



## **WABASH COLLEGE**

### ***Class Agents Letter***

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### **Class of 1965**

#### **Class Agent**

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Dear Men of '65,

I got back home Thursday evening from the Big Bash, happy, energized and renewed. It was indeed fun to visit with so many of you, and disappointing that I missed an opportunity to visit with all of you.

I think we should all be grateful to Phil Young, Phil Wescott, Allan Anderson and the Alumni and Parent Relations staff for all the hard work they put in to making this such a successful event.

Some of us have been regular attendees of our reunions over the past fifty years; some were first timers, from whom I heard several times, "I wish I had come to the others." Well, I wish they had come, too. I wish those that we haven't seen for fifty years had come. They don't know what they're missing.

I also want to thank Bob Witherspoon for conducting our efforts at the Chapel Sing. The event was fun, and Bob's enthusiasm in leading us added much to that experience. We didn't win, but finished second. A questionable decision. It seems we're always the bridesmaid, never the bride.



Many of you missed the announcing of the awards at the Sunday brunch. I have taken the liberty to reproduce below the email concerning the awards.

*339 alumni signed the book - (389 is the record)  
- 31 states and four other countries represented*

*Class of 1960 - 26 - 27 is the record by 1959*

***Class of 1965 - 76 - new 50th reunion record***

*Class of 1970 - 17*

*Class of 1975 - 20*

*Class of 1980 - 2*

*Class of 1985 - 34 - 35 is the record by 1977 and 1983*

*Class of 1990 - 14*

*Class of 1995 - 5*

*Class of 2000 - 11*

***Class of 2005 - 55 - new 10th reunion record - by 15 guys!***

*Class of 2010 - 18 - they beat 5 other classes*

#### ***Reunion awards***

***Class of 1909 Trophy - highest % of the class returning - Class of 1965 - 41.1%***

***Class of 1928 Trophy - Highest number of attendees - Class of 1965 at 76***

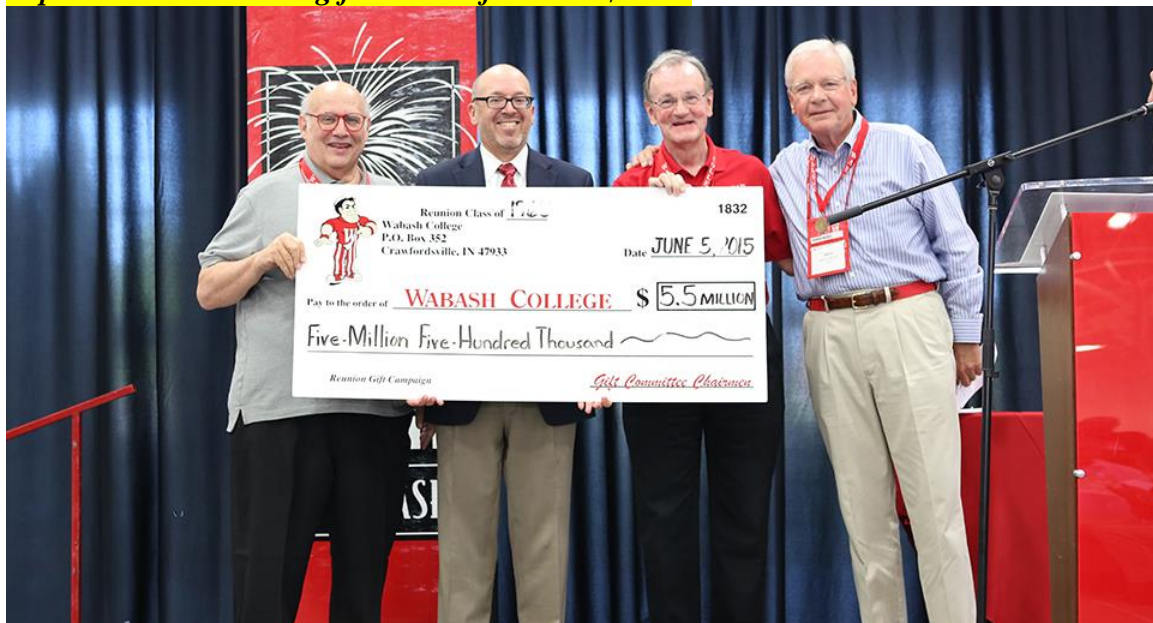
*Class of 2007 Trophy - Top number among 5, 10, and 15 year reunions - Class of 2005 with 55*

*Chapel Sing winners - Class of 2005*

*Dorman Hughes award - Best effort by reunion chairs - Class of 2005 - Jason Cantu and Michael Ruffing*

***Edmund Hovey Award - Annual Giving participation by start of Big Bash - Class of 1965 at 58.1%***

***Top 50th reunion class gift - Class of 1965 at \$5.5M***



### ***Unofficial awards***

- *Bench paint on Saturday night - Class of 2005*
- *Bench **repaint** on EARLY Sunday morning - Class of 1985*
- *Best limo delivery - Class of 2005*
- *Abe Lucas '05 wins the "distance award" from Hong Kong*

I'd like to comment about the giving of the Class of '65 over the years. You men have been continuously generous to the College. In the years that I have been honored to be your class agent, with the exception of 2008 and 2009 you have participated in annual giving at a rate of about 52-53%. When I looked at how we compared with classes with at least one hundred members, we have always been among the top three, even in the two years that I mentioned. You are so well connected with each other and with the College that you would still support it, whether I wrote these letters or not.

Jay Patterson and I had a conversation at lunch several years back. He said to me that he had had a tough time at Wabash. I replied that I did too. Two weeks later I was with Dan Susie ('68) who said much the same thing. All three of us have been active on behalf of Wabash. I think that the good times while we were students and the understanding as alumni of what we gained from our Wabash experience far outweighed all the other challenges. They were four of the best years I have spent in my entire life. I love the College, I love my classmates, and I love the professors who gave us such a great education both in and out of the classroom.

I would be remiss in this letter if I did not mention how much I enjoyed seeing Joe and Bev O'Rourke at the reunion. It was so nice to see Joe's eternal, youthful enthusiasm has not abandoned him.



Joe receiving his 50<sup>th</sup> reunion medallion.

All pictures in this letter are from the Wabash website or from my brother, Jon ('71). I hope you enjoyed them.



You guys are and will always remain Some Little Giants.

Pete