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Gentlemen of the Class of '69,

Okay, so you haven't heard from us since November. Wabash kept the Bell! And yes, we have our 35th class reunion coming up. The remainder of the letters of this year will focus on reunion activities, and WE NEED YOUR HELP!

First however, news from our classmates:

In November we won the Bell. The game was telecast in High Definition video. **Tom Runge '71** reported that his son watched the Wabash DePauw game in high definition on a display in a Washington, DC Circuit City.

Dave and Jane Parkhill attended the game, enjoying a wine cooler (Bali Hi perhaps) in the Blackstock Stadium stands.



Dave Parkhill, Curt Selby '89 and Rob Gorham



Ralph, Director of Wabash Security 1969

Near the end of the game, **Dave Parkhill** joined All American legacy **Jake Knott '03** (son of **Dave and Barbara Knott**) and **John Bramfeld '03** at the sideline. The weird perspective is created by the panoramic lens used. You can see this image as a Virtual Tour image by going to www.buzz-card.com. You will need to view these images using the free Quick Time viewer.



Later even Wabash Moms got in the game ringing the bell at the traditional fraternity celebrations.



Wally and the Indianapolis Pacesetters at a Wabash Basketball game



In January **Dan and Pam Werbe** brought daughter **Bobbie Werbe** to Champaign to interview for an internship at the University of Illinois College of Vet Medicine. Bobbie is completing her honors work at Purdue. To Champaign's great fortune, Bobbie will be working in Champaign this summer.

Hogie McMurtrie still operates his design and graphic arts business, but he has been flying all over the hemisphere working with horse racing operations in Costa Rica, the Caribbean and Las Vegas. Who says a liberal arts education boxes you in?

Bill Andrews reported that his son **Charlie**, soon to graduate from Georgetown University, works as an Intern for America's Most Wanted, produced in Washington DC. Bill did ask about "Pretty Boy Werbe" suggesting that Dan may be dieting or otherwise preening to look good for our Reunion!

Jack Clarke reported that his son **Will Clarke** is a freshman in the Phi Gam House. Will is one of three freshmen on the Wabash College wrestling team. He is a serious student and a tremendous athlete. Son **Charlie Clarke** is a high school wrestler with similar credentials. Jack says Charlie is ready for Wabash right now. Charlie already has his own Indian sign.

As you may know, our classmates are participating in several seminars organized by the College. **Art Morelli** is speaking in the Friday colloquium on Health Care. **Richard Moak** is speaking in the Saturday colloquium on Law enforcement.

It may be appropriate, however for us to organize events which are meaningful to the Class, but which may not meet Academic Review. Jack Clarke suggested that Ralph's Mother and Sugar Creek canoeing are topics that meet that test.

Pitch for Canoeing:

Friday afternoon, in lieu of golf, but for about the same time period, we can organize a short canoe trip. We can reserve canoes for the scenic 3 hour trip from the Deer's Mill Bridge to Turkey Run State Park. <http://www.clementscaoes.com>

We learned during the 30th reunion that a shorter canoe trip is preferable for our more aged adventurers.

A Ralph's Mother Pitch:

Master detective work by Jack Clarke revealed that Ralph's Mother headlining band came from the fair city of Champaign, Illinois. Right after Christmas, the Finchley Boys held a reunion bash at a Champaign night club. Only two of the 6 or 7 who played that night, actually live in Champaign, yet they all showed up. The real star, George Faber lives in Minneapolis and makes a lot of money

recording and performing. In the 1970's he was named Illinois' top entertainer which says something about the RM organizer's taste. I called George's Minnesota office and explained that I was from Ralph's Mother and I wanted to shoot video at the Finchley Boys Christmas Reunion bash.

George called back. Apparently the Ralph's Mother experience had been a seminal event for the Band as well. RM was the first of many Festival-type gigs. He invited me to shoot the band. Once I arrived, George, Garrett Oosterdyk and Michael, the drummer came up, again to explain what a big deal Ralph's Mother had been. (Note that these guys were buddies with Rod Stewart, REO Speedwagon, Dan Fogelberg, and Starcastle.) George said the College gave the band rooms in one of the dorms. After playing, George was relaxing in the shower when a gorgeous red headed woman, covered head to toe in freckles, joined him, naked in the Wabash shower. George was 19. It was, as he said, spectacular. That was why he wanted to become a rock and roll super star!!!

