

Greetings, Class of 1973!

It appears that Spring has finally taken hold here in the Midwest, which means that Big Bash 2013 is just around the corner.

Class of 1973 40th Class Reunion



Only seven weeks to go! Hopefully by now you have been contacted by someone from our class to encourage you to attend our 40th Class Reunion and to make your 2013 donation to Wabash within the next couple weeks. If you haven't, pick up your phone and give me a call at 765-366-6342 or send me an email at pete.allen73@wabash.edu. There are new events for this year that the entire family can participate in, so why not make this a weekend get-away?

Besides our desire for as many of you to get registered for Big Bash as soon as possible, we are hoping many of you will take a few minutes right now to make your annual contribution to Wabash College. As a class, we're doing great so far this year, but we would really like to meet and beat the expectations the college has for us.

The key links you need right now are:

<https://www.wabash.edu/alumni/bigbash/>

<https://www.wabash.edu/alumni/reunion/signup>

<https://www.wabash.edu/alumni/annualgiving>

I asked the other reunion committee members what they would like to see in this letter. Tom Stocks', our Gifts Chairman, reply was:

1. Send in a gift,
2. Call a fellow classmate about giving something too and help us get to the goal, and
3. Register for the Reunion.

Our Reunion Chairman, Bob Kissling, responded, "From my standpoint encourage people to look at the Big Bash information on the Wabash website, ask them to consider attending and urge them to not wait to the last minute to register."

You might be getting tired of the continual requests you receive to give to Wabash, but your participation is important. We want to make the College affordable in the future for young men. I've talked with many prospective students and their parents over the past few months who have said that the financial package that Wabash is able to offer them will play a major role in whether we will see them on campus this August. In most cases, Wabash is #1 on their list. I imagine most of you received financial assistance from Wabash during your time as a student, and we'd like to have your help so the college can continue to provide similar assistance today and in the years to come. Obviously, a sizeable

contribution is welcome, but the mere act of giving back speaks volumes for our class. Thanks!

What to expect when you show up for Big Bash 2013, May 31st through June 2nd

To perhaps encourage you to join us on campus next month, here's the schedule for the weekend, Be sure to check for updated information at the Big Bash website:

- The **Bookstore** is open Friday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- The **Scarlet Inn** is open from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday.
- In addition, Bon Appetit will provide a complimentary continental breakfast in Sparks Center on Sunday between 8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.
- **The Class of 1952 Fitness Center** in The Allen Center is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday.
- **The Ramsay Archives** (Lilly Library basement) will be open from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. on Friday and from 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. on Saturday.

New Activities for 2013

- **Corn Hole/Bags Game Boards** - Challenge your classmates to a friendly game on the lawn next to the Scarlet Nickel tent. Boards will be available from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday.
- **Campus Scavenger Hunt (Family Activity)** - Plan to participate in this family friendly activity as you wander campus throughout the weekend. Details available at registration.

Casual Dress for the entire weekend.

Friday, May 31, 2013

8:00 a.m. — 5:00 p.m. - Registration in Chadwick Court- Allen Center. Stop by Chadwick Court for latest Big Bash information. There you'll have the opportunity to sign the **Alumni Register**, which is important for your class as it competes for the attendance awards. After registration, meet your classmates for refreshments in the **Scarlet Inn** and get the latest Wabash gear in the **College Bookstore**.

10:00 a.m. - Wally Wabash Golf Outing (Rocky Ridge Golf Club). Hackers and serious golfers alike will want to form a foursome for the Wally Wabash Golf Outing. Foursomes will compete in a Florida scramble, best ball format with a shotgun start. Prizes will be awarded for low gross, as well as for closest to the pin and longest drive. A boxed lunch will be available so you can eat on the fly. Directions to the course available at registration.

