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Dear Men of '65,

I received a letter from Tom Runge asking me to help out with our fiftieth reunion. In response, I called Tom and asked what he would like for me to do. He replied that he'd like for me to return as class agent. I have done so. Jacob is older and driving himself and has become much more responsible. I have had a two-year hiatus from Wabash activities and feel refreshed and even eager to get back to these activities.

Of course, I wouldn't have made a decision to return without talking to Jay. He was happy that I should renew these obligations. By my returning as class agent, he was able to step down from his responsibilities, which he would not have done otherwise out of his sense of obligation to the Class of '65. Jay is having some challenges to deal with in his own life. Specifically, his wife Jan has been diagnosed with lung cancer, and Jay naturally wanted to be free to attend to her needs. On May 16, I received the following up-date from him:

Our oncologist gave us the report from yesterday's CTscan and it showed: (1) The cancer in the right lung and lymph nodes is shrinking; and (2) there is no evidence that the cancer is spreading to other locations.... We will continue with frequent blood tests and weekly visits with the oncologist. Jan's fourth and last regular chemo session is scheduled for June 6. Then the oncologist and the surgeon will decide what comes next. We hope and pray Jan will then be in a position to have surgery to remove the last of the cancer.

Please, keep Jan and Jay in your prayers. I believe the Patterson's would also appreciate and enjoy hearing from you: jayjanp@earthlink.net.

I also spoke with Allan Anderson who feels we shall do well on our class gift at the reunion. I am sure you will hear from him as our reunion approaches.

Next I spoke with Phil Young who has undertaken the task of reunion chairman for our fiftieth, which I remind you is only a year away. Phil has been hard at work already. Jay and Phil had started working on a class agent letter, much of which follows. I believe Phil wrote most of it or at least provided the information. I share it with you.

Phil Young has been working to get a group of Call Leaders who can phone and talk to the men who shared the same dorms or the same fraternities. When they call you please listen carefully to their prepared pitches. They have practiced them for at least the last 5 minutes (just kidding). They are a great group of hard-working men. Here are our volunteer Call Leaders:

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| 1. Beta Theta Pi | Mickey Metzler |
| 2. Delta Tau Delta | Phil Wescott |
| 3. Independents | William Van Deest |
| 4. Kappa Sigma | Don Schmidt |
| 5. Lambda Chi Alpha | Harry Phillips |
| 6. Phi Delta Theta | Trippe Mathews |
| 7. Phi Gamma Delta | Dave Bohner |
| 8. Phi Kappa Psi | E. Kent Moore |
| 9. Sigma Chi | Morrie Adams |
| 10. Tau Kappa Epsilon | Larry Blount |

Give them your attention when they or their assistants call. We want you at the Reunion and it is very important that you know about all the activities:

- A golf tournament on Friday at the C'ville Country Club. Sign up when you register.*
- Swim and exercise in the Allen Athletics and Recreation Center*
- A Welcome Back Luncheon on Friday. No program; it's entirely informal.*
- Colloquium sessions during both Friday and Saturday – informative and entertaining*
- Take a tour of the campus if you haven't been to Crawfordsville in a while.*
- Big Bash Reception and Dinner in the Allen Center. President Hess and the Deans will present us with our 50th Reunion Medallions*
- And that's just ONE DAY!*

If you are flying in please practice the second verse of Old Wabash. And ask someone else to drive if you are driving in, so you can practice the second verse. We will be singing both verses at the Chapel Sing. Bob Witherspoon will be our conductor.

The Class of 1965 will rent the hospitality suite located in the Holiday Inn Express. The address is 2506 Lafayette Road, Crawfordsville, IN 47933. Men who wish to stay at the Holiday Inn Express should plan to reserve their sleeping room in the hotel not later than January or February of 2015. Those who have been back to Crawfordsville within the last 5 years or so know that this hotel is one of the nicest of all. The hospitality suite is especially accommodating – there are lots of places to sit and talk and enjoy your favorite beverage and some munchies. We expect to see you in the hospitality suite on Friday and Saturday evening.

There only two other things I want to alert you about.

- 1. Several years ago, the classes having their 50th Reunion would print and make available to all the men in the class a Reunion Book featuring all the men from that class. Each man in the class was asked to provide answers to a short series of*

questions. Some of the questions dealt with their career(s) and others dealt with their memories of the times they spent at Wabash and the years immediately after graduating. This book came to be known as "The Memory Book" but I've never heard of any class who gave the book that name. Phil Wescott volunteered to shepherd the book from the beginning and he is making exceptional progress. At some point in the next month or so you will receive a request from Phil that you go to a place on the Wabash College website, where you will find the questions that have been vetted by the College. You will be able to enter your responses to the questions directly on the website, and I'm sure that there will be ways to edit your answers, if necessary. Please take this task seriously. There will be limits on the length of your responses in order to keep each man's responses to a single page. I'm fairly sure that if edits are made they will be shared with the author prior going to press. During Phil Young's talks with other classes the "Memory Book" has been the most popular and sought after publication.

2. Money ... you can't live without it. But, if you give generously according to your heart and your values, it gives the donors great pride to know that their gifts will be used for the most worthwhile of causes. So, let's give very healthy donations to our Alma Mater. Our Chair for the Class gift to Wabash is Allan Anderson. He too will be contacting you to suggest ways that you can give appropriately according to your means, and how the gifts of every man in the Class of 1965 can grow and make a real and positive difference in the education of young men at Wabash. When Allan contacts you and suggests various things that you can do to contribute to the Class Gift, hear him out. He knows whereof he speaks.

That information is the most accurate and up-to-date that I have, and so I am going to conclude this letter with five items.

1. Keep Jay and Jan in your prayers
2. Many thanks to Jay, Phil, Andy for their efforts already begun
3. Plan to be at the Big Bash June 5-7, 2015. We are looking forward to seeing you.
4. I'm glad to be back and I am looking forward to working with you all.
5. You will be hearing from us.

What do we have for the Men of '65?
Some Little Giants

Pete

P.S. If you are interested in helping out with the reunion planning, contact Phil Young:

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