



WABASH COLLEGE

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Greetings to all 'Bash '53:

It has been a longtime since we shared our freshman year at good old Wabash. There have been many changes since then but one thing that has never changed is the Monon Bell rivalry. Many of us will remember some high jinx that took place through the years. This year's escapade almost topped them all. It seems that four Wabash students went to DePauw to check on the Bell. Three hid out for six hours under the bleachers in the field house, undetected, then the opportunity came to get the Bell and move it to the awaiting getaway car. The only snag was the fact that the Bell had been wired to a security system and the guys were greeted by a police officer as they proceeded to the car with the Bell. Therefore, the carefully planned plot was foiled. The guys told the officer "Its tradition" but that opinion fell on deaf ears. All's well that ends well and if the guys stay out of trouble the rest of the school year, there will be no charges...the Bell is still in Greencastle but only until the game.

Wabash is a member of the North Coast Athletic Conference. The other members are: Allegheny College, Meadville, PA, Denison University, Granville, OH, Hiram College, Hiram, OH, Kenyon College, Gambier, OH, Oberlin College, Oberlin, OH, Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, OH, Wittenberg University, Springfield, OH, College of Wooster, Wooster, OH, and DePauw.

I recently heard from some classmates who experienced Hurricane Irma in Florida. Bill and Dianne Augspurger in Auburndale had little damage to their house thanks to their grandson who boarded up their house. They did lose some trees and shrubs on their property.

Jim Smith reports that Irma caused a brief interruption and he was without power for three days but water continued to be available. Jim continues to play competitive doubles and is captain of his 80's team. He stated that after Natalie died slightly over four years ago, he has followed her lead in volunteering to help others through his church's Grief Share program and as a Stephen Leader in the church's Stephen Ministry program. He is keeping busy attending a variety of plays, concerts, movies, lectures, and some TV. He is writing memoirs to pass on to his 12 children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren.

Roger Drummond states that he still sings in his First Presbyterian Church Choir "which is mostly with old folks." His family helped him decide to give up driving and Ellen lovingly takes him to the Y each morning and brings him home. They enjoy trips to Biloxi for gambling vacations. Roger and Ellen did not lose power in Ocala during Irma, only cable, but their family lost power for several days, therefore they were hosts for a number of hot showers and hot meals.

Tom Florsheim and his wife are enjoying good health. They are having fun with their children and grandchildren and are taking trips on occasion.

Bob Hay reports from Arizona: "I am supporting five doctors for one reason or other but remain well, no natural disasters here." He is doing a lot of golfing, hiking, and bicycling.

Gail Stolz emails that it is difficult for Al to walk, making it somewhat difficult to visit Wabash. He would enjoy hearing from any Wabash folks to brighten his days. Here's his contact information: 5 Lockwood Circle, Westport CT 06880-1640, and email address, gcstolz@aol.com.

The Warbinton's have given up their second home in Florida, therefore gladly didn't have to contend with Irma. Fred continues to play percussion in the Indianapolis New Horizons Center Band. The band has 60 members and performs more than ten concerts per year in Indianapolis and the surrounding area. We are enjoying our two sons and their families who live in our area including four granddaughters and one grandson. Our grandson is a sophomore at Wabash. He is the fourth generation Warbinton at Wabash, including Fred's Grandfather, Fred, our son Jeff, and now Kyle. Kyle thinks Wabash is the best thing since sliced bread.

Wabash recently received a \$7 Million anonymous gift which is being used to honor the memory of John N. "Fuzzy" Ott, Class of 1920. The new student

housing on the west side of the campus was dedicated on October 7 as the Ott Residential Life District.

Bill Backman passed away on March 1 of this year. Bill was a member of the Sphinx Club, Phi Gamma Delta, Scarlet Masque, and was a Mud Hollow resident. Bill received an award from the Safari Club International in 1998 as recognition of his contribution to the conservation of wildlife and had a long successful business career.

Sam Kriegman, who was member of our class for two semesters, passed away on May 31 of this year in Stonington, ME. Sam graduated from the University of Michigan business school, and then later had a 50-year career in real estate.

Wabash continues to stand among the finest institutions nationally. Being included in the Princeton Review's "Best 382 Colleges" means that Wabash ranks among the top 15 percent of 2,500 U.S. four year colleges.

The Glee Club observed its 125th Anniversary on Sept. 30 with more than 150 current and former Glee Club members in attendance and nearly 600 enjoying the concert.

It is always great to hear from classmates and we look forward to hearing from many of you in the future.

Best wishes to all,

Fred