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Classmates --

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Happy Autumn to you all. Hopefully, you are all receiving, and reading the various occasional emails and correspondence from the College, or are looking occasionally at the College webpage, so you know some of the current events at the College. I'll just mention a couple items, since we have quite a bit of classmate news this month. Construction has begun on some new independent housing on the campus - the first in decades. But there was also some destruction. In case you missed seeing it elsewhere, the College recently purchased...and then demolished...the Lew Wallace Motor Inn. The Lew...RIP. (anyone have any Lew stories to share?) And the football team is 6-0, with some pretty big numbers in the scoring stats. All in all, Wabash seems to be going strong.

Classmate news.

Starting with some sad news:

William Hudson, 69, of Crawfordsville Passed away Saturday, Oct. 4, 2014, after a lengthy illness. He had been a surveyor for many years. He served in the U.S. Army; was a member of the Elk's; and attended Wabash College.

He was born Sept. 21, 1945, at Indianapolis, to William E. and Helen I. Brown Hudson. A sister, Donna Holt of Muncie, survives. Cremation was chosen. A Memorial service will be held at a later date.

Thanks to several of you who have provided the following personal updates. (Maybe some of the rest of you will follow suit over the upcoming months.)

From **Jack Webster**: OK, here's a quick update. I'm still on the faculty at Virginia Tech, teaching and doing ecological research. But, it's my last year! I'm retiring in May. I'll still be in the office most days working on research (I have drawers full of data I need to publish). I'll miss the interactions with students, but I won't miss grading papers and lab reports. I'm still running four or five days a week and run one 5K race every year. But it's slower and slower. On Wednesdays still do "Coach Huntsman" workouts -- some sort of intervals on the track. Today we did two 1-mile intervals.

And I'm still singing. I watched the U-tube video of the Glee Club reunion last year. That really looked like fun, and I want to get in on that next time. Once I no longer have teaching commitments, there will be more opportunities to get up to Indiana.

Jack Webster (jwebster@vt.edu, <http://www.biol.vt.edu/faculty/webster/index.html>)

From Bruce Newby: I sold my law practice in San Jose in 2001 and retired here to Guadalajara in 2003. Guadalajara and Lake Chapala are probably the best retirement values in the world. There are around thirty thousand Americans and Canadians in the area. We have perfect weather year round, very good medical care and all the stores you have there. We get American satellite tv as well. Everything except electronics costs a fraction of the USA price. Carmen and I visit our daughters and their families twice a year. Emily lives in far northern California and Erica in Crestview, Florida near Pensacola. I still have two sisters and a brother in Indianapolis, so we often go to Wabash Homecoming. I volunteer at the American Society where I am librarian and First Vice President. My favorite project in recent years was to get a solar panel system at Amsoc and raise the money for one at the Salvation Army Children's Shelter, along with several large solar water heaters. As we are in the tropics, solar works well even though we are rarely really hot at a mile high. I hope to hear from any classmates who would like to visit here with an eye toward retiring or snowbirding.

From Larry Remble: Earl: One of the benefits of old age is the ability to recognize and resist a sales pitch. I have a great deal of confidence, as we both received an outstanding education, that this identical letter was forwarded to each and every name on your list, with only the names changed. (If not, try it and I bet it works)

I have been fully retired for five years, but still haven't decided what I want to be when I "grow up". I taught High School Chemistry and Biology, worked as a polymer chemist for Uniroyal, Chief Chemist for an Ohio Sporting goods manufacturer, and Chief Chemist for a pipeline coatings manufacturer in Houston, Texas. Owned and ran a sand and gravel pit on the Brazos River, and last but not least became a Master Electrician building apartment projects and student housing across the U.S.A. for fifteen years. (Never could hold a job, and I bore easily) I had great fun traveling through Europe and the Soviet Union during the early 80's. I have experienced trials and tribulations, as we all have. Lost my wife at age 39 to Melanoma, and was blessed three years later when I met and married my current lovely bride, Susan Tyler. We enjoy traveling, but have had trouble taking the first step on our own, after losing a great tour guide and companion who was from Australia. I would highly recommend a trip to New Zealand and Australia to anyone who has not been.

Health is good, other than the Thoracic Aortic Aneurysm, which has been stable for two years. Reality checks suck bus fumes! Would like you to know how much my wife and I enjoy reading your updates, and the sense of humor you have retained. At our age, there are lots of things to laugh at.

I have had great success in life, which I consistently attribute to Wabash College and hope this is still a common theme with all of my class mates. We are currently living in Cypress, Texas and I have been in the Houston area since 1976. Stop by and say hello if you are traveling through the area.

Give my regards to Duane and all.

Larry

From **John May**: Duane.

First and foremost – Family is in good shape – Laura's new knees are getting her more mobile – not ready for a decathlon, but able to hobble out to the garden and remind me which green things are plant/ flowers and are to be nurtured; while the remaining foliage is worthless - weeds that need to be eradicated with hast and extreme prejudice. Just wish I had paid more attention in biology class.

