



WABASH COLLEGE

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Classmates in the Class of 1966:

The Class of 1966 ... 50th Reunion is in the books. **And what a Reunion it was.**

- We had the 50th “clubhouse” in the hospitality suite on the first floor of the Hampton Inn, where most of our Class stayed as the result of the Hampton blocking rooms just for our Class. It was going all day into the wee hours on Thursday/Friday/Saturday. This resulted in the opportunity for Classmates and spouses/partners to spend quality time ... often with others whom they had spent little or no time with during their undergraduate years. **WONDERFUL!**
- When Classmates checked in at the Allen Center, in addition to the College “stuff”, our Class had “goody bags” with fun things and items focused on our Class. And they were greeted by Classmates at the Class of 1966 Table. **GREAT START ON A GREAT WEEKEND!**
- The Class Memory Book, which all of you received in the mail before arriving at the Reunion, was an invaluable tool to attendees to advance info and “*what had happened to you*” ... when Classmates ran into each other on campus.
- Our Class had 72 registered for the event and 66 who were able to attend. As the largest group, all Class dinners and events were held in the Allen Center.
- The events of the Reunion included a number of very interesting presentations throughout Friday and Saturday (one lead by our Classmate, **Professor Bill Cook** and one lead by our Classmate, **Jay Williams**), the Chapel Sing competition, our Class picture, and a presentation special to our Class by Wabash Athletic Director Joe Haklin and Head Football Coach Don Morel (concerning the successful state of our undergrad athletic experience and the College in general as over 60% of the student body ... when taking in the 4 year experience ... experience intercollegiate athletics).
- The Sunday Chapel Service was lead by retired minister **Bill Berry** of our Class.
- There was very good living unit representation from our Class, spread over all our fraternity units as well as independent living units. The fun of this was the cross

fertilization throughout the Reunion by our Classmates from different areas of the undergraduate college experience as well as after graduation experiences combined with a rich mix of geographic areas.

- All of this was led and accomplished by our Classmates who volunteered to help organize, participate, and make our Class of 1966 50th Class Reunion the success it was and one to be remembered both by us and by the College. **The CLASS OF 1966 set the BAR for 50TH CLASS REUNIONS AT WABASH!!!** At the end of this Class letter is the listing of these volunteers and leaders. Please thank them when you can. They made this ... OUR ... Reunion "ALL IT CAN BE"!!

Fireworks...BABY !!!

President Hess related he has attended reunions over the years in a number of places. During that time, the 50th Class Reunioners usually corralled one or two of the reunion goals/events. Till this year he had never experienced one where the Reunion 50th Class captured ALL of them. **TILL THIS YEAR!!!**

The Class of 1966 captured the following (which were all of them):

- **Of course, Chapel Sing** ... with the fireworks. (As an aside, Jon Pactor (1971 Class Agent) has engineered the Class of 1971 duel with our Class for winner of the Chapel Sing at each 5 year reunion. Each time the Class of 1966 has beaten the Class of 1971. Each time, the competitive ante (complexity) went up. This year Jon remarked before the event that he had a secret weapon to win against the Class of 1966 this year. He was told to give it up ... as long as the Class of 1966 was breathing, 1971 would be second. Jon was sitting near one of our Class wives during our part of the Sing competition. When the Class of 1966 concluded the Sing and the fireworks went off and exploded, she heard him exclaim ... "*They have fireworks!*" And so it goes. **Class of 1966 Winner of the Chapel Sing and still undefeated!**
- **The Class of 1966 Class Gift totaled \$8,000,000 ... again ... \$8,000,000**exceeding the previous College 50th Reunion record of \$5.5 million by 2 ½ million. This bar is now very very high and – an economist opined - will not be equaled ... unless the dollar is devalued.
- **The Class of 1966 has set the record for total givers. 138.** That was why it may have seemed some of you received a lot of calls and encouragements ... to which all of you responded to such successful result. The goal for total givers for the Class of 1966 had been set by the College at 100.
- **The Class of 1966 has set the record for % of Class givers. (75%.)** This goal is very difficult. Everyone alive who attended Wabash for 1 year or more is included by the College as an alum. Some may have developed other college priorities regarding support. Our total alive alums using the Wabash criteria is

184. **Our % giving goal accomplished was 75%. New Record!** Everyone came through. Again ... probably never to be exceeded ... and why our guys worked so diligently to ask for help. ... AND YOU ALL DID. **138 out of 184.**

- **The Class of 1966 has the most Classmates attending at 66.** 36% of our Class.

This Reunion was the culmination of over a year's hard focused work by all involved as Class volunteers for the several aspects of the event ... which was the success it was BECAUSE EVERY VOLUNTEER WORKED THEIR RESPONSIBILITY AS IF IT WAS THEIR FAMILY ... which truly it was.

The following is an email just received from Classmate John Lennes. I think it sums up what was the most important "win" for each of us who attended, for our Class as a whole, and as a teachable moment/legacy for the College for years to come.

Thanks to all of you for your dedication, efforts and success in making the 50th a good and memorable occasion. I am still pondering exactly what the "meaning of it all" might be, and I am unsure that it can be articulated, or that I could do so, or should even try. But I just had a feeling of contentment, sitting among all the brethren, for you are that, a feeling that is hard to convey and probably need not be. It just felt good and right to be there, and that was enough. A sense of contentment and completion, and having come full circle, maybe, or just continuation and the comforting assurance that some good and worthwhile things endure.

Thanks for being part of it all; see you soon, and always.

John Lennes
Wabash College
Class of 1966

Thanks for coming. See you all in 5 years for sure. Marty and I usually attend Wabash Home Football Games and have an active tailgate (red tent and white tent) just behind the home stands. If you are in the area (Wabash Football and Wabash tailgates are fun) please stop by and continue our Class of 1966 post 50th Reunion!!!

To recognize the contribution of the Class of 1966 to Wabash, a three-bedroom suite in the new Residence Halls will be named after the Class.

Jay and Cal

The Class of 1966 Golden Little Giant Reunion Committee

Class Agents: Cal Black and Jay Fisher

Gift Committee Co-Chairmen: David Krattebol and Roger Lumpp

Gift Committee Members: Cal Black, Bill Cook, Jay Fisher, David Krattebol, Roger Lumpp, and Jay Williams.

Memory Book Co-Chairmen: Charlie Bell and John Flanagan

Chapel Sing: Cal Black and Jay Fisher

Chapel Sing Song Leaders: Bill Berry and Bill Cook

Motel Accommodations: Cal Black

Shirts/Hats Coordinator: Bob Smith

Widows: Judy Schmutte

Faculty Guests: Entire Committee

Living Unit Representatives:

Beta Theta Pi: Ernie “Chip” Johnson, Mel Machuca

Delta Tau Delta: Dennis Whigham

Independents: Stan Walker

Kappa Sigma: Larry Haugh, Bill Summers

Lambda Chi Alpha: John Lennes

Phi Delta Theta: Ned Luce

Phi Gamma Delta: Charley Ayers, Roger Lumpp

Phi Kappa Psi: Roger Thies

Sigma Chi: Jay Fisher

Tau Kappa Epsilon: Ken Schild

Dean for College Advancement: Michelle Janssen

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