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Gentlemen:

Happy August...Time for a letter...Hope you and your families are doing well!!

### **Big Bash 2012 – Our 40<sup>th</sup> Reunion!**

A great time was had by all at the **Big Bash**, held over the June 1-3 weekend. While our two Class of '72 Big Bash Chairmen, **John Bridge** and **Mike Prunier**, (*who did a fantastic job!*) will be sending you more details of the weekend, let me just say that it was a wonderful weekend...a total of almost 30 of our Class were there for all or part of the weekend. Our dinner Saturday night was spectacular, particularly the part when we went around the room and asked everyone just to report on their lives...you could not have scripted a better response... lots of laughs, plus some emotional, candid moments as well. We all took time to remember those not in attendance, as well...too many of whom, for our age, have passed on. Lots of discussions, memories...a great time... We definitely have the best Class there could ever be.

From the Chapel Sing (we sang one verse, but did it VERY WELL!), to the 4 mile run...from the All Campus Dinner, to the various Colloquium sessions (two of our Class led colloquium sessions: Keith Nightenhelser, and Frank Hagaman)...a great time was had by all.

Here's a list of all **those who attended** some part of the weekend:

Barnes	Baxter	Bridge	Burhans	Butler	Campbell (D)
Fobes	Getty	Hagaman	Hurd	Kemper	Kenley
Lawton	McClelland	McQuillan	Melshen	Nightenhelser	Ottinger
Prunier	Ristine	Russell	Welter	Stout	Weldon
Wright	McGaughey	Nielsen			

There were a handful of guys who were hoping to attend, but for various reasons did not make it. If you are one of the following guys, love to hear from you regarding that weekend...hoping all is well. (We missed you!):

Hoped To Attend or might have registered, **but not in attendance:**  
Goodwin, Ivancevich, Pulver, Shelbourne, Spelbring, Weston, Wilson (B),  
Yeazell

I know that Failey, Ivancevich and Klemmt were at Failey's daughter's wedding out East that weekend. I shared nice letters at our dinner from Jerry Dreyer (tied up at a Sales Meeting in Dallas), Joe Skozen (out of town as well; missing the Delts, especially), and Bruce McGar (out of town on business)...all who said they regretted not making it, and passing on an "Ooh-Wah-Wah!!!"

Attached below is the official **Class of '72 Picture**, taken after lunch on Saturday. (23 of us made the picture!)



1<sup>st</sup> Row (L-R) Ottinger, Weldon, Welter, McQuillan, Russell, Kenley, Wright  
2<sup>nd</sup> Row (L-R) Nightenhelser, Prunier, Hurd, Hagaman, Baxter, Fobes, Barnes,  
Bridge, McGaughey  
3<sup>rd</sup> Row (L-R) Campbell, Melshen, Stout, McClelland, Nielsen, Getty, Burhans

## Other News

### Annual Giving

The FY '12 Annual Fund Campaign was a great success. 4,306 alumni, parents and friends gave a total gift of \$3,175,099, a new record for unrestricted giving, surpassing the FY '09 record by \$50,797. Congrats to all!!

3,911 alumni made gifts to the College, a participation rate of 35.06%...the first year to reach 35% since FY '08. **Our Class participation was 37.2%, beating the College average. 71** of us gave something... Thanks to all who participated. I'm so proud of all of you...Only **one** Class ahead of us (1973 to today) had a higher percentage of giving. Pretty impressive.

I'll publish the official list of FY '12 givers in my next letter.

As of now, I hope to be in Crawfordsville for September 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> for **Homecoming**, celebrating **180 years** since the College was founded. Lots of special things planned by the College. Hope to see many of you there!

Send me a line about what you are up to these days:

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Have a good final month of the summer. Next letter soon!

All the best,  
Rick