

Class of 1969

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Class Agents

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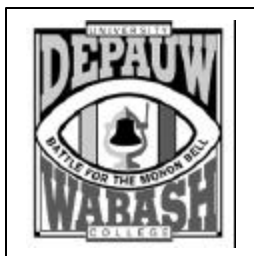
Dear Classmates and Friends,

LOTS of news this go-around. We open with a few upcoming events, then go into what we've heard from some of our classmates. And of course, we can't close without mentioning how important your contributions are!

Of high importance is the Monon Bell game November 15, 2003. All tickets have been sold, but you can see the game on the national HDNet cable or if you are local, you can view it on WFYI-TV, Channel 20 out of Indianapolis. Please visit http://www.wabash.edu/alumni/news.cfm?news_ID=778 to see where and how to watch THE GAME in scores of cities around the country.

Wabash will be taking a 6 and 3 record into THE GAME. Wabash has been perfect at home but 1 and 3 on the road. DePauw will go into THE GAME with a 5 and 4 record. They too have played well at home, Their only home loss was in overtime against Centre. Wabash and DePauw have played 109 times since 1890 and the record stands tied at 50 - 50 with 9 ties. This should be a great game as long as it doesn't snow and the Danny greens keepers can avoid plowing the playing field while the game is underway!

To get in the proper frame of mind, we dusted off two postings from DePauw....



From the DePauw Band's web site

<http://www.depauw.edu/music/band/pepband/monon/default.htm>

"While Greencastle is in the heart of Indiana here at Greencastle, tiny Wabash College can be found 29 miles north on US-231 a town called Crawfordsville.

For years, a train called the Monon, famous for its enormous bell, offered service between the two towns. Although the rivalry between these schools has existed since 1892, it did not become the Monon Bell rivalry until 1932, when the bell was removed from the Monon and a tradition was begun, awarding it to the winner of the football finale. How close is this series? The first Monon Bell game ended in a 0-0 tie. So did the fourth game. The 1999 game placed the series record in a tie at 48-48-9. Although DePauw tipped the scales back to their favor in 2001, Wabash's victory in 2001 set up another tie at 49-49-9.

Efforts to steal the bell are equally impressive in their numeric outcome. Each school has successfully pilfered the prize three times over the past four decades. In 1959, a Wabash student stole it after posing as a foreign dignitary. In 1966, DePauw students, hoping to keep the bell safe, stole it from their own school and buried it in the end zone for 11 months. A dozen years later, 11 students were arrested as hundreds of Wabash fans invaded the DePauw campus in an attempt to recover the bell. To successfully steal the bell is no small feat -- the bell weighs 300 pounds."

Also from the DePauw Band Website....CHEERS 11/16/1996 vs. Wabash

We're the band,
Ampersand,
Please give us some Marzipan!
We feel no hurt
In yellow shirt
Half our members own a skirt!
We shall not fail,
We shall prevail
We've recently disowned Dan
Quayle!
Screaming meemies
Heebie Jeebies
The Little Giant is a weenie!

The Tigers pounce --
We'll Wabash trounce
Your defeat we can announce!
Victory
And then some tea
And then we'll learn to water ski!
The Monon Bell
At home will knell
It's rejuvenescant spell!
Junk-bond scam
Honey-baked ham
Obligatory use of Spam!
Now we're done
So let's have fun
We'll cheer until DePauw has won!

Who wears Tiger skirts? Where do they water ski in November? We hope to see many of you in attendance. If you cannot attend you may want to see THE GAME on cable television.

Second, and also of high importance, our 35th class reunion will be held in Crawfordsville **Friday 4 June, Saturday 5 June and Sunday 6 June, 2004.** We need your help. In order to organize the effort, we are trying to divide the class by living units. Each living unit will have a designated Living Unit Class Agent to help secure high levels of participation in the Reunion. If you cannot attend, at least let us know what you are doing.

So far we have commitments to help as Living Unit Class Agents from:

Beta Theta Pi	Hogie McMurtrie	(760) 632-7878	hogie@adelphia.net
Delta Tau Delta	Jack Clarke	(317) 291-1224	
Independent	Terry Harter	(217) 356-5365	tharter@champaignfumc.org
Independent	David Pancost	(301) 585-1658	david.pancost@gallaudet.edu

Independent	Denton West	(303) 660-1742	denton.west@ed.gov
Independent	Bill Waldschmidt	(317) 849-8280	w9wa@arrl.net
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Lambda Chi Alpha		We need a Volunteer	
Phi Delta Theta	John Showalter	(630) 231-0341	jpshow@comcast.net
Phi Gamma Delta	Bob Brandes	(970) 221-3797	rbrandes@verinet.com
Phi Gamma Delta	Bob Hall	(303) 333-1634	hall1625@comcast.net
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Sigma Chi	Jim Barsz	(520) 450-0947	bigjim@cgmailbox.com
Sigma Chi	Charlie Raiser	(314) 821-6768	charlieraiser@aol.com
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These guys have agreed to contact pledge brothers and classmates to help us achieve a super level of participation for the 35th. Remember these folks are working at the Living Unit Level. In order to carry off the logistics for a full class reunion, we will need to work at a higher level as well. We will need additional volunteers!

