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1968 Wabash Beta brothers Dr. John Hudson, Jim Roper, and Ken Koepke take a lunch break at Copper Mountain. Snow was good and the camaraderie was better. The beer at the end of the day was perfect.

Getting together again is always good. And it's important. Let's get signed up for our 45th Reunion, aka Big Bash, May 31 through June 2. Here, I'll make it easy for you. Go to <http://www.wabash.edu/alumni/bigbash/> click on Register. And do it. You have received a ton of information by now. Time to step up. I have my reservations. I'll see you there.

I have lost some dear friends lately from my military experience—snared by the hands of time. Ken Blatt gave me a close-up look at the Ho Chi Minh Trail during my checkout in a program aptly called Prairie Fire. Chris Robbins wrote *The Ravens*, and he started with deep interviews, thus entering all the lives of those who flew out of Laos back in the days following graduation. Whenever we got together, we laughed and laughed until we cried and cried. I hope to attend his memorial in London in April.

Don't wait for the 50th Reunion of the Class of 1968. Please sign up now!

Wabash has added a Media Center in the Lilly Library. Here is a sample of what they do. (Control and Click.)

41 Hours

First Friday Live

Wabash v. Depauw

Wally at the Movies

Chapel Talk - Kim King '99

Entrepreneur Summit

Senior Seminar with Devan Young '13

From the Recruitment folks: In 2013, college recruitment is greatly changed from even ten years ago. The pool of students who are ready for college is smaller. Many top students and families begin their search by reviewing college surveys and college web sites. In Indiana, State Universities can give many top students a full scholarship and others a partial scholarship. Developers are building resort type apartments for students at big universities. Most small private colleges that compete with us have money for scholarships, immersion learning trips, internships, as well as updated student living and athletic facilities. It is a very competitive world. Alumni referrals and help in recruiting are more important than ever. Additionally, the Wabash Web site Alumni web page has a refer-a-student section, which shows ways of helping:

- a. On-line
- b. Attend a College Fair at a high school in your area
- c. Host or attend a recruitment function in your area
- d. Call students in your area or with career interest similar to yours
- e. Contact Chip Timmons at (765) 361-6054 or timmonsc@wabash.edu

Wabash College has been rated a "Best Value College" and one of the "Best in the Midwest" by the Princeton Review.

The Princeton Review prints an annual book of *The Best Value Colleges: 2013*. The Review awards the designation based on assessments that examine more than 30 data points covering academics, costs, and financial aid. The Review chooses 150 schools for the list from 650 reviewed – 75 private and 75 public institutions.

Wabash made the list in best private colleges.

Our own Stephen S. Bowen, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Wabash College, announced on January 26 that Gregory D. Hess has been elected the 16th president of Wabash College. For details, click here: [Dr. Gregory Hess as the 16th President of Wabash College](#) It's another reason to come back for the reunion, to bid farewell and thank Pat White for his great service to our good cause.

We lost a good friend. From the Las Vegas, New Mexico, newspaper, *The Optic*:

James Jim Kenneson

Jim, 67, a well-known resident of Las Vegas, New Mexico, passed away on Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2013.



He was preceded in death by his parents, Kathryn and Edwin Kenneson, his aunts, Minnie and Marge and mother-in-law, Bernarda "Lala" Garcia.

He is survived by his loving wife, Elaine, children, Jessica (Juan) Salinas, Francesca Garcia and Justin (Patricia) Garcia; grandchildren, Rianne, LoReinna (Rico), Diego, Kayla, Marisa, Justin Jr., Samuel, Brian, Olivia and great-granddaughter, Kaylynn; brothers, John (Kim) Kenneson, Paul (Pam) Kenneson, Phillip (Kim) Kenneson, and sister, Carol (Dat) Tran; and his loving nephews and nieces.

Jim was born on Nov. 9, 1945, in Shelbyville, Ind. He graduated from Wabash College in 1968 with a B.A., received his master's degree in divinity from Yale Divinity School in 1971 and worked as an independent fisherman in Alaska. He taught English as a second language in Egypt and China before moving to Las Vegas, where he taught creative writing at the United World College and graduated from New Mexico Highlands University/Luna Community College as an RN in 1988. Since retiring from the New Mexico Behavioral Health Institute in 2006, Jim has enjoyed reading, writing, traveling and spending time with his newly retired wife. Jim will be greatly missed by his family and friends. Rosary and Memorial Service will be held at 6 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 7 at Rogers Chapel in Las Vegas with cremation to follow services. In lieu of flowers, please donate to a charity of your choice.

Visit Rogers Mortuary's website at www.rogersmortuarynm.com to sign the online register book. Arrangements are under the direction of Rogers Mortuary, Las Vegas, 1-800-479-3511 or 425-3511. Published in Las Vegas Optic on January 4, 2013.

For the avid football fan among us (most of us), here are details on the new football coach in Dannyland: <http://www.depauw.edu/athletics/mens/football/news/details/29298/>



After learning his pancreatic cancer was in remission, **Bruce Gras** married the lovely Hedy, moved to a nice place on a lake in Fairfax, Virginia, and has settled into producing some terrific musical sounds. He promised to be at Big Bash!

From what I have gathered on Facebook, the adventures of Dr. Jim Dashiell continue down under. Jim met a lady during his trek of the Appalachian Trail, and he has joined her near Currie Harbor, King Island, Tasmania. Tune in to his adventures on Facebook!!!



On the Home Front: We stay super busy as competitive baseball season starts in Colorado. We leave this week for Phoenix to enjoy a big tournament for Joshua's 10 and under Outlaw team. Liz is flying down with him—what a memory for Josh! I'll drive the other 3 later. Twelve year old Matt starts his 12U Hitmen season in April. Twins are playing T-Ball and Soccer. I'll take a million pictures of all this chaos. What fun!

See you in Crawfordsville!

Best regards,
Jim Roper '68