

Class of 1970

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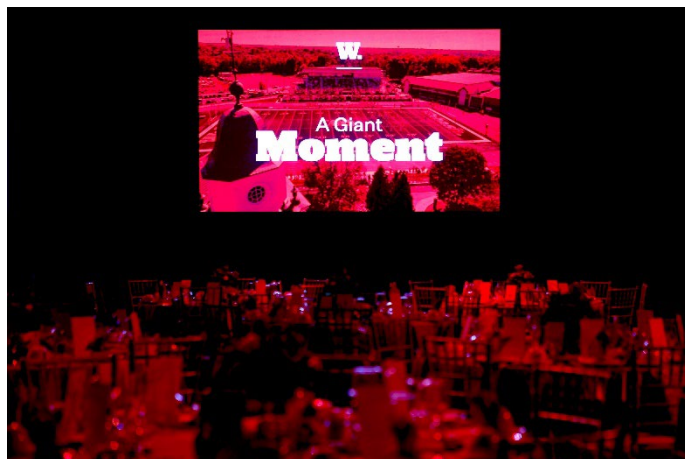
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It's the end of November. The Bell Game has come and gone. Our guys ennobled themselves, playing even through regulation time with a very strong DePauw team. They came up short in double overtime. But we have good reason to be proud of them.

I am very happy to announce that Bob Pollom is joining me as Co-Class Agent. Bob's excellent work on our 50th Anniversary Committee highlighted his performance as a valuable contributor. As you are about to see Bob will help us remain connected to one another. I am pleased to welcome Bob as Co-Class Agent.

Attached to this newsletter you will find a number of personal updates from classmates. Bob and I have compiled this from the emails we have received from our fellow classmates, and from Bob's meetings with Delts. It's great to keep in touch, and we'd like to facilitate that.

The College wrapped up its successful Giant Steps Campaign, raising more than \$250 million for the College.



Since it opened on July 1, 2017, to its conclusion on June 30, 2023, the Giant Steps Campaign raised more than \$250,638,000 in gifts and pledges from 12,029 unique donors who made 82,272 gifts.

"This is a remarkable achievement in the long and storied history of Wabash College," said President Scott E. Feller. "To exceed our audacious goal of \$225 million for Giant Steps—through a

presidential transition, the pandemic, and economic uncertainty that followed—speaks volumes about the generosity of our alumni and friends. Giant Steps has given us so much momentum as we look to our bicentennial in 2032."

Many of us in the Class of 1970 contributed to this successful campaign. A big Thank You to each of you.

Wabash Highly Rated in Alumni Income

According to the 2023 *PayScale.com* College Salary Report, Wabash graduates rank No. 48 in the all-alumni category – alumni who earned a bachelor’s degree, including those who went on to earn additional degrees at any school—with an early-career salary listing of \$78,700 and a mid-career salary of \$159,900.

It pays to choose Wabash!

We've attached status updates from your classmates. Enjoy. Send us your update, and we'll include it in the next newsletter.

Bob Pollom and Ron Shelby
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Individual Alumni updates

Mike Gregory

Jensy and I live in Tyler, Tx., about 100 miles east of Dallas. We recently completed an 11-day, 2700-mile road trip and visited with pledge brothers Frank Ling in Memphis and Martin Schnipper in St. Louis. Other stops included Naptown, C’ville (lunch with David Blix) and Chicago (visit with Pam Alberico, widow of pledge brother Julius “Butch” Alberico).

Jensy is experiencing medical issues which have qualified her for participation in a drug study at UT Southwestern in Dallas. She is taking classes which will lead to certification as a lay minister in the Global Methodist Church. She hopes to serve as a chaplain.

My retirement consists of volunteering at the Owens Heart Hospital and at a program feeding street people at the Catholic cathedral. On occasion, I will drive autos to and from auction sites in Dallas and Houston for a local high-end used car dealer.

If you’re ever in the area, we’d be happy for you to visit and “set a spell.”

Mike Kelley

Feels like the farther we are from the graduation in 1970 the more spread out we become, probably physically as well as geographically.

