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Dear Men of '66,

THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

The College has tallied up the giving statistics for the last fiscal year, and our class had six more donors than last year, and we increased our giving percentage from 45.4% to 49.2%. We had 91 donors out of a possible 185 while last year we had 85 donors out of a possible 187. Thank you for your continued support of our Alma Mater!

I am pleased to let you know that Bill Summers and Stan Walker have been added to our list of volunteers for our 50th reunion. Bill will help contact the Kappa Sigs while Stan will be contacting the Independents. Thanks to Bill and Stan for volunteering. The 50th reunion committee will take part in our first conference call with the College on Tuesday, 8/4 at 3pm Eastern time. Tom Runge of the Alumni Office will brief us on the things that have worked (or not) at past Big Bash reunions. Tom is well versed in the things that really help volunteers ensure a successful reunion.

Wabash opens the football season on 9/5 in the Gentleman's Classic against Hampden-Sydney in Farmville, Virginia. They are the "other" private liberal arts college for men. Right now we have seven classmates who have indicated they will attend the game: Cal Black, Jerry Blossom, Jay Fisher, Roger Lump, Roger Thies, Dennis Whigham and Stan Walker. We will have a mini-reunion but would like more of you to join us. You can get details on the Wabash website, and the College has activities scheduled for Friday night, a tailgate before the game and, of course, a second Wabash victory over Hampden-Sydney as we won last year when they traveled to C'ville.

As I have mentioned before, Jay and Marty Fisher have an elaborate setup for tailgate parties, and they invite any and all class members and guests to join in the fun, food, drink and festivities. You can find them right behind the stadium under the red and white canopies. They usually have things set up by 10AM and continue after the game until??? While they don't ask for any donations, anything you might bring is always welcome. Marsha and I try and help with some food and drink each home game.

I have contacted the Hampton Inn in Crawfordsville, and the manager has said she will block as many rooms for us as needed for our reunion. She said if we take them all she will lock the front doors and turn the motel over to us for the weekend! She has also made the hospitality room available from 6/2-5 at no additional cost.

Jay Fisher and I have been evaluating shirts and hats for the reunion-this includes shirts for the ladies. We are working with Duane Hile '67 as this is his business and he has helped other classes make selections. Jay and I have also been "plotting" what we can do that is unique for Chapel Sing, and we think we have an idea that will ensure that we win the sing for the third time. More on that later.

So, what are the NEEDS still unfulfilled for our reunion? We would like to find someone who will handle the orders for shirts and hats, keep the spreadsheet, and collect the money. Also, we would like to find several volunteers to be greeters at the registration table as we will need to distribute the hats, shirts and "goodie bags." We also need someone who is staying at the motel who will open the hospitality room, keep refreshments stocked, and lock it up at whatever is the appropriate time! This person/s is not responsible to purchase any of the refreshments as Jay and I will buy them and have them on site.

Freshman Saturday is on 8/22, and Marsha and I will leave Phoenix early so we can attend some of the events. Do you remember our Freshman Sunday?? Wow, that was a long time ago but still vivid in my memory. The incoming freshmen are still housed in the dorms and fraternities depending on their choice, and fraternity rush is much the same as in our day. About 60% of freshmen pledge fraternities which is down from our years. Six new Independent living units are being built as of this writing, and when they are completed Martindale will be remodeled. If you haven't been to campus in a while, you will be amazed at some of the changes –yet most of it is as we remember- it is still the College we knew as undergraduates.

Jay, Marty, Marsha and I hope to see many of you on campus this fall for a football game/visit. Remember the open invitation for the tailgates for all five home football games, and please mark your calendars for our 50th reunion on June 3-5, 2016. Also, please send us any updated information on you, your family or different contact information if it has changed. Again, thanks for all you do for Wabash College!

...These fleeting years....

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