



Greetings, Class of '73!

How are you surviving the beginning of the holiday season? Things here in Crawfordsville are currently very cold with snow in the forecast.

I thought I better get a Class Letter out before the end of the year since it has been a while since the last correspondence you've received from me – which was just before this year's Big Bash.

This semester has been an emotional rollercoaster on campus. Following are some headlines along with links to accompanying articles:

The death of freshman Johnny Smith during Homecoming weekend.

http://www.wabash.edu/news/displaystory.cfm?news_ID=6263

The subsequent removal of Delta Tau Delta from campus.

<http://www.thepaper24-7.com/main.asp?Search=1&ArticleID=18209&SectionID=23&SubSectionID=22&S=1>

Wabash embarks on Athletics Facilities Campaign

http://www.wabash.edu/alumni/news.cfm?news_ID=6511

The football team had a terrific year.

http://www.wabash.edu/news/displaystory.cfm?news_ID=6504

A 36-14 loss to DPU in the 115th Monon Bell Classic.

The death of Professor William C. Placher '70 a week ago

http://www.wabash.edu/news/displaystory.cfm?news_ID=6499

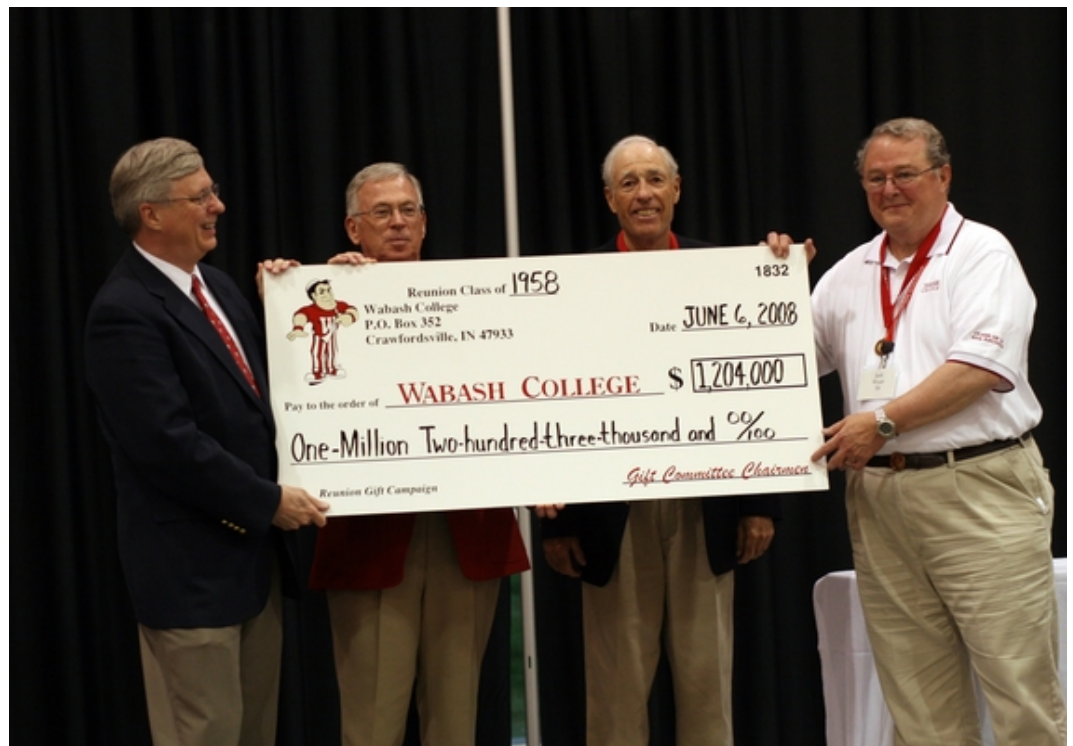
Big Bash 2008

Our 35th Reunion this past June was a great time. We had 16 class members return at various times throughout the weekend. With everyone's typical busy schedule these days, guys were coming and going

over the 3-day period. I was busy on Saturday trying to stay involved with the Big Bash events going on in Crawfordsville while also trying to watch my youngest son, Andy, participate in the high school baseball semi-state competition in Jasper. (Andy and the rest of the CHS baseball team won both games that weekend and continued on to win the Class 3A State Championship at Victory Field – quite an accomplishment!).

Craig Moorman and I both had our cars get damaged on Friday night during the Big Bash Banquet when a storm blew the top half of a tree over on our vehicles. President White was kind enough to help me remove debris from my car.

We really need to start planning for our 50th Reunion if we hope to be able to present the College with a larger class gift check than the Class of 1958 did. They definitely set a high goal for the 50th Reunions that will follow them: Does anyone want to step forward now to help with this, or maybe with our 40th Reunion in 2013?



The official pictures for the weekend can be found on the Alumni site - <http://www.wabash.edu/alumni/reunion/photos>

Here are some pictures that were sent to me to share:



Chapel Sing Competition









Homecoming



Homecoming Week began on Thursday with the Chapel Sing competition. Each living unit marches to their assigned spot on the Mall to have their knowledge of “Old Wabash” challenged by members of the Sphinx Club.

You’ll recall that in our day, we faced having a “W” shaved in our hair for failing to be word-perfect when singing the song. Today’s freshman receives a “W” spray painted on his t-shirt (as seen on the student in the bottom left of this photo)

Delta Tau Delta and their “Whack-a-Gator” Homecoming display





Manning the grill for some pre-Homecoming game tailgating. We're usually set up at every home football game, so look for us next Fall when you visit campus.

The halftime banner and queen competition – always an interesting experience!





Wabash over Allegheny ~ 48-7!

I was told by members of the football team that during warm-ups # 76 from Allegheny deliberately disrespected us by spitting on the "W" at mid-field. The Little Giants hammered it home all afternoon that it probably wasn't something he should have done.

Class News

Help me out a bit – Send me some updates!

Annual Giving

Time is quickly running out for you to give a financial gift to Wabash before 2008 comes to an end. Besides benefiting Wabash, you get a bit of tax relief if you live in Indiana.

Class of 1973 Honor Roll (as of 12-5-2008)

Peter J. Allen
George T. Angelone
Richard G. Appley
Aurelian Bukatko
John M. Burnley
M. Lee Clark
Kenneth C. Cornacchione
Steven C. Ganson
John R. Gastineau
Ted R. Grossnickle
Guy E. Guthrie
James R. Laurent
Peter G. Mallers
Chester L. Miller
Stephen W. Morris
Daniel R. Norton
Raymond J. Roembke, Jr.
R. Charles Rudesill
Lynn R. Thomas
Timothy R. Whiteman

Other Stuff

That's all for now. Patsy and I wish you and your families a terrific Christmas season. Enjoy your time with family and friends – those are the really important parts of our lives, aren't they? My four kids (and five grandsons) all live in Crawfordsville, but the holidays give us a chance to all get together at one time in one place. It's time well invested.

See you next year,

Pete