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Your Reunion Chairman **Jim Millikin** has sent his first 40th Reunion letter to the Class of 1968. Big Bash 08 is scheduled for **June 6-8, 2008**. Registration forms will be out March 1. Jim has attended planning sessions and he joined the cadre for this year's Big Bash. He has set up a blog at <http://www2.wabash.edu/blog/class1968>. Send him "then and now" pictures and any observations you may have on life and Wabash. Jim is a great guy working hard for you. See you in June!

I like to peruse the **Parents Post** (<http://www.wabash.edu/alumni/parents/post>). The September issue has links to blogs and a nice article about the Gentleman's Rule. Apparently it has survived cultural vicissitudes.

The Princeton Review's annual college guide, *The Best 366 Colleges*, ranked Wabash among the top. I can think of a few more esoteric categories applicable to the class of 68, but the New York-based education services company currently rates Wabash this way:

- #2 - Best Classroom Experience
- #3 - Everyone Plays Intramural Sports
- #4 - School Runs Like Butter
- #5 - Jock Schools
- #7 - Professors Make Themselves Accessible
- #7 - Students Happy with Financial Aid
- #7 - Their Students Never Stop Studying
- #8 - Major Frat and Sorority Scene
- #8 - Professors Get High Marks
- #17 - Happiest Students

If you haven't made your annual fund contribution for the new fiscal year, it's time to think about doing that. When you come to the reunion next year, you will be impressed to see how Wabash has spent its dollars on better opportunities for students. I have seen the first rate facilities reflected in the list above, and they would not be so without alumni support.

In case you haven't noticed, Wabash football excels again this year. We hope they remain undefeated, but we insist they beat Depauw. I met some players at Big Bash, and they showed me a lot of character and class. Read about them online. **Buzz Madsen** has suggested we think about Class of 1968 "Preunions" as we locate **Monon Bell Telecasts** around the country on **November 10, 2007**. Check the Alumni & Parents web page and click on the link at the right labeled Monon Bell Telecasts to be directed to a Google Map that lists cities and venues for the Monon Bell Telecast Parties. Wabash anticipates having over 50 party locations again this year.

We should elect a Class Agent at our fortieth reunion, and he should probably be a dentist—someone who can reach out and pull in those updates! Please take moment from your busy schedules to tell your Wabash buds what you've been up to for forty years. I wish to thank **Dan Susie** and **Lee Grogg** for helping with **Updates for the Class of 68:**

Randy Slickers: Randy and wife, Jane, live in Twin Falls, Idaho where he is a doctor with a solo family practice. His patients include the residents of Twin Falls as well as the county jail and, as Randy puts it, "a couple of bars, too." Twin Falls has all the latest medical advances including a huge 200 bed hospital. If you ever get sick there, you will need him. Randy and Jane have two sons. Matt, 33, is married, has one child (a daughter which Randy spoils) and lives in Salt Lake City. Brad, 31, single, also lives in Salt Lake City. Randy is an avid outdoorsman. Fly fishing is his passion. In the evenings, he ties flies in his words "just like that geek on the TV show MASH."

Russ Dukes: Russ started out with the class of '68 but left Wabash after two years to go to IU so that he could pass organic chemistry and get into medical school. Russ graduated from I.U. medical school in 1972. He did his internship, residency and pulmonary fellowship at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota. He then moved to Bloomington, Indiana and shortly thereafter joined Internal Medical Associates where he is currently the Medical Director of the Critical Care Unit, and the Medical Director of Allied Health Respiratory and Sleep Clinic. He has previously been an adjunct professor at IU Medical School in Bloomington. Still an athlete (he warmed the bench on the Wabash freshman basketball team), Russ recently competed in the Hawaii Marathon. Russ and his wife Sue have three children. Daughter Heather, 30, is a doctor doing her family practice residency in Chicago. Son Joe, 28, is a helicopter pilot in Lafayette, Louisiana. Daughter Meagan, 26, is also a helicopter pilot; she is currently in Titusville, Florida. Russ reports that none are married but two are "close."

Phil Green: Hi, Jim. Forty years have gone by in a flash, but its amazing how easy it is to resume contact with the guys we knew at Wabash. I've contacted several of my pledge brothers (Phi Gam) and it feels like we haven't been out of contact for more than a few years. Like so many of us, I unexpectedly wound up in the military (drafted) and spent most of my 21 months in Munich with the 66th MI Group. Europe on \$10/day was a reality that I took full advantage of. After law school (Michigan) I worked in Kansas City for 29 years, retiring in 2001. Married Nancy (a nephrologist) in 1984. Our years together have been happy ones. We built a house in Naples in 2002 and sold it in 2005 right before that bad hurricane season. The previous years storms convinced me that there must be a less anxiety producing way to own a second home, and we found that in Paradise Valley, AZ, where we've been since late '05(when we're not in KC). See you in June!

