

Class of 1965

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Fellow '65ers ...

It has been an eternity since I wrote to you as class agent. Thanks to Pete and Jay as they soldiered on after my retirement. I spent six years on the Board of Directors of the National Association of Wabash Men, and that was a great experience. I met a lot of great Wabash men who love the college as much as we do.

Right now, I am looking at a Wabash chair which you men gave me at our 50th reunion, and I realize that I know so little about what's going on with the *Class of Wabash* (i.e. 1965). I wonder how many of us are still alive. Now that you are 80 years old or better, are you completely retired and enjoying the fruits of your labors? Are you still married, or are you, like me, trying to make the painfully impossible adjustment to being alone.? (After 57 years of marriage, my Nancy succumbed to dementia last September.) Have you moved to the sunny southland, or are you staying close to family and friends? I have a theory about retirement. During our working years, home is where the paycheck is. Early in retirement, we can live about whenever we want. Later, we find ourselves to where our kids and grandchildren live so that they can supervise our dotage. We never really are free.

Things are really popping at Wabash. The new football stadium is a huge improvement, especially the W-Club at the top where season ticket holders can partake of food and beverage (some of it of the adult variety). Jake Gilbert, '98, has been named the new defensive co-ordinator for football and will become the head coach after Don Morel retires at the end of next season. This is huge news! Jake had an impressive record at Westfield HS and is not only a son of Wabash but an outstanding coach and a better person.

After the end of this school year, the Sparks Center will be demolished to prepare for the construction of a new Community Center. I have seen the



artist rendering of the building as well as the floor plans. It is exciting. I am sure that there are opportunities for us to help complete the job financially.

All the above is a prelude to my pleas to you to take the time to drop me a note and tell me what is going on in your world. I'll do my best to pass it on. Your classmates want to know.

And ... I know you guys are, like me, scratching out a meager existence on Social Security and food stamps, but skip a meal or two and send a check to our *alma mater*. For years, we had the envious record of generosity to Wabash. Let's keep it going.

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