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Hi Fellow Class of '77ers:

Herm, Greg and I plus spouses Kitty, Carroll and Kathy had a delightful dinner on Sunday in Crawfordsville. We did some planning and phone calling on Monday for our upcoming BIG BASH REUNION on June 2-4. **PLAN NOW TO COME.** In fact if you have some free time over the Holidays you can see the schedule for the 2017 Big Bash here. Everything has not yet been finalized (President Greg Hess' wife Lora is going to have a spouse event on Saturday), but many of the activities are scheduled already and up on the college's website. Here is a link:

<https://www.wabash.edu/alumni/reunion/schedule>

The "big thing," guys, from my (Kerezy's perspective) – **JUST COME TO C'VILLE on June 2-4.** As classmate Greg Bussard's recent death so poignantly reminded us, we are pretty firmly on the back nine of life and we should cherish and savor every opportunity to gather together and celebrate our terrific times. *"When college days are past ... as long as life shall last..."*

We had about 35 guys who came to our last BIG BASH in 2012. **Could we double it and get 70 to attend? Why not? Why not YOU?** Lots of old friends would love to see you. Below is a link to a video from one of them, encouraging us all to gather once again, Coach Rob Johnson, H '77.

https://youtu.be/l_a3TriOeag

ALSO -- For our 40th reunion – I (Kerezy) will try to assemble an electronic "memory book" with pictures of us from 1977 and 2017, along with updates and news from you about your life, activities and achievements from Wabash to the present. Watch for a Class News Update and directions on how you can participate in January. Also, be on the lookout for phone calls from a classmate soon about the 40th reunion in June.

SOME CAMPUS NEWS: Delta Tau Delta is back with its second new pledge class and moving closer to having Cole Hall (at Crawford and Wabash) as the fraternity's full residence once again.

Recent renovations to the flagpole on the mall were dedicated in honor of former Alumni and Parent Relations director Tom Runge '71 (Colonel, USMC, Ret.), as well as Wabash men who serve or have served our country.

Martindale has been renovated and looks like a chateau. The new Residential Life District is now across the street from Malcolm X Institute, and it contains Seymour House, Butler House, Williams Hall, and Rogge Hall.

Due to new FAFSA deadlines, Honors Scholar Weekend took place on December 2-3 rather than March. Prospective students are applying to more colleges and making decisions sooner nowadays.

In terms of academics, there is talk of creating a Philosophy, Politics, and Economics degree track like at Oxford University.

AT END: If you haven't done so, please consider making a year-end gift to alma mater. There are lots of economic benefits over/above the obvious – helping today's generation of Wabash men gain the same benefits of a top-flight education that we received. Like many of you, scholarship funds helped cover my college costs and I could have never afforded Wabash without that assistance. Today's students need the financial help more than we did 40 years ago. See details about year-end giving below.

http://www.wabash.edu/news/displaystory.cfm?news_ID=9716

Or call the college at 888-743-4545 to make a contribution via phone.

Kathy and I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

John (along with Greg and Herm)

(Greg's the skinny one on the left, Herm is the wise one in the middle, and I'm the guy with the light popping out of my head on the right.)

