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Dear 59ers:

We have just concluded our 55<sup>th</sup> class reunion during which we set one new record and retained another. We are the first class to organize a 55<sup>th</sup> reunion so our record of 27 registered stands alone. We also retain the record for 50<sup>th</sup> reunions at 70 registered. Thanks to all of you who helped make this possible. Our sincere condolences go to the families of those members of the class we have lost since our 50<sup>th</sup> reunion, Rat Ewick (08/29/09, Clisby Jennelle III (11/13/09), Walter Close (02/17/10), Richard Steeg (12/25/10), John Waechter (07/25/11), Paul Crowe (03/09/14) and Ronald Smith (03/11/14).

Sherm Franz and Hoyt Miller led the reunion effort in great style. Bob Charles gave a candid and witty colloquium on how his Wabash education prepared him for a very successful career as an entrepreneur, from creating the McDonald's "Happy Meal" to keep kids occupied, to making French pastry, to his current venture into the retail liquor business. Roger Paluska showed slides and talked about his numerous cycling trips through France, Italy, Germany, Switzerland and Norway. It was interesting to see the collapsible bikes they use and to hear of several adventurous highs and lows of the tours. Due to a biking accident last year Roger's wife was unable to join us.

Overall the Big Bash was the second largest ever and the Class of 1964 presented the College with a whopping check for \$2.23 million! Our class made a reputable showing at the Chapel sing, but we only sang one verse of "Old Wabash."

At our class dinner we were kept amused by anecdotes of our most memorable moments at Wabash. John Horner did not share an anecdote, but he did tell us about his family's experience in providing leased cars to the College for the use of the President. As you might guess, President Lew Salter chose a Nash Rambler!

In conjunction with CT Productions of Maryland, I produced a DVD from images provided by our classmates. Twenty-five guys made images available either electronically or as prints. The DVD gives a visual overview of the campus while

"Old Wabash" sung by the Glee Club plays in the background. Photos from the yearbook appear first then the images provided to us. We presented complimentary copies to all attendees and all those who submitted images will also receive a complimentary copy.

Additional copies of the DVD may be purchased for \$15 including shipping and handling costs. If you wish to have a copy or additional copies just send a check for \$15 to me at the address above. Incidentally, CT Productions converts prints, slides, CD's, Lp's and other media to DVD's. It can also program music of all genres and historical periods as background. If you are interested go to the web site, <u>www.ctproductions55.com</u> for further information.

Additional news from the class, John Horner got married recently and Bill Herman is still recovering from open-heart surgery and expects follow-up surgery in July. He sends his fondest regards.

All the best,

Robert (Bob) Wedgeworth for Roger Billings and Craig Green Class Agents Class of 1959

P. S. Some of you, including some who attended the 55<sup>th</sup> Reunion, have not made a gift to the College this year. You still have until June 30. Please do what you can.