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Gentlemen:

"Ralph's Mother"....I had not thought of this amazing event for many years until I read a few quotes about it in the latest *Wabash Magazine*. Do you all remember this? My recollection was a two-day, sort of rock band celebration in the grassy mall area in front of the Chapel, Baxter Hall and Sparks Center...Kind of a "mini Woodstock"... Phil Dragoo (right?) was one of the organizers... Great time...One of many great times at Wabash during those years. Whoa...Reading that made me appreciate even more that my time at Wabash was priceless, and reminded me I need to get a letter out to my Class. (If any of you have Ralph's Mother memories, email me!). Hope all your summers were safe and fun.

The College is doing well and getting better all the time. I wasn't able to make the latest Class Agent's meeting, but John Bridge attended as Rep for the Class of '72, and reported that all is well. I was on campus earlier this year, and the place looked beautiful...If you haven't been to C-ville in a while you should make the visit. At our 45th Big Bash, I know we'll break attendance records...2017 will be here quickly!

I have some news from a few of you which I'll share in a moment. If you have any news, please email me at: rwfobes@gmail.com

News from the College

Annual Giving...

The 2013/14 Annual Fund Drive was a success, and our Class continued its great history of being one of the top classes in contributions. Total Annual Giving was \$3.3M, from 4,538 donors, with an average per class giving rate of 40%.

Class of '72 came in at almost 40% as well, contributing \$84,700. Our “% contributing” was slightly lower than last year. If I would have done a little better job with Class letters, we might have exceeded vs. year ago. I'll do better this year! Thanks to all who contributed.

Wabash Routs Gators in Homecoming Game... 63-0!

Two years ago, Allegheny came to Crawfordsville and stunned Wabash, 20-17 in overtime. Turning things around, Wabash defeated Allegheny 63-0 last Saturday at Homecoming. Watch the highlights at Wabash.edu. *Some Little Giants!*

News From '72

Rev. Paul Martin writes: “Down here in Shreveport, we are hitting the 90s now. (He wrote me a few months ago!) I live in Shreveport. It is kind of like the song: "It was down in Louisiana just about a mile from Texarkana". That's where I live. I am now Rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church for two years now. Great Church. Working on my Doctor of Ministries now. Just a dissertation away. Love to see anyone who is passing by. (I can golf 12 months a year here. That might entice a few of you.)”

Thanks Paul. Might take you up on that.

Got a nice letter from **Tom McShane**: “When I retired as an Army lawyer in 2006, teaching seemed like a nice change of pace and a chance to move south early. Fort Gordon, where my campus is located, is in Augusta, Georgia. No, I don't have any preferred access to Masters' tickets. My students are mid-career Army officers and we teach them leadership, history, national security policy, international relations, resource management and lots of DoD and Army doctrine. As the campus director, I teach part time and spend the rest on administration (ugh!) Still, the hours are great and there are few crises! Am thinking of retiring again next year.

-Otherwise doing OK. Married for 42 years to my wife Diane, Ball State '73. Our daughter is married, living on Long Island, and working in Manhattan. So we have a reason to fly to NY on occasion. Last visited Wabash two years ago September for the 50th anniversary of the restoration of the TKE chapter. As far as retirement, looking to move somewhere around Tampa, FL. Diane's sister is there. I have a sister, Laurie Hajdich, over in Delray Beach. They moved from Naperville a few years ago.” Thanks Tom...

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Here's some interesting news, brought to my attention through the following headline: **50th Anniversary of Beatles Concerts at Indiana State Fair**

-“Band to Reenact the Beatles concert at the Phoenix Theatre, Indianapolis in September, 2014”.

Tom Ristine, plus three other musicians, formed a band last Winter called *Mathew Street* to perform the exact *Beatles*' concert which occurred at the Indy State Fairgrounds on September 3, 1964. (I think I was there!) (Mathew Street is the street in Liverpool where The Cavern Club was and still is. *The Beatles* played more gigs at The Cavern Club than anywhere else in Liverpool). Tom played Rhythm guitar in the band, playing the role of John Lennon. I heard that their performance was great. I did not know this but Tom played guitar, and keyboards, and sang in bands in high school and at Wabash, and joined a band in 2005 with two law partners called *The Subpoenas*. Hopefully, Tom's music project will continue and many of us, particularly those living in Indianapolis, can see Mathew Street perform. Nice...

I also heard from the College that **Kim Ebert** was recently named to *Human Resource Executive* magazine's 2014 list of the “Nation's Most Powerful Employment Attorneys.” This is the second consecutive year that Kim has been selected for inclusion on the “Most Powerful” list. Kim is the Managing Shareholder of law firm Ogletree Deakins, Indy.

FYI, I continue teaching as an Adjunct Assistant Professor of Marketing at North Central College in Naperville, Illinois. I'm now an official ½ time faculty member, and enjoy teaching many courses related to Marketing at North Central, as well as courses here and there at Elmhurst College (another Division 3 Liberal Arts College). Great second career gig...lots of work, but very rewarding. Still playing keyboards off and on with a couple of bands in the Chicago area.

That's all for now. Keep the emails coming, Please!!!: rwfobes@gmail.com You will be included in my next letter! Have a great Fall.

My best to all of you.
Rick