Gentlemen of the Class of ‘69,

Fall is well underway. On October 2nd the College celebrated Homecoming with a victory over Ohio Wesleyan. It also celebrated being ranked as a Top Tier College yet again.

The Princeton Review, in describing the Top 357 Colleges, listed Wabash as #18- Lots of Race/Class Interaction, #11- Best overall Academic Experience for Undergraduates, #10- Professors make themselves Accessible, #9- School Runs Like Butter, #9- Students Happy with Financial Aid, #8- Students Never Stop Studying, #7- Major Frat and Sorority Scene, #5- Professors Bring material to Life, #3- Everyone Plays intramural Sports, and #2- Best Bargain Among Private colleges.

Certainly the Homecoming Decorations proved how correct the Reviewers had been! These seemed to show minimal Creativity and Execution. Back in the DAY... we spent weeks designing House decorations. Maybe these students were still studying?

The actual winning House Decoration was Phi Kappa Psi

The Academic FAVORITE Delta Tau Delta
News from our class mates

Lt C David Carlson’s Iraqi BLOG reveals a harsh reality many of us have never faced.

October 20, 2004

The last few days have been kind of a blur - the good news is that all three guys from Nepal are doing well - several pretty good saves if I don't say so myself! The guy with the femur fracture and femoral vessel injuries developed what is called secondary abdominal compartment syndrome and we did a laparotomy right in the ICU and then through in a fasciotomy of his leg for good measure. This was after we took him back to the OR for massive bleeding! We had a bad guy yesterday or was it this morning? shot in the chest - we did about a 5 minute pneumonectomy with one stapler across the vessels and bronchus - the second one we have done like that - but he died from bleeding around his spine. Elective surgery is going to look pretty calm after this. We also had a good old fashioned appendectomy last night and an umbilical hernia tomorrow just to keep in practice! (For those of you not so medically inclined, sorry about all the technical stuff!) Should be able to depart from here in the near future but don't know the exact date of return yet - more later...

David is a surgeon in private practice in Evansville where he and his wife both practice medicine. David serves with the Army Reserves. He was deployed to Iraq late this summer. David’s last day in IRAQ was scheduled to be October 25. He is supposed to be shipped through Kuwait to Germany than to Ft. Bliss and back home to Indiana in the next week. We certainly hope to toast David Carlson’s return during the Monon Bell game. Some Little Giant!

Steve Fox wrote:

I have returned to the State Department after a nine-month stint working for Tom Ridge in the International Affairs Office at the Department of Homeland Security. I spent a lot of time organizing the DHS contingent for Embassy Baghdad – a small but critical element of the embassy, doing the training for the new Iraqi government in functions ranging from customs and immigration and protection of government buildings.

It was a fascinating opportunity to participate in the largest reorganization of the federal government in half a century. I’m now in the Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs at State, working on budgeting, planning, and a variety of other coordination issues. My wife Bie (a Foreign Service computer systems specialist) and I are looking to move overseas in 2006, when our son Jeff Chu, has finished his first two years at Skidmore College in Saratoga Springs, NY.

Dave and Barb Knott reported that son Jake ‘03 finished his first season of professional Arena football with the Memphis Xplorers. The team’s season ended August 6th. The web site reveals that tryouts will be held in Early November for the Xplosion Dance team:

The dance tryout will be held at the DeSoto Ballroom Dance Company in Olive Branch November 9th through the 11th. The first tryout will begin at 7:00pm that Tuesday. Girls wishing to tryout for the Xplosion Dance Team must be at least 18 years old with valid photo ID. Girls also need to bring a head or body shot photo, and provide their own workout attire including sports bra, pantyhose, briefs, and dance shoes. Girls are also required to provide clothing that will cover any tattoos or body art.

Classmate and Trustee Fred Wilson wrote

Jennifer is not going to (University of Illinois) homecoming...she is coming here with our new grandson (Mason) for 10 days...he is 3 months old and looking very “Wabash” to me.
I am going to be back on campus for the game...looking forward to it

Fred mentioned something about a fetal pig drop (soup?) an oriental delicacy to be sure.
During Homecoming, the Sigma Chi Fraternity celebrated the grand opening of its new facility. This was the first new Sigma Chi house built in the United States over the last decade. Nearly two hundred friends, family members and Chapter members celebrated the grand opening with a Post game party. The party goers paid special honor to “Sweet Heart” Fran Hollett.

John reported that he and wife Susan Dowd are both US Attorneys working in Indianapolis. They have two sons Jody and John, living in Rockville, IN. John presented the Dowds with their first grand child. For 19 years John served as the elected Warren County prosecutor.

Fred Bradshaw wrote to let us know his son Justin Bradshaw stars in his first National television show on NBC at 8pm on Sunday October 31st. The show is American Dreams. Please watch Justin!

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September 18th, Wabash opened it’s home football season against Washington. It welcomed local fans with Community Day. Local citizens were treated to grilled hot dogs and hamburgers on the Mall and then treated to tickets to the football game.

After the celebrations, your class agent discovered that the famous Crawfordsville Rotary Jail was actually open. Shown at the right is the Axle on which the jail cells actually pivoted.

This was the first Rotary Jail built in the United States. It was kept in service through 1973. The host historian said it was highly likely that several of our Classmates slept off an evening after Tommy’s in one of the cells.

Of particular interest was the innovation of running open sewage inside the axle itself. Hoosier ingenuity at its best. Stored in the basement was one of the county’s green voting machines.
MONON BELL GAME
As we all should be aware, on November 13, 2004, Wabash will host the 111th Monon Bell Game:
Wabash vs. DePauw: Hollett Stadium, 1:00PM

Tickets are now on sale for the annual Monon Bell Classic football game between Wabash and Depauw.
Extra seating will bring the Byron P. Hollett Little Giant Stadium capacity to 10,000 for the 1 p.m. kickoff.
Tickets will be available until Wabash’s 6,500 tickets are sold. Tickets are available in the Wabash College
Business Office during normal business hours (8:00 a.m. to noon, 1:00 p.m. until 4:30 p.m.). The Business
Office is located on the first floor on the north end of Center Hall.

For any class mates who want to introduce prospective students to campus, the College is hosting student
campus visits on Friday November 12. This is certainly an exciting way to introduce someone to Wabash!

A few quick administrative notes:
Please remember the College in your end of year tax planning. Your gifts help keep the College
Running like Butter.

The Campaign for Leadership met its goal, closing with over $136 million being raised. Thank you
to our classmates who helped us reach that goal! There are significant fund raising efforts still
underway with the Fraternity - College Partnerships. Please get involved with your living units, most
of which are involved in major construction or renovation programs. These deserve your participation.

It is very important to help recruit students for Wabash. The College has had very good success
recruiting students who had been recommended by Alums. Each class is being tracked for the
number of prospective students we collectively refer to the Admissions office.

The question for the next newsletter...Where did Wayne Cochrane and the Beach Boys play in 1968?
(Who is Wayne Cochrane?)

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