The story goes that Michael was a super drummer who would not even drink beer. Ralph's Mother set in motion a series of Wood Stock-like events which suited the lads well. One festival in Wisconsin had the bands and crowd on one side of a ravine. The restrooms (port-a-pottys) were on the other side. A biker gang stayed in the middle. The bikers roughed up and robbed everyone who dared to try and cross over. Finally the audience formed a "Peoples army" and attacked the bikers. They were winning until the bikers drew guns and started shooting people.

In the mean time some very powerful drugs surfaced and Michael, the headlining drummer ingested a prodigious amount of psychotropic chemicals. That was Thursday. He was not able to sit at his drum kit until Sunday and he kept having conversations with his father who had died 3 years earlier. Michael, the "spirit guy", has never been the same since. He is currently one of Champaign, Illinois' well known homeless people.

The Finchley Boys said they would love to help us celebrate Ralph's Mother the weekend of 4-6 June 2004.

I did shoot panoramic video of the band's Christmas 2003 performance. I also shot panoramic stills of the band on stage. You can see one of these images in the gallery at www.buzz-card.com. Please try and guess which Finchley is the drummer.

While you negotiate images in the www.buzz-card.com gallery, please check out the Judge's circle. You will see **Judge Michael Q. Jones**. Hopefully you can also see some panoramas from the Wabash DePauw football game at www.buzz-card.com/bell

Please keep in touch. Think Reunion!

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Reunion Mechanics

FIRST: If you have not yet done so, **PLEASE COMPLETE AND FORWARD THE ATTACHED FORM to one of your Living Unit Class Agents** for an update on your whereabouts and what you're up to. This goes into the Class Reunion Directory, and we hope to get this in the mail to you BEFORE the reunion. Pretty obvious we can't get it out without your input, so just sit down and do it! Although we'd love to see you at the reunion, if you can't make it, we still want to update everyone on all our classmates.

SECOND: Start making plans to come to the reunion! It's not too early to start booking rooms. The weekend is 4-6 June, 2004.

THIRD: Call some of your Wabash classmates and invite them to join you for the weekend. If you need some phone numbers, let us know. We have copies of the College's directories, and although not completely up-to-date, we'll do our best for you.

FOURTH: We can use some help in organizing for a great weekend. So far we have commitments to help from about 20% of the class. This bodes well for an exciting event.

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Please be aware that these men are very busy. They graciously agreed to help call classmates, but if you are not listed, please sign up to help! Our goal is to see to it that everybody will be contacted.

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Reunion Gift Chairman. Tradition has held that classes give a major gift at the 50th reunion. However it is strongly encouraged that all fraternity members consider participating in the Wabash-Fraternity Partnership programs.

Reunion Book Chairman (with significant assistance from Tom Runge and Michele Tater)

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The Living Unit Class Agents are helping get our classmates to fill out and submit information for our 35th Reunion Class Reunion Directory.

Local Arrangements Chairmen.

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Event hosts. The event host takes responsibility for managing our event and most often serves as the event emcee. Event hosts allow the committee to focus on the big picture while having someone strictly focused on making sure a particular event is planned and run according to that plan.

Currently Scheduled events

Friday

Colloquia Remembrances by key faculty, Health Care including **Art Morelli'69**
Golf Outing, Reception, Dinner, Dance

Saturday

Colloquium Law Enforcement **Richard Moak '69**
Chapel Sing, Picnic, Class Photographs
Reunion Dinners (1969 will be held in the new Sigma Chi House)

Sunday

Closing Brunch and awards ceremony

OTHER Possible Events

Canoeing

Ralph's Mother Colloquium

LODGING

"Wabash Blocks" of rooms have been reserved at:

Crawfordsville Holiday Inn (I-74 and U.S. 231 North) Phone: 765-362-8700

Crawfordsville Comfort Inn (I-74 and U.S. 231 North) Phone: 800-228-5150

Turkey Run Inn (Turkey Run State Park, SR 47 South) Phone:

Lodging is also available at:

General Lew Wallace Inn (309 W. Pike) Phone: 765-362-8400

Ramada Limited (I-74 and U.S. 231 North) Phone: 765-364-9999

Days Inn (I-74 and U.S. 231 North) Phone: 765-362-0300

Super 8 Motel (I-74 and U.S. 231 North) Phone: 765-361-8800