



## WABASH COLLEGE

### *Class Agent's/Reunion Chair's Letter*

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## Class of 1965

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### The 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion of the Class of 1965

#### Phil Young, Reunion Chair

Men of '65,

We all knew that it would arrive some day, when we would be very old. Like most of us we put it in the back of our minds. Two and a half years ago in Crawfordsville we were reminded of it at our 45<sup>th</sup> Reunion, but it still wasn't imminent. Then, at the end of 2012 it became real for me. I was on the phone to Tom Runge asking how I could help the Class of '65 and he said, "You could be our Reunion Chair for the 50<sup>th</sup>." And just for good measure he added, "You'd be great!" I'm a sucker for flattery, so I said "Yes."

It is now March of 2013. We have only 26 months to plan how we will have the **best 50<sup>th</sup> reunion ever**; making the Class of 1965 a model for all other classes who graduate from Wabash College. It will take a lot of work to accomplish this goal, so I am assembling a committee of volunteers: **Allan Anderson** (fund raiser extraordinaire) will be our Reunion Gift Chair and **Bob Witherspoon** (a Glee Club singing star) has agreed to be our Song Leader for the Chapel Sing. This is a great start, but we'll need more Men of '65 to help us if we want to be the best.

Here are the volunteer positions that I need to fill, just as soon as we can. Look them over and then get back to me with your preference.

- **Housing Unit Representatives.** High attendance at our 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion is our most important goal. In order to reach everyone who identifies with the Class of '65 and is physically able to travel to Crawfordsville, will take a coordinated effort by each housing unit. Fraternity brothers or good friends who know the class member well should make the initial call and, if possible, other calls to encourage attendance.

**[Note: The actual date of our 2015 Reunion has not yet been set by the College. It will most likely be the last Fri, Sat, Sun weekend of May, or the first Fri, Sat, Sun weekend in June.]**

We'll need at least one person from every fraternity and one person from each independent dorm (maybe two from Martindale) to manage and supervise this effort for maximum turn-out. The Housing Unit Representative is responsible for the highest possible turnout for the 50<sup>th</sup> from his Hall or Fraternity. This includes trying to find those men who are not on the official list and those who are on the list but have dropped out of sight. The Housing Unit Representative also is responsible for training Callers. Then, it is up to the Callers to follow a script and carry out the plan.

- Here are the housing units as I remember them. Fraternities: Beta Theta Pi, Delta Tau Delta, Kappa Sigma, Lambda Chi Alpha, Phi Delta Theta, Phi Gamma Delta, Phi Kappa Psi, Sigma Chi, and Tau Kappa Epsilon. Here are the Independent Residence Halls: Martindale Hall, Morris Hall, and Wolcott Hall.
- **Telephone Callers.** Telephone callers will work under the direction of the Housing Unit Representative, and they will often work side-by-side with them as well. The Housing Unit Representative will participate in calls to brothers and friends. Let's build calling plans that don't miss anyone and let's try to find some of our lost friends and brothers. Above all, a call from a friend will always be better than one from a person who the recipient of the call does not know. This will be **our last BIG Reunion together**, so let's make it the best ever!
- **Memory Book Co-Chairs.** In years past the most successful Reunions have put together what has come to be known as the Memory Book Project. Here is the way it will work. Each member of the Class of '65 submits pictures (one from the 60's; one that is more recent), a brief biography of what has happened in your life since you left Wabash, and your favorite stories associated with Wabash. Help us put together a wonderful keepsake book with pictures (contemporary and 50 years ago) and memories/reminiscences from every man of 1965. We will need **two persons** working together to compile all the information for the book, come up with a basic design, and then check it for accuracy. Other classes have said that this was one of the most important and meaningful takeaways of their 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion. If you worked in journalism or if you were a writer, editor, or publisher this project could be a very fulfilling one for you.
- **Logistics Coordinator(s).** As we get closer to the Reunion date we will desperately need a few men who live in central Indiana and can take a few hours to drive up to Crawfordsville and make arrangements for our Hospitality Suite at a local hotel, can make sure that take-away gifts have arrived, and can stock the Hospitality Suite with appropriate liquid and snack refreshments. Other tasks may also be assigned ...

Please contact me if you want to volunteer or if you have questions. Once again, here are the main positions that I need to staff:

1. **Housing Unit Representatives**
2. **Telephone Callers**
3. **Memory Book Co-Chairs**
4. **Logistics Coordinators**

Thank you for pitching in to make our 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion the BEST EVER!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Philip Young". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "P" and "Y".

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