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Apologies from your intrepid triumvirate for the delay in our periodic updates, but all the clichés about time are applicable here. ‘Nuff said.

Believe it or not, next summer marks our 35th anniversary. As the result of much analysis and discussion, the college has reconfigured the reunion paradigm by moving them from Homecoming to the summer. You are encouraged to visit the website (www.wabash.edu/alumni/reunion) to discover the specifics of the first ever “Big Bash.” This summer’s version will feature classes ending in 4 or 9, and next year will be our turn. You are strongly encouraged to mark the first weekend in June of 2005 (based on this year’s schedule) as the next opportunity to greet and visit with your fellow classmates on a grand scale. Once the specific dates are formally determined, you will be advised. It is your class agents’ earnest plea that you (1) attend this upcoming reunion and (2) encourage any of our classmates with whom you have remained in contact over the years to likewise attend.

I had the distinct pleasure of attending a retirement dinner sponsored by Lambda Chi Alpha and held in Indianapolis on March 27th to honor John Fischer H’70, the long-time classics professor. Others from our class in attendance were Julius Alberico (Master of Ceremonies), Peter Durant, and J. James Paul III. In addition to the 40 years he has devoted to Wabash as a professor, he served as the Lambda Chi faculty advisor, having succeeded Paul Mielke in that capacity. I, and many other Lambda Chis, will attest to his legendary culinary skills. Tributes from students representing each generation of his tenure at Wabash were touching, humorous, and resonant of his impact on the Wabash community. We have been blessed by his commitment and dedication to his students and the college, and we wish him well in his retirement.

Updates from the college...

The 111th Honor Scholarship Exam Weekend was held March 19-20 with over 320 prospective students in attendance. If this year’s experience is consistent with history, over 200 of them will be on campus this coming fall. This outcome is in no small part a result of the efforts of alumni who actively recruit for the college.

If you have not already done so, please consider a gift to the Greater Wabash Foundation this fiscal year which ends June 30, 2004. We lack our $3.0 million goal by $1.05 million. Every dollar counts, so please do your part.

Meanwhile, the Campaign for Leadership lacks just over $4.0 million in achieving its goal of $132.5 million by June 30th. Be a part of history by doing your part, particularly if you have not previously done so.

Updates from you...

Tom Topper is now with the Evansville Heart Group and can be reached at (812)449-4667 or (800)432-7868.
Bob Pollom has relocated to Texas from Oklahoma (yet one more of scores who have seen the light) and is the Director of Print and Mail Operations for USAA in San Antonio. As of September, 2003, he reported another grandson was on the way.

His vitals are as follows:
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The particulars of his relocation remind me of a joke. Why does Texas not fall into the Gulf of Mexico? Because Oklahoma sucks. Texas v. Oklahoma.....Wabash v. DePauw...you get the picture.

Jeff Price practices law in Peru, IN, and also serves as a local judge. Wife Cynthia is a hospice nurse, daughter Elizabeth is associated with Jeff in his practice, and son Drew is in law school.

Steve O’Neal reports he can be electronically located at oneals3@cox.net and physically located at:
1203 E. Longhorn Place Chandler, AZ 85249-1151.

Both he and wife Cheryl to whom he has been married 34 years continue to “spread the fame of her honored name” in the Phoenix area.

Mark Hall has forwarded a new email address, as follows: lcdrhall@comcast.net.

Dick Sobolewski has resided in Celebration, FL (near Orlando) for the past six years, but has recently taken a career turn. After many years in the financial side of business (Controller, CFO, etc.), Dick has assumed the daunting challenge of sales with Marriott Vacation Club International. He can be reached at (800)332-1333, extension 6259.

Gary Grover can be reached at ggrover48@yahoo.com.

As reported earlier, Ron Regal teaches at the University of Minnesota-Duluth, but we failed to list his email address, as follows: rregal@d.umn.edu.

Mike Blaase has provided the following email addresses: mblasse@eciconline.com (home)
blaasem@shiloh.12.il.us (work).

Bruce Middendorf and his family relocated to Athens, GA almost two years ago when he assumed the position of Medical Director of a new Hospitalist group at St. Mary’s Hospital. Both he and twin brother Wayne now reside in the same community!!

After 25 years in academic medicine as an OB-GYN professor and Academic Dean with the University of Tennessee, Frank Ling has chosen to cast his lot in the world of private practice in Memphis. I had hoped to see him at John Fischer’s dinner, but the requirements of his new responsibilities precluded his attendance.

How many from our class can boast of a personal website? Ron Shelby can. Just log on to: www.theshelbys.com for the latest info and pictorial history.

On a most serious note, Ron Marra underwent quintuple bypass surgery on February 6th of this year. He was released from the hospital five days later and is happy to report he continues to make daily progress. He expresses his deepest appreciation for all who have wished him well through this crisis.
As always, we encourage your involvement with and commitment to your alma mater. Send your personal updates to:

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On behalf of your class agents, peace.

**Mike Gregory**