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Hi Fellow '77ers:

Hard to believe that once upon a time (before 1971), Wabash students didn't begin fall semester classes until after Labor Day. Of course we usually had Freshman Sunday at least one the weekend before Labor Day, and then began classes on the Wednesday that after then when we were at Wabash. I cannot remember if we had Labor Day off (somehow I think not...) but of course then we had President Seymour and Elmore Day. Can't imagine any place having a holiday like Elmore Day today!

We've been looking high and low for class news ... and haven't seen much. So Greg and Herm and I are "punting" a bit by providing a couple of pictures and some Wabash news too. The incoming freshman class of 226 students on Freshman Saturday, August 20. Information and details about all the activities for the new students can be found here:

http://www.wabash.edu/news/displaystory.cfm?news_ID=10871

I had an opportunity to visit the campus in July, and there was a lot of construction happening. Contractors were tuck-pointing and resurfacing the exterior of the Sparks Center, and also doing extensive renovations to Martindale Hall. A couple of pictures from these are on succeeding pages.



Also, in early August I traveled to Fort Wayne to be part of the area's Little Giant golf outing and 83rd birthday tribute to Rem Johnston Class of 1955. Johnston, a Sigma Chi, is better known as the 'Big Cookie' to generations of Wabash men for his steadfast support of Little Giant sports. At this event, I ran into no less than three other classmates: **Greg Gabet**, **Kevin Clifford**, and **Gary Reamey**. We all came to pay tribute to Rem. A picture of us four is at left (think you'll be able to figure out who's who...) It was great reconnecting with so many former Wabash men, from classes ranging from 1955 to 2020, or about one-third of the College's life!

Herm and I also got an email from your “long distance” class agent **Greg Birk** at the beginning of the summer from Greece, where ran into another Wabash alumnus, Dr. Stephen Miller '64. Greg did this when he went to participate in the Nemean Games. Here is his report: “Steve is Professor Emeritus of Classics at UC Berkeley, from which he retired after 25 years as the director of the Nemea Excavations. In 1995, Steve founded the Society for the Revival of the Nemean Games, and is currently President of the Board of Directors. A Greek major at Wabash, Steve earned his A.M. and Ph.D. in Classical Archaeology at Princeton University.... He’s a huge deal in Nemea. There is always a cue of people waiting to talk with him. They’ve even named a street after him. Some Little Giant!”

Once again, the Princeton Review is giving Wabash extremely high marks as one of the very best places for undergraduate education in the U.S. Here’s a link to the story:

http://www.wabash.edu/news/displaystory.cfm?news_ID=10872

On a more serious note, believe it or not, our 40th college reunion is less than a year away .. actually less than 10 months away. It is June 2-3-4 in Crawfordsville.

As preparation for that, Herm and Greg and I are going to be asking a few of you – our fellow classmates – to help us out by becoming **Living Unit Representatives** for the class. This is NOT a fund raising position. Rather, it is a method of us connecting with the entire class in a way that makes it simpler and more personal for us all. If you are interested in volunteering to be a Living Unit Rep. for your fraternity or campus living unit, Email Herm or me at the addresses in the letter. You get 200% of the pay that Greg, Herm and I receive for serving as class agents for us. (Ha Ha)



Greg Birk with Dr. Steve Miller



Also, Greg and Herm and I are asking for some feedback from you about our role as class agents, and about the job that the college is doing in communicating with you. A short survey (from Survey Monkey) is attached. It will take you all of about THREE MINUTES to complete this survey, but the results will provide us with a lot of helpful information as we plan to get better connected and prepare for those great adventures lying just ahead – RETIREMENT – for many of us Class of '77ers. Here’s the link to do this survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JP2SJ6H>



The more things change, construction at Martindale Hall (above), the more things stay the same, at and just outside Center Hall (below) at the college.



Thanks in advance for your time in taking the survey.

Below are some “dates” at which you or your fellow classmates might most be back at Wabash this fall:

SEPTEMBER 10 – 50th anniversary celebration of Wabash soccer. **John Kerezy** will be at the event.

SEPTEMBER 17 – First home football game (vs. Allegheny). Rumor is Greg Birk will be present for the game!

October 7-8-9 -- HOMECOMING WEEKEND (including football game and homecoming concert on October 8)

Tuesday, October 25 – MOOT COURT FINALS

Saturday, November 5 – Visiting Artist Series presents “Corky” Siegel’s Chamber Blues 8 p.m.

Saturday, October 12 – Monon Bell Classic (We’re going for an unprecedented eight wins in a row vs. the Dannies)

FINALLY – Just an FYI from John: My book project “Glory Reborn: Wabash College and its athletic teams, 1977-1982” is almost complete. The book will be available beginning in January 2017 at the College bookstore and elsewhere. Of course you can obtain an autographed copy at our Big Bash celebration in June. Greg and Herm and I really hope we can get a terrific turnout for this reunion. How about “77 from ‘77 in ‘17” -- is that possible? We hope you’ll make plans now and head toward Crawfordsville next June.

Wabash Always Fights and Always Means Always,

John

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