The College suggests that to host an effective Reunion we also should select:

- **Reunion Chairman.** This is the enthusiastic leader who helps recruit the reunion committee and leads them in developing an exciting program. Usually, the reunion chairman monitors all aspects of the reunion. He is assisted by the other members of the reunion committee and provides motivation and guidance. This person works closely with on-campus staff to develop a unique and memorable event.
- **Reunion Gift Chairman.** This person needs to be a committed Wabash man who is comfortable with fund raising. He will be working with the College Advancement Office and his classmates to design and execute a program to generate a class gift. A staff member from the Advancement Office will work with the reunion gift chairman in this endeavor.
- **Reunion Book Chairman.** This individual is responsible for seeking information from the class and leading the effort to place the information into a Class Reunion book.
- **Local Arrangements Chairman.** This chairman should be a class member in the central Indiana area who can set up special activities for the class within reasonable

driving distance of the College. The local arrangements chairmen from all of the reunion classes are encouraged to work together to take advantage of collective ideas and coordination.

- **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.

Prior to our reunion, we want to publish a reunion directory. We need to get data flowing as soon as possible. We have been working with **Michele Tatar** of the Alumni Office. She provided a standard database form, but, in discussions we thought that we might seize this opportunity to do a bit more.

Wabash College clearly competes with other colleges for staff, students and external support. Every school publicizes its alumni data to put forward the most attractive story possible.

For example, Wabash suggests 8% of its alumni are CEOs. Hanover College tells prospective applicants that 5% of its graduates are MDs. The University of Illinois reminds the public that in 2003 it won more Nobel Prizes than football games. Even DePauw says “Uncommon Success Begins at DePauw”. Uncommon success may be more Qualitative than Quantitative, and a bit more difficult to measure. But no one accused Dannies of having math skills!

We believe that Wabash men are enthusiastic, engaged in their communities, creative and that they value education. Hopefully these traits result in a sense of long term happiness. Perhaps one measure of the perceived value of a Wabash education would be, did you recruit a student who actually attended the College? Did you send a son or relative to Wabash?

We would like to use our Reunion Data Call to publish a current Class Reunion Directory and to gather statistics that Wabash College might use to support specific recruiting claims. We have therefore attached a modified Alumni Data request form which expands several areas. Please fill out the form to: 1.) help us create a Class Reunion Directory, and 2.) get more relevant Wabash statistics.

You can mail the form to your Living Unit Class Agent, or John Buford, Rob Gorham or to Michele Tatar at the College.

News from our Classmates

Fred Wilson and **Dave Pancost** attended Trustees' meetings October 24 and 25, 2003. Fred was fresh from the New York City fashion wars. Fred and **Debbie** sold their Alamo, California home to concentrate on life in New York City. Debbie moved her practice to New York. Youngest son **Travis Wilson** is a sophomore at Fordham.

Daughter **Jennifer** bemoans the pathetic plight of her Fighting Illini. **Josh** is a rising star with Sam's Clubs in California. Son **Freddy**, age 34, coached his Bay Area "Under 14" soccer club to the 2003 National Championship. Because Young Fred wants to move up into college coaching he attended a coaches clinic at Amherst. One of the featured coaches was Wabash Soccer Coach **George Perry**. Any college soccer coaching leads would be welcomed.

Trustee Dave Pancost and his wife **Karen** joined **Jack and JoAnne Brown** in September for a European vacation. Karen explained that Jack and Dave toured WWII sites while the ladies enjoyed Paris. Dave is on a sabbatical this year while still on staff at Gallaudet University.

Harry Stout attended the Homecoming festivities with Wabash Lambda Chi son **Mark Stout** '04. Harry attended the Open House in the new Sigma Chi House. Shown in the partial panorama taken in the Sig Dining room are **Diane Marshall** (son **Keir Marshall** Sigma Chi '04), Tom Ridolfo (nephew **Tony Ridolfo** Beta '92), **Dr. Doug Marshall** ('67), Dr. Harry T Stout, Laurie Gorham (Sigma Chi sons **Rob** '96 and **Tom** '98) and Diane the Sigma Chi cook.

Bob Brandes is a lawyer in Ft. Collins, Colorado. Bob said he had hoped to be back in Peoria, Illinois to attend a Godson's high school graduation. Bob and **Vance Parkhurst** planned to create a mini-Peoria re-union had the Wabash reunion not cropped up!