As you say, life is kind for us as well. Edwina and I continue to live in the St. Louis area where, amazingly, 3 of our 4 children and 6 of our 9 grandchildren live as well. The grands in town range from 11 months to a senior in HS. Generally this means we have plenty of busy-ness, from proms to choir performances to 7-year-old soccer games to still trying to figure out how to walk. Lots of fun for us, being around plenty of people younger than we are.

As you may note from my email address, I still put in a few hours at the company I worked for here prior to "retirement". They pressed pretty hard for me to not leave and it has been fine. I do things I am readily familiar with, everyone is younger than me, just finished recommending a new plant be built for ~\$40 million (and the board actually listened to me!), still buy and sell product in China, having dinner 11/1 with the new CEO of a Japanese company I started doing business with in 1976, etc. Many of the people running the place were proteges of mine over the years, which makes it very comfortable. Rarely work more than 30 hours/month and the extra, unanticipated money provides for nicer travel and more philanthropy. We remain reasonably healthy, so we are blessed in many ways.

I attend the Wabash events in St. Louis, and with Tom Hays moving last spring I think I am now the second oldest. I was in Indy for a wedding the weekend of the Butler game, so went over to the tailgate. The parking lot next to Hinkle was two-thirds Wabash, as big a gathering of Little Giants as I have ever seen away from Crawfordsville. Lots of fun, and glad I could not stay for the game given the loss that day. Intend to attend the joint Wabash/DePauw viewing party for the Bell here in St. Louis, although given the Tigers record, and the fact that they returned all 11 of their defensive starters from last year, may make for another long day for us.

Godan still lives in Brownsburg. He has mobility issues with a knee injury going back to football for Wabash, which (as he likes to point out) kept him out of Vietnam. Not in touch with anyone else from our class.

Every day is a gift. Stay well and thanks for staying in touch.

Bill Olsen

I am currently in Santa Monica visiting my son Josh, his wife Sarah, and my first granddaughter who is 3 weeks old. I am finding this to be an "over the moon" experience.

I will be returning to Indy and going to the Wittenberg and Bell games. Then after a couple of routine Dr appointments returning to my Naples home for the following 6-7 months.

Hope to see some my classmates at a Wabash home game.

Tom Petska

This is the year of our 50th wedding anniversary so we wanted to make it memorable. It is hard to believe that 50 years ago we married in New York City, moved to Arlington, VA and I began work as an economist at the Commerce Department's Bureau of Economic Analysis.

Now retired, we split time between Solomons, MD and warm winters in Sebastian, FL (near Ron). In February we took a 2 week Caribbean cruise then headed north in the spring and visited friends and relatives and in Connecticut and NJ over the summer.

In August, our son and I gave Barbara a surprise anniversary party in a waterfront restaurant with 50 friends and relatives and music by our favorite local musician. It was a wonderful night for all.

Both of our granddaughters are now in HS and very talented musicians. Elizabeth and her string quartet performed for the Maryland Governor while Katelyn has sung solos in several musicals.

We are in Florida for October then headed north for the holidays. Lots of aches and pains but life has been good.

Bob Pollom

It's a cool dry morning in Boerne (Texas). Some Hummers (that would be Hummingbirds) and Carolina Wrens are creating quite a commotion while 3 emaciated deer are wandering by scrounging for something edible. Some of our neighbors believe that throwing bread and lettuce in their driveway will help so the deer kind of hover while waiting for a handout.

I hope you guys are relaxed, maybe doing something you enjoy. Yesterday Stephanie and I saw the movie "Killers Of The Flower Moon". Although disturbing I highly recommend it.

Ron Shelby

Sue and I continue to split our time between our home in Vero Beach and our condo in Northern Virginia which is where our son's family resides. We love our time with the grandkids.

We just returned from a relaxing driving holiday along the Moselle (Mosel) River in Germany, in Alsace, and in Champagne. We were blessed by good weather and good wine.

We also spend a month each summer up in Toronto to spend quality time with Sue's family. We're appreciative that our son settled in Northern Virginia, since we have many friends here. Life is kind.

Best wishes.

Tom Thompson

I'm in Bogota. Teaching a course at Universidad Nacional on alternative energy.

Beginning a research project on how to harness wind and solar with the support of the Wayuu people in La Guajira. On the Caribbean coast of Colombia. Lots of fun.

Best.