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Dear 53s:

Just a quick newsletter to cover a couple of important impending dates:

Big Bash '13 is coming up fast – May 31 – June 2.

Though our memories tend to be fuzzy a bit at this stage, it seems that this must be the 60th anniversary of our launching ourselves from these Hallowed Halls into the honest to gosh real world. Though it is obviously again a special time for celebration, loyalty to this great college aside, it has become increasingly difficult for big bunches of us to travel here to pay tribute and tell lies about what used to be. Consequently, we have not attempted to put together an individual program for our own class this time. But the Big Bash still offers plenty of opportunities to get together with fellow alums, learn about what Wabash is like today, and, yes, tell lies about how it used to be. Besides the array of lunches, dinners, golf, seminars and general socializing, there is a special “Golden Oldies” dinner on Saturday night for all alums now beyond their sacred 50th anniversary. Unbelievable as it seems, that would include us. Several of us plan to be there for some portion of the above and I hope you will consider joining us. If you are able to make the scene, you might be interested in stopping by the Lilly Library and leave reminiscence or two for “Scarlet Yarns in Story and Song”. The collected remembrances will be preserved in the archives and perhaps used in publications or for other purposes at future times.

From past experience, The Big Bash is a Blast. Come see. You can see the specifics of the program and register on the Wabash web site -- www.wabash.edu. Deadline for reservations is May 22.

Financial Year Ends June 30.

Our class has always been generous about supporting Wabash – for good reason: we cherished the precious years we spent together here and the amazing group of mentors – the Trippets, the Cottons, the Brigances, the Haenisches and their ilk - that made the experience so memorable. The remarkable series of stories from the Class of 53 about lives well lived and careers well spent gives ample evidence that the Wabash experience works wonderfully well as the launch site for future success. The years have flown by, but there is plenty of evidence that at Wabash, that quality of culture and excellence of faculty lingers on. Her (or should it be His?) graduates continue to make outstanding contributions to science, education, business, medicine and other disciplines. The Princeton Review identifies Wabash as one of the top private colleges in the Midwest and as a Best Value College. And we continue stomping the Dannies deeply into the turf of whichever field is home to the latest of what has come to be called the Annual Monon Bell Slaughter. Life is good.

So, whether we choose to do so out of gratitude for our own experiences or as a down payment on the successes of some great current and future students who look a lot like us (though likely better looking), I hope our class will continue to be generous in support of Wabash and her programs. Nothing we can do with our resources will make a bigger impact on the future, however defined. As the fiscal year nears its close, there are still a few of you regular donors who have not yet made a contribution. It is still a very good thing to do and there is still plenty of time to do it.

A Sad Postscript

As a late addition to this short newsletter, I just yesterday received word of the passing of John Hodapp, who we all remember as a great guy and a somewhere beyond fierce linebacker:



Mr. John F. Hodapp, age 83, a veteran of the US Marine Corps died peacefully on Friday, April 26, 2013. John was predeceased by his parents; daughter and son-in-law, Cindy and Joe Hanner; two grandchildren, Stephen and Janelle Hanner; and brothers, Armand and Bernard. John loved his family and was a generous man. He is survived by his loving wife of 53 years, Nancy Cole Hodapp; daughters, Linda Boyatt and Judy Harvey; sons-in-law, Steven Boyatt and Matt Harvey; special family members Nancy and Paul Hanner; and beloved grandchildren,

Lindsey and Greg Hanner, Mitchell and Holly Boyatt; sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Mary and Paul Chuzi. A funeral and committal will be held Wednesday, 11AM at Arsulowicz Brothers Mortuary, 3525 Remembrance Road where his family will receive visitors one hour prior to the services. If you are interested in memorializing John the family suggests donations to The Wounded Warrior Project instead of flowers. Helping veterans will be a wonderful remembrance and tribute.

We hope to see some of you at the Big Bash. In the meanwhile, if you haven't gotten on the donor's list this year, do so. Keep our class donor's percentage among the best, where it belongs.

Our Best,

Jack E. (for the Terrible Trio)