Bob Hall graciously volunteered to join Bob Brandes and serve as Phi Gam Reunion Class Agents. Bob Hall is still re-constructing offices and high end homes in Denver.

Jack Clarke sent along a photo of the Clarke clan on its annual fishing trip in Owen County Indiana. Will Clarke (R) joined the Wabash Class of 2007 as a Phi Gamma Delta pledge. Charlie Clarke (L) is contemplating the class of 2011 while "Geezer" Clarke contemplates working another 30 years to pay for it!

Mike Jones is one of the busiest judges in Illinois. Seldom does a week go past without news of rulings Mike has issued. Most of the time these are serious capital crimes. Hopefully we can get Mike to judge the outcome of a more lighthearted event during our Reunion.

Terry Harter is pastor to the largest congregation in Champaign County. His First United Methodist Church is involved in significant out reach programs, sponsoring arguably the best day care programs in Down State Illinois. Three of four Gorham kids attended day care classes in Terry's church.

John Showalter met with Wabash Students at a Career Forum established as part of the Alumni Outreach program during Homecoming. John explained that he "knew" from grade school on, that he wanted to become a Medical Doctor. Wabash was a natural college choice for him. John has become one of the country's leading hand surgeons. As he says, surgery absolutely will cure Carpel Tunnel Syndrome. 30 years ago Dr.

Showalter pioneered re-attachment techniques, performing one of the first successful hand re-attachment procedures for a Chicago teenager. He said the young man regained full use of his hand and ultimately full sense of feeling. The kid did still drop football passes that were thrown too hard!

Harry Hanson is practicing law in Southern Indiana. Harry said after his son **Hal** graduated from high school in 2000, the two Hanson's took a safari to Zimbabwe. They shot a number of big game prizes, many of which adorn the Hanson offices and Hanson home. Harry said he has a great deal of respect for **Dan Werbe**. As you may recall, we posted photos of several game animals that Dan shot. Harry explained that the Rocky Mountain Sheep that Dan killed is one of the most physically difficult prizes to take. As Harry said, it is impressive to still be "Sheep Shape" after the age of 50.

Jim Barsz still practices internal medicine in Casa Grande, Arizona. His latest news was that he purchased a new home. Home ownership is keeping the Candyman "Sheep Shape" as well.

Charlie Raiser, ever the "Sheep Shape" one himself, gladly signed on to help get Sigma Chis to participate in preparations for our reunion. Retirement is sitting well with Charlie and Jill!

Hogie McMurtrie is globe trotting again, this month designing stuff in South America. It is our full expectation that Hogie will draft Jack Clarke and **Bill Koller** to re-enact parts of Ralph's Mother...at least those parts anyone can remember!

John Burrell and wife **Cynthia** have two sons, neither of whom attended Wabash. Matt went to Ohio Wesleyan and Mark attended Lewis and Clark. Both sons enlisted in the Reserves. As John said "not for the college money, but because we need good folks defending the country". Both sons are sergeants. Matt served duty in Bosnia and Iraq. John is still leasing large scale computer systems. Our prayers do go with all the folks serving in the Armed Services!

Please keep in touch. Remember the College in your year end giving plans. See you at THE GAME!

Two handwritten signatures in purple ink. The first signature is 'John' and the second is 'Rob'.

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"What I've been up to since leaving Wabash "

Name of Wabash '69 Classmate: _____

Space for recent photo of self and spouse	Addresses/phones/email:
	Family information:
	Education since Wabash College: ☐ Other Bachelors ☐ Masters Degree ☐ MBA ☐ MD ☐ DVM ☐ DDS ☐ JD ☐ PhD ☐ Ed.D ☐ Other
Wabash College Recruiting ☐ Sons ☐ Relatives ☐ Friends	Military service: Rank, Duty Stations, Training

LEADERSHIP/WORK/CAREER/PROFESSION - Thumbnail sketch (what was particularly satisfying?)

- ☐ Professional Licenses
- ☐ Elected Positions
- ☐ I own my own business/businesses
- ☐ Title (CEO, Chairman, CFO, etc)
- ☐ Self Employed
- ☐ National/State/University Committees
- ☐ Number of Directly reporting employees

I'm proud of :

For example: Books/songs/articles written
awards

Volunteer activities I have enjoyed:

Teaching
Church
Civic
Other

Memorable travels (career or since):

ABOUT MY DAYS AT WABASH: *(memories of special people, events, courses, etc.; Influence of the College on my life, work, etc.; Ways I have changed as a person since college days;)*

VIEWS, OPINIONS, COMMENT: *(What is special or exciting to me; Things I feel passionate about - politics, religion/morals, important national/world issues, etc.)*

Something else I want to say:

I probably will () / won't () attend the '69 class reunion. If I do, I most look forward to: