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Dear Classmates, Wives, Girl Friends and Molly,

Summer passed so quickly with our Wabash 55th reunion, trips to Florida for the annual family reunion, Chicago, Michigan and getting ready for some football.

Tom and Nancy Shenk spent 12 hours in airplanes and airports to get to Wabash. Their rental car also wouldn't start. However, Friday eve, they were in their usual good spirits for cocktails and dinner. Last minute arrivals Don and Gretel Smith and Dwight Brainard brightened our group. John Pantzer, Charlie Moody and Ed Gallagher joined us Saturday and updated us bringing our total to 15 returning.

We had the good fortune to lunch with Vic and Marion Powell along with Vic Lindquist, Dick Rose and John Lehman. Vic Powell will be 90 on November 25th and his usual lively enthusiasm and great Wabash stories were captivating.

Saturday, Shirley Pippenger added beauty to our rendition of "Old Wabash" along with hubby, Dr. Joe. Some of us had Bloody Marys and brews at the Creekside Lodge on Sugar Creek. Tom Prince suggested after lunch that we "tube" down Sugar Creek. No takers. Also learned after 55 years that Jim Cronin is "Mr. Fix-It." So if you need anything fixed call on Jim.

Saturday evening was a "Topper" with Gary Phillips, Dean of the Faculty, relating the world today at Wabash and answering many lively audience questions. As Stan Huntsman commented to the group "Wabash is in good hands with Dean Phillips leading." Some funny incidents and tales of our days at Wabash were exchanged in a memorable evening.

Wabash had a good class of 250 freshmen with 44 legacies. Scholarships and student aid are reduced some but less than other areas of expense. The Annual Fund of over \$3 Million is a saving grace.

Spent some good time with Bill and Sandi Glascock and Tom and Kathy Prince at Homecoming. Kathy is recovering from a bad fall. Dick Rose sent his regrets at missing Homecoming for the first time ever. Dick has written a new book, "*The Lazarus Experiment*," a mystery thriller. The football team is awesome but the level of competition could be tougher.

Vic Lindquist traveled to Croatia and Greece after the reunion. We want Vic to write a class letter about his many world travels, fishing tales and his take on the world today. Helen likes Vic's stories and please include The Wabash "horse" and "borrowed sign" ones.

Stan and Sylvia Huntsman joined us Sunday eve with the Ken Beasley's '52 and Mike Austin's '52. Sylvia is an amazing and fun gal. Stan is still the world class Coach and guy we remember. After flying back to Austin, Texas, the Huntsman's were driving in two weeks to Pennsylvania to see Sylvia's sister, then flying to New York for a wedding of one of Stan's national track winners.

As Helen commented, they sure aren't sitting at home.

Does anyone have any suggestions or thoughts on another Wabash "Get Together"? A thought is to come to our beautiful beach on the Gulf of Ft. Walton Beach, Florida. Let me know if you are interested or your thoughts.

Long in our hearts...

Bob and Helen Johnson '54