OK now to the heart of the matter:

The Gentleman's Game: Watched the U tube of the joint Chapel – Was very impressed. From the perspective, both teams and coaches assembled with a marked sense of the uniqueness of the occasion. Do believe that it will be long remember and add another chapter to the accomplishments of both Hampden and Wabash. Also nice to kick their butts!

Another comment: the presence of NCAA's Emmert. Nice touch. But he (Emmert) probably had a better reception with HS and Wabash alumni, teams, and faculty than if he had been at Michigan or Alabama. Do believe that D3 football is not necessarily “purer” than the rest – but I do hope that each member of the teams gets more from his presence and participation – a wider, full college experience than just practice, training table and team meetings.

Last comments:

Had the opportunity to have dinner with several students and alums in Omaha. The placement office is really keen on making every Wabash student a prime prospect after graduation. Lot more work on the student's goals and ambitions and how to realistically achieve them once time in the Wabash womb is done. The kids are very aware of the “real” world and are provided a solid introduction into the How's and Why's. Again, very impressed.

One last impression- maybe

Study help / tutoring. The more I read about this the more I wish that had been available during our tenure. There is only so much a class mate or fraternity brother is able and willing to provide. Sorta like “Cliff Notes” with a very personal touch.

OK rambling time is over – will give you more fodder for the class letter later.

Best to you and Earl and hope Clark is keeping his sanity.

John

And some additional classmate news:

The Harold M. and Margaret R. Coons Public Service Internships. (October 23, 2014).

Last night the recipients of the 2014 Harold M. and Margaret R. Coons Public Service Internships met with the benefactors to talk about their internship experiences this past summer. Steve Coons '63 and **Phil Coons '67** established the internships in memory of their parents, to allow students to take advantage of unpaid public service experiences.



Row 1: Jacob Burnett '17, Adam Burtner '17, Political Science Department Chair Ethan Hollander, President Greg Hess. Row 2: Dylan Miller '16, Cole Crouch '17, Steve Coons '63, Phil Coons '67.

In recent years, Wabash students have used this fund to support internships with:

- Amnesty International and UNICEF in Madrid, Spain
- The White House Partnership for Prevention
- The National Defense University
- The Family Research Council
- The staff of a member of the Scottish National Parliament in Edinburgh, Scotland

Our fiftieth is creeping up on us, guys. So here is a bit of nostalgia culled from the pages of October 1964 issues of **The Bachelor**

Glee Club makes trip to French Lick

by **GREG GROSS**, '67

Glee Club Member

Not content to rest on their laurels, those energetic Glee Clubbers are already off on a series of local concerts which started with one last Wednesday at Rockville for the local Rotary Club. Tonight the Club journeys to French Lick to sing for the state Chamber of Commerce convention there, and will be back in time to sing the next morning for Homecoming Chapel.

(All the way to French Lick! And this prompts the question for **Greg Gross** and **Jack Webster** and any of the rest of you former Glee Club members - got any memorable Glee club stories to share with the rest of us? I promise we won't try to make a tv series out of your stories, and we will, upon request, change names to protect the innocent, or the not-so-innocent.)

Sigs and Kosmakos lead wild weekend

by **GREG GROSS**, '67

Sporting two freshman pots in lieu of other female attributes, sophomore **Frank Kosmakos** rode the Lambda Chichariot to top honors in the annual Wabash Homecoming Queen Contest, a phase of the general celebration designed to put forth the best Wabash has to offer for the viewing of a discriminating public. This year's "Queen" was the picture of feminine demureness in her streaming blonde hair and scruffy T-shirt, as were the majority of her co-contestants. As in years past, the parade was a sight to warm the heart of any true supporter of Wabash athletics, and served to demonstrate the pride we have taken over the years in our athletic supporters.

For the third straight year the Sigma Chis walked off with the glory in house decorations for Homecoming, with the winning theme of "Skunk those Grizzlies." Their display consisted of a skunk showing his appropriate end to a startled bear, while moving and lighting up at the same time—a most commendable feat. Honorable mention was awarded to the men of Beta Theta Pi and their "Happines sis a Groveling Grizzlie" motif.

The Lamb Chops also had an interesting display with their version of a Johnny May field goal—using a bear instead of a football in their theme, "Em-bear-ass 'EM." It seems the team took the hint, at least they kicked the Grizzlies.

(We previously posted some pictures of Frank in all his glory, but I recently came across the following pictures of the Sigma Chi decorations mentioned in the above article.)



Note the classy cars in the foreground.

And below are classmates **Bill Fye** and **Randy Brown**, along with Jay Fisher '66, providing some supervision during the construction.



And, of course, back then we spent some time during study breaks at the movies. Here is what was showing locally, October 1964 at the...

STRAND

NOW thru SATURDAY

Sandra Dee Robert Goulet Andy Williams

"I'D RATHER BE RICH" in COLOR

ENCORE MOVIE SATURDAY

at 10:30 P.M.

Shirley MacLaine Yves Montand

"MY GEISHA" in COLOR

Those were the days!

Hope this finds you all well. Best wishes for a pleasant Autumn and a Happy Hallowe'en. Drop us a line with what's going on in your life. Or with some Glee Club memories. Or any memories, for that matter....let's share them while we still have them. Duane and I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours in Wabash.....

Earl