for your update. We really do love hearing from you guys.

Here are a few **dates to put on your calendars for the rest of the year**:

- **September 6, 2014** - Football vs. Hampden-Sydney, the other all-male school. Next year the game will be on their turf.
- **September 27, 2014** - Homecoming vs Allegheny. Homecoming is always a fun weekend. Get there a couple days early and take in the Chapel Sing and all the other festivities.
- **October 11-12, 2014** - WABASH Day - plan now to participate in some event in your area, or maybe even to organize one!

Enjoy your summer!

Earl