



## WABASH COLLEGE

### *Class Agents Letter*

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**Class of 1975**

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## **Class of '75 Big Bash Reunion**

**June 4-6, 2010**

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It's time to kick it into gear and plan to attend our 35<sup>th</sup> Reunion June 4-6, 2010. I am urging all classmates to come back to the campus and re-connect with old friends. I attended the recent Volunteer Forum and had a chance to take a good look around. I'd only been on campus briefly over the last 30 years, and that was to attend the Monon Bell game. The most disorienting thing to me was that it seems like most of the fraternity houses have changed places.

We want everybody to attend the reunion if there is any way you can make it. "74 had 24 men at their 35<sup>th</sup> last year. I know that we're better than that. Also, Tom Runge has issued us a challenge. If we can exceed 2009's total number of donors (42), the College will provide an open bar for our Class dinner on Saturday night. I remember our group as being able to hold its own with any at a party. We may be a little older and grayer, but I don't think we're ready to ignore an open bar yet. Our magic number is 43. Are we up to the challenge?

The key to getting a good turnout to the reunion is to contact classmates. In the near future, you'll be receiving a card from Wabash asking you to update your contact information. Please fill it out and return it to the College. I am enlisting volunteers to contact classmates who lived in their living units by telephone. Using the telephone and speaking personally is the key to a good turnout. Email is great, but it lacks the personal touch. We won't get a good turnout unless people are contacted by phone by their old friends. To date, these are the volunteers I have:

Steve Wagner & Rick Shonkwiler – Martindale and Kingery

Jim Hiatt – Wolcott and Morris

Dale Petrie- Kappa Sig

Judd Cromer – Fiji

Brad Boyd – Beta

We still need a representative from the following houses – Delt, Phi Psi, Sigma Chi, Lambda Chi, Tke, and Phi Delt. If you're willing to step up and make these calls to your old buddies, contact myself or Joe. If we don't get volunteers, your living unit will be under represented. No calls = no turnout.

So far, I have commitments to attend the reunion from, Geisting, McCarthy, Healey, Shonkwiler, Need, Hiatt, Harp, Cromer, Petrie, Rubenstein, Boyd, Wagner, Hockberger, and myself. The Class of 1975 has a **Facebook** page. Join the page, see who is planning to attend, and keep abreast of the reunion news.

Joe Hockberger agreed to be the reunion chairman, but it's a big job and help is needed if we are going to have a good reunion. Don't leave everything to Hock. He'll arrange the hospitality suite and be the lead guy with the college, but we have to get the members to turn out. Email me if you can help by calling classmates. There can be more than 1 rep/living unit. You don't have to stop with your living unit. Go ahead and call your old teammates, lab partners, etc. I will get you the contact information.

In other news, I heard from the following men since our last letter:

Charles McCarthy reports that he is living in Columbus, Ohio and talks with Tom Giesting on a regular basis. Charley reports that he is "in" for the reunion.

Rob Sherwin reports that he married Kristen Willard on January 4, 2009 in Rancho Palos Verdes, California. Rob and Kristen reside in Hermosa Beach, California and both are employed as economic consultants at Analysis Group, Inc.

Jack Haywood was recently elected Corporation President of Wabash Chapter of Phi Kappa Psi. He lives in New Albany with his wife Karen and owns Pro Laminators, specializing in providing finishing services to the printing trade.

Rick Black reports that he remarried on September 16, 2006. His wife's name is Kym.

Rick Shonkwiler reports that he is planning on making the reunion and that he has been in contact recently with Bob Knowling. Rick and his wife Nancy are enjoying their "empty nest" in Burlington, Ky. Rick wrote me saying that he challenges some of the old Martindale GDIs to write in, specifically Giesting, Edquist, and Hawley.

Check the Class of '75 Facebook page. Mark your calendars for June 4-6. Get in touch with your classmates. Plan to make a donation in 2010 to ensure an open bar. If I've forgotten anyone who told me you were attending the reunion, I apologize. Sign the wall on the Facebook page so that everybody will know you're attending. Which living unit will have the most guys turnout?

See you at the Big Bash,

John and Joe

Wabash Always Fights