July 2005

Dear Classmates:

*Reunion off to a good start*

Five volunteers have accepted the challenge to make the 40th our best attended reunion to date. **Paul Robinson** (Delts), **Frank Kosmakos** (Lambda Chis), **Clark Dickerson** (Betas), and **David Jones** and **Chris Bird** (Fijis). Looks like the Fijis plan to regain the attendance title by putting more men on the job.

How about volunteers from the rest of the living units? Please don't be shy! As Chris Bird stated in his acceptance letter: "...the pay is great, with unlimited German beer served by St. Pauli girls, and our transcripts will be altered to reflect that we got the '1' in comps that each of us really deserved." Please understand that those are Chris' words and not necessarily official College policy, but it is nice to see the enthusiasm.

Many of you may be concerned about changing physical features and the decorum for the reunion. Not to worry, as all of us have changed; besides, we're not going to the reunion to pick up chicks! As a public service, I offer the following insights on current fashions - these are combinations to be avoided: a nose ring and bifocals; spiked hair and a bald spot; a pierced tongue and dentures; unbuttoned disco shirts and a heart monitor; midriff shirts and midriff bulge; short shorts and varicose veins; thongs and Depends. Hope that helps!

*Classmate News*

New contact information for **David Decker**: 1313 Bantry Circle, Ormond Beach, Fla., 32174; 386-676-2990; cdaviddecker@earthlink.net.

On a sad note, we also received word that **Gene Dieken** passed away on 8 July; his obituary is below. He is survived by his wife, Pat Dieken. Her address is 14459 North 54th Street, Scottsdale AZ 85254-2944.

Gene A. Dieken, of Scottsdale, AZ formerly of Peoria, died Friday July 8, 2005 at Mayo Clinic Hospital in Phoenix after a battle with cancer. Born Sept. 21, 1945 in Peoria to Otto and Grace Dieken he married Pat Murphy in 1975 in Chicago. She survives. Also surviving are three sons, Erik of Renton, WA, Bud of Seattle and Alex of Scottsdale, AZ; one daughter, Katherine Dieken of Eugene, OR. He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother. He was an army veteran, serving as first lt. in the field artillery in Kaserne, Neckarsulm, Germany. He graduated from Wabash College in 1967 where he was a member of Phi Gamma Delta. He later attended Hochschule St. Gallen in Switzerland, earned a masters degree in
business admin from Northern Ill. University in DeKalb and became a certified public accountant. He was a hotel manager and small business owner and held positions with the federal government. He most recently was a revenue agent with the IRS in Phoenix. Memorials can be made to the Lance Armstrong Foundation.

College News

Andy Ford has resigned as President, effective next year. Mauri Ditzler has resigned as Dean of the College to accept the presidency of Monmouth College. A new director has been named for the Career Services position. Check out the details at www.wabash.edu.

Mark Your Calendars

Little Giant football fans – please note: August 27 is the Red/White scrimmage game and the first home football game of the season is 10 September against Kalamazoo.

Wabash Day The National Association of Wabash Men has declared October 29 and/or October 30 as Wabash Day -- Wabash Alumni Benefiting And Serving Humanity. This is a day when Wabash men across the country – and beyond- will unite to carry out community service. You’ll be hearing something from your local regional alumni association about plans for your area. Each regional association can pick the day that best suits their members and will choose their own community support activity. So far about twenty regional associations have indicated they will participate. Jon Pactor ’71 is the chairman of the NAWM’s Wabash Day committee. You can contact him at pactorlaw@iquest.net, or your local alumni association, or the alumni office at the College alumni@wabash.edu for more information or to volunteer.

We look forward to hearing from more of you, so drop us a line and let us know what you’re doing.

Earl and Duane