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Hows it hangin' boys,

Personally I sway a tad to the left. I hope everyone is doing well and the fact that we are adults now is starting to settle in. I'm sure a lot of you have started your jobs and are getting into a set routine. Paying rent, looking into stock options, cooking your own food (which is probably better on your digestive system than Sparks), exploring your new environment, etc. While you guys are doing that I've been attempting to retain the spirit of youth, frequenting the Neon Cactus and Harry's after teaching young freshmen about the wonders of chemistry. I'd like to think I'll eventually grow up and move to the bars across the river with the rest of the graduate students, but for now I'm enjoying my time at Purdue.

For those of you who don't know, I'm pursuing a Ph.D. in Biochemistry here and I will more than likely be developing fluorescent probes for tracking neuropeptides in the nervous system to better understand diseases of the nervous system. I'll be doing that for 5 years, so if you're ever in the area for breakfast club or any reason really hit me up I'd love to grab a drink and catch up.

If you haven't been back to campus yet, the new dorms are insanely nice. Even with that allure, my little brother decided to take the correct path in going Greek and keeping the Sigma Chi legacy going. He has been texting me about how excited he is to go win Chapel Sing for the house and I hope they do for his pledge brother's sake. As you all know, we don't take Chapel Sing lightly and I know my pledge brothers and other alumni will be extremely disappointed this weekend if they don't come through on Thursday. However, I bring this up to remind you all that Homecoming is this weekend and if you're remotely close I hope to see you there! It is going to be a great weekend and I'm excited to see my first Wabash Homecoming halftime show given this is the first fall in 12 years I haven't padded up for a game.

For those planning on coming please contact Scott Purucker for your Homecoming glassware, as I'm sure he has already ordered a plethora of pint glasses per usual. All proceeds will go to Scott's Beer Fund, a charitable organization with the mission statement, "We love seeing Scott drunk." In all seriousness it would be great to see everyone and catch up, as Patrick said earlier please keep us updated we want to know what you guys are doing. That way I have more to talk about than my Purdue escapades. For example Mason Zurek and I just caught up and he recently came back from playing football in Berlin and he is back in the real world working for a year and studying for the LSAT with hopes to go to law school next fall. Probably

a bad example because I know we are all tired of hearing about how Mason is pretty okay at football on the occasion because for whatever reason people talked about that a lot last year. Being the leading rusher for Wabash College football is a notable achievement but I only needed to hear the news a few times versus twenty thousand times.

When you do something significantly awesome let us know so we may spread the fame of her honored name. I know what you're thinking, "But Jake, every time I pull my computer up I see articles about how great Wabash is, and I think they are doing a good job of that. Why should anyone care about little ol' me?" Just stop being a negative Nancy and do it. Just because we are #2 in highest paid graduates doesn't mean we should be content with where we are at (<http://money.cnn.com/2016/09/20/pf/college/top-colleges-graduate-earnings/>). I bet Williams College grads text their class agents what they are up to or shoot them an email to spread the word and that's why their average salary is a thousand dollars higher (this is a hypothesis that has yet to be experimentally tested, I have identified the confounds and will have data to back up the direct correlation in my next letter).

That's all I have. I will see you at the game Saturday, feel free to call me or text me any time guys. Also add me on Facebook and get into the Facebook group if you haven't already been added.

Always Means Always,

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