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Greetings Class of '84!

Well, it's been a couple of weeks since our 25th reunion and I've finally recovered enough to get this note out to you guys. We had over forty classmates make it back for the Big Bash weekend and I'm pretty sure everyone had a great time!

The Hospitality Suite was "open" until 2:30 a.m. on Friday and Saturday and almost everyone that attended was able to stop by for at least a little while to look through old yearbooks, old editions of Barrickman's Revenge (and the latest version as well), a variety of old photos and other memorabilia, and generally catch up on old times.

As often happens when a bunch of us get together, many of us reverted to our 25 year old college personas. I personally experienced this as I was quite surprised to find my bed fully loaded with pretzels as I wearily began to climb in at 3:00 a.m. on Sunday morning. Thanks to **Jeff Baldwin** and **Jeff Scripture** for orchestrating this "pad hit" reminiscent of our college days ... some things never change.

On a more positive note, I would like to send a big thank you to **Ray Jovanovich** and **Denis Kelly** for representing our class in the Symposium arena during the Big Bash weekend. Ray travelled all the way from Hong Kong to talk about "America's Challenge and Wabash", while Denis presented his photographic exhibit "Holy Lands – Journeys of a Pilgrim Artist". Both sessions were well attended and received great reviews.

One of the highlights of the weekend was our class's participation in the Alumni Chapel Sing competition. With only about half of the attendees available for the competition and no Sphinx Clubbers harassing us, we were able to belt out a rousing rendition of "Old Wabash" (both verses) with an uncommon exuberance that ultimately earned us the Robinson-Ragan award at the Awards Banquet on Sunday morning. This was quite a feat considering we were up against the 70+ members from the Class of '59 who showed up in an antique fire truck.

All in all, it was a great weekend and I really enjoyed seeing everyone. You can read more about the weekend, including summaries of the presentations given by Ray and Denis at <http://www.wabash.edu/bash09>.

I would also like to thank everyone on the Reunion Planning Committee for your excellent efforts in helping to plan and organize this event and generating a great turnout. If you weren't able to make it back this year, I encourage you to pick up a phone and call one of your classmates, plan your own "mini-reunion" somewhere, and start planning to attend our 30th reunion in 2014.

One final note to thank all of you who have given a gift to the college this year. The economy has been tough on everyone and our Alma Mater is no exception. Our class has always shown a strong financial support for the college and that is truly appreciated. I encourage those of you who have not yet given a gift to consider making a donation at whatever level you can before the end of the fiscal year on June 30. Please help keep our alumni giving percentage as strong as always.

I hope you all have fun, exciting, and safe plans for summer.

Yours in Wabash,

Bill (Bildo) Havlin



Wabash Always Fights!