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Gentlemen,

Happy 2017 to all of you. It's been way too long since my last letter, so I wanted to catch up on things before we got too far into the year. I sincerely hope all of you are doing well, whether you are still hard at work, retired, or somewhere in between. My guess is that many of you are somewhere in between. I continue teaching at two Colleges and love it. Very rewarding as a second career, and as long as I can teach effectively, get out of bed in the morning, and remember my name, I guess I can continue this adventure in learning.

Let me update you on a number of items....

News From The College

Big Bash 2017

Hard to believe but we will be celebrating our **45th** year Reunion this summer during the Big Bash weekend in Crawfordsville: **June 2nd through June 4th**. I'm really hoping for a great turnout from our Class for all or part of the weekend. About 10 other classes are also celebrating reunions, so the campus will be packed with Wabash alums and faculty.

45 Years is quite a milestone. Some of the scheduled highlights, so far, include:

>Friday, June 2nd

- Golf Outing
- Welcome Back Luncheon (all classes)
- Various Symposiums throughout the day
- Big Bash Banquet** (all classes)

>Saturday, June 3rd

- Fun Run/Walk (2 or 4 miles)
- Chapel Sing....**"Old Wabash"...11:00am sharp
- Picnic Lunch (all classes)

- Class Photos**...We are scheduled for 1:06pm
- Various Colloquiums throughout the day
- Class of '72 Class Reunion Dinner** (Just our Class!)

>**Sunday, June 4th**

- **Big Bash Awards Banquet** (all Classes)...11am

More details to come from me and from the College.

Looks like a great, busy weekend! I'm happy to report that **John Bridge** has generously agreed to help me put all of this together. But I need some volunteers to help as well – specifically at least **one person from each fraternity/living unit** who could help with contacting people directly (phone, text, email) to urge them to come. We'll give you all the info you need. **Please email me if you can help.** I really would appreciate it!!!

Duane Hile, Class of 1967 has once again offered to make some special **Class of '72 Wabash Shirts** (either golf shirts or tee shirts) as a great added take-away from the weekend.

Put this on your calendars and plan to attend. More to come.

FY 2016 Annual Giving

Congratulations and thank you to all who gave something to Wabash this past fiscal year. 72 out of 182 or **39.6%** of us contributed to Wabash, for a total dollar amount of \$180,884!! Quite a contribution. What a great job and great class. We are one of the best consistently since we graduated. Thanks to all!

FYI, 5,283 total alumni, parents, and friends made gifts to the Annual Fund for \$3,129,507.

Delta Tau Delta

On Sunday, November 6th, Beta Psi Chapter of Delta Tau Delta was officially re-installed at Wabash with official ceremonies and festivities conducted by the Delta national organization. Great News (finally!). I'm told 81 students have been officially initiated into the Delta House, and that all is well. So, the Deltas are back on campus.

Other News

-**Stan Huntsman** '54, legendary Track and Field coach for 39 years at Wabash passed away on Nov 23rd.

-**Tom Runge** '71 retired as the longest serving Director of Alumni Relations ever this past summer. A new memorial built around the Flag Pole on the Campus Mall honoring our Veterans was named in Tom's Honor. I had the pleasure of working with Tom a great deal during my years as a member of, then President of the NAWM. What a great guy and outstanding representative for our College. He will be missed.

News From '72

Mike Dockendorf was recently named Managing Director at the Peakstone Group in Chicago. Prior to joining Peakstone, he was a Managing Director and Investment Banker with the accounting firm, Sikich.

After Wabash, Mike earned an MBA at Northwestern University. Last winter, he generously hosted 14 Wabash students for a two-day externship in Chicago.

Don Shelbourne was inducted last summer into the American Orthopaedic Society for Sports Medicine's Hall of Fame. This honor was given for significant contributions to the field of Sports Medicine, and is one of many honors Don has received over the years for his work in Sports Medicine. He is currently Medical Director for the Shelbourne Knee Center at Community Westview Hospital in Indianapolis, and currently serves on the Board of Trustees at Wabash.

Finally, very saddened to report that **Frank Weiland** passed away last July at his home. He was a graduate from North Central High School in Indianapolis, and was a member of Tau Kappa Epsilon while at Wabash. He retired after 30+ years from Central Supply Company. Frank was a model railroad enthusiast, traveling across the country and abroad to Australia to attend conventions. He is survived by daughter Valery Weiland, son Matthew Weiland, grandson Isaiah Weiland and beloved partner Diane McClure. Our condolences to Frank's family and friends.

That's all for now. PLEASE email me a few sentences about what you are doing these days, so that I can share it with our Class. I'm sure all our lives are evolving as we enter our (late) 60's (ugh). We all want to know how you are. You can email me at rwfobes@gmail.com

All the best to you and to your families.
Rick