July 2005

Dear Men of 1955,

I looked at the calendar and found it hard to believe that almost five weeks have passed since our 50th Reunion weekend. Many activities took place and the enthusiasm of the weekend was contagious. Enclosed is an article Mike Patterson sent me dated June 6 from the Crawfordsville Journal Review. It gives you an idea of some of the fun we had. And, of course, we won the Chapel Sing under the direction of Maestro Patterson!!

Many people did a fine job to help us have the inspirational weekend we experienced. Following is a list of those people. I hope I haven't left anyone out. 50 lashes to me with a wet noodle if I have!!

1. Rog Kumler - Reunion Gifts Chairman;
2. Cortes Perry - Reunion Book Chairman;
3. Mike Patterson - Chapel Sing Director;
4. Ralph Powell - Gave a fine memorial message about our deceased members;
5. John Pippenger - Collage featuring the Wabash of our day;
6. Vince Grogg - Class Banner;
7. Dick Tulley - Refrigerators for the Hospitality Room;
8. Nancy Grayam - Head of Hospitality Room with a lot of help from Anita Payne (Dick Payne's better half);
9. Vic Powell - Master of Ceremonies;
10. Bill Bittner - Made unique "W's" for the tables on Saturday night;
11. Tom Michael - Graciously returned thanks for the meal;
12. Living Unit Representatives - These guys made a lot of contacts!!
   - Betas - Roger Kumler;
   -Delts - Bob Lewis;
   -Independents - Vince Grogg;
   -Kappa Sigs - Dave Hall;
   -Lambda Chis - Dick Barger;
   -Phi Dels - Don Hiatt;
   -Phi Gamms - Dave Lewis;
   -Phi Psis - Carl Krumpe;
   -Sig Chis - Cliff Wagner;
13. The Alumni Office people: Tom Runge, Michele Tatar, Mike Warren, Heather Bazzani, and other staff;
14. David Troutman of the Wabash Financial Staff who gave us a lot of help in setting a new gifts record of $4,700,000; 
15. Thanks to those who helped with the expense of the Hospitality Room and our share of the Reunion Book. Those two expenses figured out to be $20.00 per Wabash man attending; Nancy's Hospitality Room turned out to be a big hit and Cortes Perry's Production of the 1955 Reunion Book was without equal.

Several men of '55 suggested that we get together again in two or three years. More about that in the next newsletter.

Nancy and I hope that all men of 1955 and their loved ones are having a good summer. Hopefully we will be able to see you at Homecoming (Sept. 24).

Best Regards,

Vaino

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P.S. Also, enclosed is a list of the people who attended our 50th.

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Graduates participate in Big Bash ‘05 Alumni Chapel Sing

Singing could be heard from Wabash College campus Saturday morning as more than 200 graduates blended their voices for a big chapel sing.

The combination of past graduates performing the traditional fight song, “Old Wabash,” was part of the second annual Alumni Chapel Sing during the Big Bash ‘05 weekend activities.

Traditionally, the chapel sing has been for fraternity pledge classes to participate in during homecoming weekend. All verses of the fight song words are learned and each pledge class battles other pledge classes by singing the words as loudly as possible. It also is known as a rite of passage.

For several years there was not much melody flowing from the pledges’ lips. “They didn’t sing so much, they chanted and hollered it out,” said Montgomery County Superior Court Judge David Ault, a member of the 1970 Wabash class.

The familiar screaming and shouting of the words during Homecoming was kept at a much lower level by the alumni.

A majority of the graduates have long forgotten the words to the song and resorted to using a cheat sheet of lyrics provided by Cal Black, Class of 1966, Wabash director of major gifts.

The Class of 1965, with 38 percent of its class returning for the Big Bash, collected the Robinson-Ragan award for the alumni chapel sing. The judges based their decision on attendance, creativity and memorization.

A creative element the judges liked about the class’ performance was the sign they made that read, “Wabash Always Fights, Class of ’55 — Glad To Be Alive, Thanks And Happy Retirement Andy Ford. We Hope There’s Another Ford In Our Future.”

Ault and other Wabash graduates and their spouses enjoyed the overall Big Bash weekend.

“It was fun, a great time,” Ault said. “(The Class of 1970) was sure we would win the chapel sing. Our strategy was to be loud.”

MEMBERS of the Wabash Class of 1955 sing the Wabash fight song, “Old Wabash,” Saturday during the second annual Alumni Chapel Sing. The event was part of the Big Bash ’05 weekend activities. The class won the Robinson-Ragan award for the chapel sing competition against other alumni classes.