Lee Grogg: After Wabash I married and entered the working world. A couple of years later I went back to school for a Masters in Social Work after which I was hired to build and develop a community mental health center in Valparaiso where I worked for the next 26 years along the way picking up an MBA from Notre Dame. My personal history like so many others involves a divorce in 1991 so that in 1996 when at a professional meeting in Seattle, I met Shirley Havenga (at the time a 20 resident of Seattle), a colleague and we started a long distance courtship. When the youngest of my two girls went off to the east coast for college, I felt free to make a change and leave Valpo and the organization that I built and ran for 26 years. Shirley and I married at the beginning of 2001 when I moved to Seattle and started as the CEO of Ryther Child Center, a behavioral healthcare facility for abused and neglected children and chemically dependent adolescents. My oldest daughter (Anna) moved out here with her husband after Medical school

and promise grandchildren soon. My youngest (Emily) resides in Denver and is anticipating going to Law school in 2008.

Ralph Bean: Lee Grogg sends this information he got from Ralph Bean: Ralph lives in Spencer, Indiana and commutes into Indianapolis where he works as the Purchasing Manager of Hard Goods for Indiana Oxygen. He and his wife Judi have four children, all of whom are grown and out of the home, one of whom is living in Germany. Right after Wabash, Ralph was drafted into the Army and spent the next two years at Fort Hood as a personnel specialist. He's been with his company for 26 years. He sounds as friendly as ever. He also thinks he will be in attendance next June.

Neal Aldrich. Lee Grogg also sends this report from Neal. He won't be joining us in the spring but thinks the 50 year might be a real landmark to see. He indicated that he is kind of retired in New York City doing a few things (unspecified) to keep busy in addition to his hobby of bicycling around the New York, New Jersey areas. After Wabash, Neal spent two years in the army in Germany and after that went to work for the YMCA in New York City at their residence facility in Manhattan. Like other Y's around the country, the NYC YMCA decided to close his facility in 2001 so he entered his current life at that time. Neal has remained a bachelor. One thing about Neal hasn't changed, and that is a terrific bass voice. I think he could have another career in broadcasting.

Ed Cox: Ed and wife, Linda, live in Grand Rapids, Michigan where Ed is the Division Director for General Pediatrics at the Helen DeVos Children's Hospital. Ed graduated from IU Medical School in 1972. His specialty is pediatrics. He did his residency at Riley Children's Hospital in Indianapolis. He then went to Racine, Wisconsin as a pediatrician at the Racine Medical Clinic and was on staff at Milwaukee Children's Hospital. He moved to Grand Rapids in 1978 to go into private practice. In 1990 he joined the Helen DeVos Children's Hospital as Associate Director of the pediatric residency program. He has just finished a term as the District Vice Chair for the Michigan/Ohio/Indiana District of the American Academy of Pediatrics, and he will be running for a Board of Directors position in this organization next year. Ed and Linda have two children: daughter Emily is 30 and just got married. Son Dan is 33 and single. Both live in Grand Rapids. In his spare time, Ed sails and plays golf.



Phi Delts John Leahy, Dan Susie, and Russ Dukes this summer.

Ben Brouhard: Ben and wife, Julie, live in Shaker Heights, Ohio where Ben is the Executive Vice President and Chief Medical Officer of Metrohealth Hospital which is the safety net hospital in Cleveland. He supervises 450 physicians, 1200 nurses, plans the budget, supervises operations, teaches and still sees patients. Ben graduated from IU Medical School in 1972. His specialty is pediatric nephrology (kidney diseases in kids). He did his residency at Duke University. Following his residency, he went to Galveston, Texas where he had a medical fellowship and then served on the faculty of the University of Texas Medical School at Galveston. He taught pediatrics and nephrology. In 1988 he and Julie moved to Cleveland where he joined the Cleveland Clinic as a pediatric physician and researcher. He also ran the institutional review board at the Cleveland Clinic. In 1997 he moved over to MetroHealth where he served as the chair of pediatrics for three years before becoming Executive Vice President and Chief Medical Officer. Julie is a lawyer in Cleveland; her specialty is admiralty law. Ben and Julie have one daughter: Kate, 28, who is in the process of obtaining her Masters in Public Administration from Princeton University. In his spare time, Ben travels to the Caribbean, takes cruises and reads mystery novels.

Dave Hizer: I finally reached Dave on the day my twins came home. He says: I do plan on being at the Big Bash of '08. Not a lot of excitement on my end of things. My wife Judy and I have made trips to Mexico the past two Februaries doing Lions Club eye glass missions in the northern State of Texalcala. I'm still at the family lumber while she is in her fifth year of retirement after 31 years as a primary school teacher. We both do lots of community service volunteer work along with church activities. Dave

Roger Elliott: Roger started his college career at Wabash. He moved on but remained a good friend over the years. He sent this update: I graduated from Purdue in '73 then IU school of medicine as a physician assistant in '77. After 5 years of primary care practice, I relocated to Oklahoma City to earn a MPH in Occupational Health in '84. The director of OU's PA Program had been the director of the IU program and recruited me to stay on as faculty in the OU PA Program. I have remained here since. I have a wife, Cheri and a son, Matt who owns his own business in Indianapolis. I have very fond memories of Wabash and the guys at the Beta House. Thanks, Jim for looking me up.

Jim Roper's identical twin boys were born in Colorado Springs on September 9, a couple months early. All are doing well. Seth and Will came home from the hospital on October 8. Meet them at Big Bash! No, I'm not busy at all!

Submitted with warm regards to all,
Jim Roper