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Big Bash Weekend: The College put on a great weekend with multiple banquets, events such as a golfing outing, a 2 mile run, colloquiums, dinners with faculty, and chapel sing. Returning classmates included Joe Emmick, Ross Hooten, Paul Jefferson (Lambda Chis), Jay Church, Tony Ridolfo, Pete Horvath (Betas), Garth Eberhart (Delt), Andy Lien (Kappa), Jim Herr, Jim Kerr, Jeff Lampert, Mike Gaby, Jason Little, Darren Dale (Phi Psi), Steve Campbell (FIJI), Randall Cole, Doug Powers (TKE), and Jim Saunders (Theta). Special thanks to Randy Cole for bringing his family from California. It was interesting listening to Ross and Steve talk about their respective employment in politics as a billing-crafting state attorney and a deputy mayor of Indianapolis.

News You Can Use:

New Cross Country Coach: Roger Busch '96 succeeds the affable and accomplished Coach Johnson who had guided the cross country program since 1971. Busch was an eight-time letterman, a leader of the Wabash cross country teams that finished third and fourth at the national championships, an All-American in both track and cross country, and was inducted into the Wabash Athletics Hall of Fame in 2001.

Retirements:

Professor of Theater **Jim Fisher** retired from Wabash after 29 years and will return to his alma mater at UNC-Greensboro. Fisher was awarded the 2007 Betty Jean Jones Award by the American Theater and Drama Society (ATDS), which is the highest honor presented to individual members. He served as department chair from 1980 through 1991 and from 1995 through 1997, and was also named the Indiana Theater Person of the Year in 1996.

Professor of English **Don Herring** also retired. Herring came to Wabash in 1971 and served as the English Department Chair, Division Chair, and Dean of the College through much of the 1990s.

Phi Beta Kappa chooses Bash: The college garnered a prestigious designation as one of eleven institutes of higher learning selected by the Phi Beta Kappa society to participate in "Deliberation about Things That Matter," a series for teaching and learning deliberative skills. I suspect the Center for Inquiry (established after our graduation) as a research center for a liberal arts education was instrumental in the College's selection.

Goodbye Tommy's: A downtown fire destroyed Tommy's this spring.

College Awards:

Wabash College is the nation's 6th best value private college according to *The Princeton Review*. Wabash ranked in the top ten in the following categories "Professors make Themselves Accessible", "School Runs Like Butter", "Students Happy with Financial Aid", "Everyone Plays Intramural Sports", "Major Frat and Sorority Scene", and "Jock Schools".

"Move over Padgett": Wabash senior Patrick Millikan was one of 270 male student-athletes to receive the prestigious NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship from among the 219,000 eligible NCAA athletes. Millikan is the 15th Wabash student-athlete to receive an NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship joining our own Bill Padgett '92.

Debate Team Rocks: The Parliamentary debate team represented Wabash well this year at the National Championships. There was one first place finish, along with third, fourth, and fifths in several categories. In the team competition, Wabash placed sixth overall.

MXI Honors: the Malcolm X Institute presented the inaugural Jasmine Robinson Pioneer Award to Indiana Historical Society Senior Archivist Wilma Moore. The award honors Wabash's first African American employee.

Wallies in the News:

Rick Sasso, MD: Look for the forthcoming Wabash Notes profile of the Indianapolis neurosurgeon that was the first surgeon in the U.S. to perform artificial disc replacement surgery in both the cervical and lumbar regions of the spine and owns multiple patents for surgical techniques and tools.

Scott Dreher: A San Diego attorney who does pro bono representation as an advocate for the homeless won a case against the city securing the right of the homeless to sleep on the street.

Geoff Lambert: The Wabash junior placed second at the 800- meter NCAA Div III National Championships earning his second All-American award.

President of Lilly Endowment Inc. Clay Robbins '79 was inducted into the Indiana Academy. Membership in the academy is one of the most prestigious honors conferred upon a Hoosier, based upon the recognition of the individual's lifetime achievements by Indiana's 31 independent colleges and universities.

Report from the Buildings and Grounds Committee: The committee is assessing the capability of developing new soccer and baseball fields and the cost effectiveness of adding synthetic playing surfaces for football, baseball, and soccer. The college assumed control of fraternity maintenance this past year. Overall, fraternity houses through routine inspections are in better shape, but are not achieving the standard set by the College for cleanliness.

The renovation of the old TKE house, which will become an independent residence hall, is on schedule for completion this summer. Work has begun on the new TKE house which will be located upon the old Sigma Chi house. A two-phase renovation of Delta Tau Delta will begin this summer and continue in the summer of 2008.

Class Notes: Please drop us a line at Wabash.edu/alumni and update us on what you have been doing for the past 15 years.

Paul Loomis: In 2005 I released an album of original folk songs. You can hear snippets at cdbaby.com/cd/paulloomis. On March 9, 2006, Zeke Weber-Loomis was born at home, joining Anna, who turned 5 this May. Leticia, Anna, Zeke, and I will be living in La Falda, Argentina from June 2007 to June 2008 while I am on sabbatical. I can be reached at ploomis@bloomu.edu.

Mark Sutton: I live in Loveland, OH, a suburb of Cincinnati. I am a Certified Financial Planner and have a financial planning practice with Ameriprise Financial. I have been with them since graduation. I am happily married to Tracey and have one teenage step-daughter Allison who is thankfully not yet driving. Being a father, or should I say a step-father, has increased my appreciation of my parents and for all those parents who somehow manage through the good and bad that children can and will bring to the table. My newest hobby is playing tennis. Still chair the Greater Cincinnati Association of Wabash Men's annual Cincinnati Reds outing and attend one or two Wabash recruiting events in the area to support the admissions office. Wabash was good to me to me and it is my way of saying, "Thanks."

Chris Monroe: My scoop is a bit like rocky road ice cream... Three businesses...I have been a financial engineer for 11 years now and have my own company, Capital Preservation Specialists. In addition, I bought my dad's home medical equipment business (Family Medical Equipment and Supply) in 2001 and started a breast cancer boutique (The Plaid Daisy) in 2002. Four kids - Campbell, 10, Simon, 7, Elise 5, Grace, 3. Divorced (2003) and remarried (2006). My wife, Heather, and I are about to celebrate our first anniversary. Started a charity in Peoria called "CASA of Peoria County" in 2005 that helps abused and neglected kids navigate the courts system to find a permanent home faster. It is growing out of its infancy is doing well to sustain itself. Other than that, I have cats and work and kids and Heather and travel and that is about it. I play a round of mediocre golf now and again and have developed a deep passion for wine.

Ryan Gabel: Greetings from Kabul, Afghanistan. I am here mentoring a group of doctors in the Afghan National Army who perform the medical screenings on the new recruits. As a Medical Services Corps officer in the Air Force, I work as a medical administrator in the clinic at Tinker Air Force Base when home in Oklahoma City. I'll be here for another four months so unfortunately I'll be missing the reunion.

Mike Berry: I completed my MBA at Santa Clara University in mid-2005 and then left Apple for a position at eBay. Here I am a Staff Business Analyst working within the marketing department. On October 19th we welcomed a son into the family, John Frederick Berry, and I will set his sights on Crawfordsville. My daughter will turn 3 in March and my wife recently ended her contract at Schwab for the most difficult job of all: full-time mom. We recently left San Francisco for the burbs of San Carlos which cut my commute in half and allowed us to finally have a yard. I can be reached at my personal email address of mberry133@yahoo.com

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Frank Amidon, Eric Anderson, Theodore Berry, Larry Bischof, Robert Brady, Kenyatta Brame, Pablo Bukata, Jonathan Burke, Christopher Caldwell, Steven Campbell, Harry Certain, Min Chen, David Chung, Jordan Church, Gregory Coy, Garth Eberhart, James Eickmann, Brent Embrey, Joseph Emmick, Damien Freeze, Michael Gaby, Richard Graves, Terry Green, Greg Griffiths, James Herr, Greg Horman, Peter Horvath, Jonathan Hunt, Christian Kelleher, James Kerr, Brad Lambert, Jeffrey Lampert, Mark Lapierre, Jason Little, Mike Lohorn, Paul Loomis, Jeffrey Magginnis, Steven McCann, Christopher Monroe, John Moore, Cameron Morgan, Mark Ostapowicz, Robert Paugh, Scott Perkins, William Rakoczy, Anthony Ridolfo, Ryan Roudebush, Robert Rudicel, Gregory Simmons, Mark Sutton, Gregg Theobald, J. Robert Vegter, Paul Wainman, Jeremy Walker, Alonzo Weems, Robert Weiss, Kevin Wild, Daniel Witte, Chris Worden, James Ziegler.

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Wabash Always Fights,

Jason