



# Class Notes

## MAINE WEST NEWS AND EVENTS For and of the Great Class of 1968

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### ONCE A WARRIOR; ALWAYS A WARRIOR!!

For those of you who were able to attend our 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion a year ago September, you remember we had three events that made up the Reunion: The Friday Night Ice Breaker that was held at Gino's East in Rosemont; The Tour of the School on Saturday Morning; and finally the Maine Event on Saturday Night at the Club Casa.

For the tour of the school, the group was large enough to break into two smaller groups. One of the groups was walked around by none other than our favorite tour guide, Former Assistant Principal, Eldon Burk. A question came up about whether or not there was a movement afoot to drop the Warrior as the school mascot. At that time, he simply stated that even though the Warrior was going to continue to be the mascot, the presence of the Native American images throughout the school building will be slowly but surely diminished.

There was a beautifully painted Chief in the Bus Concourse. It was suggested that that image may not be on that wall much longer. As of the writing of this edition, there is no knowledge as to whether or not that image was removed or painted over. However, it has been brought to my attention that the Warrior Spirit Statue which was placed high atop the main entrance to the building, has been taken down.

One of our classmates, Pete Whitson has started a letter-writing campaign addressed to the Maine West Administration and is encouraging not just the Class of '68 but



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also other Alums who were able to view the Warrior Spirit Statue all through their years as a Maine West Warrior to participate.

Below is the letter Pete wrote personally and if you feel so moved by this letter, use the same verbiage or create your own letter highlighting the thoughts that Pete shared:

*“Dear Madam or Sir:*

*Recently it was decided to exile the Warrior Spirit Statue that for years greeted students, guests and alumni to Maine West. This action was an insult and an affront to many school alums and community members. I am writing to inquire if there can be negotiations started between Maine West and the Des Plaines History Center regarding the Center taking possession of the statue for display and care?*

*Respectfully,*

*Peter Whitson ‘68”*

*Pete’s original post on Facebook was taken down. He has made a second attempt and has gotten the Secretary of the Maine West Alumni Association, Fred Suevel, Class of ‘72 involved. Fred, in turn, has forwarded the letter to the District Superintendent, Dr. Ken Wallace, the new Maine West Principal, Dr. Eileen McMahon, and Mr. Eldon Burk.*

There will be more *Class Notes* coming soon.

Keep in touch,

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