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Dear Men of '66,

The College has provided fiscal year end giving statistics for all classes, and it is no surprise that the Class of '66 led all classes. We had 138 donors out of a possible 184 for 75% participation-a new record! The College initially set a goal for our class of 97 donors, but we surpassed that goal in a hurry.

Our 50th Reunion class gift to the College of \$8 million dollars was also a record as we broke the record set last year by the Class of '65 of \$5.5 million. Special thanks here to our Gift Committee co-chairmen, Dave Krattebol and Roger Lump and to each and every one of you for your part in achieving this remarkable result.

We won every award presented at the Awards Brunch on Sunday of Big Bash except for the young alumni award and, obviously, we don't qualify for that one. We again won Chapel Sing and have done so every reunion year for at least the last 15 years. Fireworks at the end of our sing was also a first for the College. A big thank you to our song leaders, Bill Berry and Bill Cook.

The 50th Reunion Memory Book was the first done in all color and was the largest and most professional of all memory books to date. Thanks to Charlie Bell and John Flanagan for their terrific work.

And, all of the 50th Reunion Committee members played an extremely significant role in our class success, and you can find the list of them on the inside cover of the memory book. It has been a great ride!

Bill Summers and his wife, Robin, sent Jay and me a DVD of Big Bash photos and a CD of the number one rated songs during 1966. I have been in conversations with the College about the best way to share these with you, but be assured we will make them available in the near future. Thanks to Bill and Robin for this post-reunion effort for our class mates.

Mel Machuca called and advised he had attended the alumni outing at a minor league baseball game in northeastern Ohio. Mel, by the way, coached a national championship American Legion team several years ago.

Lee Cline called and related what a great time he had at Big Bash and was so thankful to be able to attend as he was just finishing up treatments for throat cancer at that time. Lee is already recruiting high school students in Mississippi for next year's freshman class. Lee was presented with the Admissions Award several years ago for his outstanding recruiting efforts on behalf of Wabash.

Jim Roeder was unable to attend our reunion, but we mailed him all of the "goodies" from Big Bash as well as a football autographed by his pledge brothers in the Beta house. He was very grateful to receive the surprise package.

John Flanagan sent me a poster he picked up when attending the 50th reunion of his wife, Patti, at DePauw the week after our 50th. It is a football poster representing both DePauw and Wabash with the date of last year's game in Greencastle. But, for some strange reason there is no score on the poster. There will be shortly, as we beat the Dannies 45-17 for our seventh straight victory over them! Thanks John, the poster will find an appropriate "home" on the Wabash campus

And that leads us to the upcoming football season-a time when we all have a chance to get together again. We only have four home games this year, but Jay and Marty Fisher will have their tailgate hospitality tents set up right behind the stadium, and they always welcome all class mates to partake of the goodies.

Here is the football schedule for this fall: 9/3-Wabash at Albion, 9/10-no game, 9/17-Allegheny at Wabash, 9/24-Wabash at Wittenberg, 10/1-Wabash at Hiram, 10/8-Homecoming against Oberlin, 10/15-Wabash at Kenyon, 10/22-Wooster at Wabash, 10/29-Wabash at Ohio Wesleyan, 11/5-Wabash at Denison, 11/12-The Monon Bell Game in Crawfordsville. Tickets for the Bell Game are limited but can be ordered through the Wabash bookstore. There are usually over 10,000 fans who attend this game, and the parking lot at Little Giant Stadium will be full by Thursday morning.

Going back for a moment to Big Bash, someone mistakenly picked up my eyeglasses off of the Class of '66 hospitality table in the gym during registration. They were in a brown Kirkland Signature glasses case, but are Ray Ban bifocals. Fortunately, I had another pair of glasses with me, but if anyone has an idea where I might locate them I would appreciate hearing from you.

Finally, I must report the passing of four long-time Wabash employees. Jim Baer passed away in June and had served Wabash many years as Admissions Counselor, Assistant Director of Admissions and as Director of Financial Aid. Nancy Doemel passed away in June and had been a member of the Advancement Staff for many years. She wrote grants for the College and was responsible for raising millions of dollars for Wabash. Don

Herring, retired professor of English, passed away in July as did Horace Turner, long-time leader of the Malcolm X Institute. All were Some Little Giants!

Again, many thanks to all of you for your continued support of our Alma Mater.

“These fleeting years...”

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