11 a.m., 1:00 p.m. & 3:00 p.m. - Campus Tours. Tour guides from the Sons of Wabash will lead alumni and friends on tours of campus. Each tour is about an hour in length, so wear comfortable walking shoes. Featured on the tour will be Wabash's newest buildings—Trippet Hall, Hays Hall, Allen Athletics and Recreation Center, and the Malcolm X Institute—as well as the old favorites like Center Hall and the Chapel. Golf carts will be provided for alumni and guests who are unable to walk the campus. Tours depart from the steps of the Allen Center at 11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m., and 3:00 p.m.

11:00 a.m. — 11:45 a.m. - Colloquium: TBA

12:00 p.m. — 12:45 p.m. - Welcome Back Luncheon. We offer a casual buffet lunch in the Knowing Fieldhouse. Catch up with other alumni, faculty, and current students at the luncheon.



1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Tommy's Scarlet Nickel. The traditional Tommy's, as many of you knew it, has been lost. However, TWR and other beverages can be had at Tommy's Scarlet Nickel, a temporary establishment right here on campus. Meet your classmates for a drink under the tent north of the Allen Center entrance.

1:00 p.m. — 1:45 p.m. - Colloquium: TBA

1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Scarlet Yarns: Your Wabash in Story and Song. Scarlet Yarns is a collaboration between the Archives, Alumni Relations, and *Wabash Magazine* to record on digital video the stories of Wabash alumni of their days at the College. The recordings will be preserved in the Robert T. Ramsay Jr. Archival Center at Wabash, some stories will be transcribed for use in *Wabash Magazine*, and we'll produce a commemorative DVD. Swing by Lilly Library, where staff will be on hand to assist you.

2:00 p.m. — 2:45 p.m. - Colloquium: Life's Battles and Triumphs: Wabash Prepared Me Well. Gerrard McClendon, Ph.D. '88, Assistant Professor, Chicago State University, will talk about his professional successes and personal challenges since graduating from Wabash. He will discuss how the College prepared him to be spiritually and intellectually "ready" for all circumstances.

3:00 p.m. — 3:45 p.m. - Colloquium: How Much did we Learn from Ben Rogge, Jack Charles, Vic Powell, and Norm Moore? Two former presidents of higher education institutions reflect on how their perceptions of the Wabash experience helped shape their approaches to academic leadership. They also speculate on the future opportunities for our descendants to benefit from a liberal arts education. Rusty Nichols '63 was president of Hanover College from 1987 to 2007. Frank Cassell '63 led the University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg from 1997 to 2007.

4:00 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. - Colloquium: Indomitable Spirits. David Weglarz '03, owner of Still 630 Distillery, discusses the trials and tribulations of founding a small craft-distillery and his passionate pursuit of the gentleman's drink.

5:00 p.m. — 6:00 p.m. Reunion Reception. All reunion attendees are invited to a lively reception and cash bar in the Knowing Fieldhouse.

6:00 p.m. — 8:00 p.m. - Big Bash Banquet. The Big Bash Banquet is one of the highlights of the weekend. Classes will sit together in Knowing Fieldhouse and enjoy a wonderful meal by Bon Appetit. President Pat White will present the class of 1963 with their 50th reunion medallions and make a few brief comments.

Saturday, June 1, 2013

8:00 a.m. — 5:00 p.m. - Registration in Chadwick Court - Allen Center. Stop by Chadwick Court for the latest Big Bash information. There you'll have the opportunity to sign the *Alumni Register*, which is important for your class as it competes for the attendance awards. After registration, meet your classmates for refreshments in the **Scarlet Inn** and get the latest Wabash gear in the **College**

Bookstore.



8:30 a.m. - Fun Run/Walk. Come join Jack Foos and me Saturday morning! If you run, you'll want to compete in a two-mile or four-mile race that begins on the oval at Hollett Stadium. If you walk, shake it loose early, grab a buddy, and join the fun. All competitors (serious and not-so) will receive a free T-shirt just for coming out.

9:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. - *Scarlet Yarns: Your Wabash in Story and Song.* *Scarlet Yarns*, is a collaboration between the Archives, Alumni Relations, and *Wabash Magazine* to record on digital video the stories of Wabash alumni of their days at the College. The recordings will be preserved in the Robert T. Ramsay Jr. Archival Center at Wabash, some stories will be transcribed for use in *Wabash Magazine*, and we'll produce a commemorative DVD. Swing by Lilly Library, where staff will be on hand to assist you.

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10:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. - Colloquium: State of the College - Wabash's 15th President Pat White will provide attendees with a review of the previous academic year and a look at what lies ahead for the College.



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11:00 a.m. - Alumni Chapel Sing on the Chapel Steps. There won't be any "W" haircuts given this time, so if you forget a word or two, no big deal. But there will be singing when Wabash hosts its annual Alumni Chapel Sing. You'll sing along with members of our class and compete against the other nine reunion classes. Volume counts, so don't let your mates down. Learn the words to Old Wabash all over again, stretch your vocal chords, and relive what many Wabash men recall as their fondest Wabash memory.

12:00 p.m. - Picnic Lunch - Knowling Fieldhouse - Allen Center. We'll wrap up our Alumni Chapel Sing with a festive and casual picnic in the Knowling Fieldhouse.

1:00 p.m. — 1:30 p.m. - Class Photographs. Be sure to be in the Allen Center at **1:06pm** for our class picture. Bring your spouse/partner as two photos of each class, with and without spouses/partners, will be taken.

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2:00 p.m. — 4:00 p.m. - Reception hosted by the Psychology Department. The Psychology department welcomes back all its majors and minors for the Big Bash and asks that they come by Baxter Hall, Room

312, to meet the faculty.

2:00 p.m. — 4:00 p.m. - Reception hosted by the Physics Department. The Physics department welcomes back all its majors and minors for the Big Bash and asks that they come by Goodrich Hall, to meet the faculty.

2:00 p.m. — 2:45 p.m. - Colloquium: Building a Billion Dollar Global Clean Tech Company(in Canada)- and What It Means for America's Energy Future. Mike Gallagher '68 will highlight his work in Vancouver, BC where he helped build a \$1.5 Billion technology company aimed at encouraging the global adoption of natural gas engines and vehicles. He will also summarize the findings of the two year, 300 person National Petroleum Council Study on Future Transportation Fuels, where he Chaired the Working Group on Natural Gas Transportation.

2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. - Fraternity houses open for visits.

3:00 p.m. — 3:45 p.m. - Colloquium: Life as a Buddhist Monk. Jotipalo Bhikkhu '88 has lived in monastic communities for 19 years and the last 15 as a Buddhist monk. He will discuss his decision to live such a life as well as share some reflections about being a monk.

4:00 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. - Colloquium: My first year in the B1G – a view from the trenches in some of the premiere stadiums of college football. Steven Woods '93 started officiating Pop Warner football in 1999 and worked his way to the Big Ten. Ever wonder how officials prepare for a game? What they talk about on the field? How they deal with players and coaches? After the pregame, sit in the replay booth and try your luck with a "You Make the Call" video presentation and see if you're a good arm chair football official.

5:30 p.m. - Reunion Receptions and Dinners. We'll have our own private class reception and dinner catered by Bon Appetit. It's just a leisurely time to reminisce, relive old memories, and compare how we remember events during our days at Wabash. Dinners will begin at 6:15 p.m. – Location TBD.

Sunday, June 2, 2013

8:00 a.m. - Catholic Mass - Pioneer Chapel. Celebrant TBA

9:45 a.m. - Ecumenical Chapel Service - Pioneer Chapel.

11:00 a.m. - Big Bash Awards Brunch. We'll say fond goodbyes at the Big Bash Brunch in Knowling Fieldhouse, where President White presents several reunion awards.

That's it for this letter. As I've mentioned earlier, if you specific question concerning Big Bash or if you'd like us to contact someone that you would like to see at our reunion, call me or send me an email. Also, send me any Life Events that could be used in future letters.

I hope to see you in a few weeks,

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