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Dear Men and Women of 1957,

Big Bash 2017 was attended by MOE BRAND, KEN and Cindy GROSKOPF, EVAN LEHMAN and Georgia Haecker, DICK PETERSON, DON SIEFKER and twin son and daughter Scott Siefker and Lori Siefker, FRED WAMPLER and sister, Debbie Feeks, ROBERT WEIST and JOHN and Jeananne YANKO.

We visited with classmates, alumni, faculty, staff, etc. The weather was perfect, the campus was exquisite and all enjoyed the return to campus. After 60 years it was both the same and new, with many different buildings including the recent dormitories.

There were both walking and golf cart tours of campus lead by the Sons of Wabash. Tommy's Scarlet Nickel was a tent in front of the Allen Center where we could purchase beer and mixed drinks. The 1832 Brew is a coffee shop located in the Lilly Library. The Bookstore, Scarlet Inn, Fitness Center, Lilly Library, Ramsey Archives and living quarters were open at designated times.

Friday included the golf outing, luncheon, symposiums, reunion reception and evening banquet in Knowling Field House where the Class of 1967 received their 50th year reunion medallions.

Saturday began with the fun walk/run, alumni Chapel Sing held in Pioneer Chapel, picnic in the Field House, class photos, symposiums and Class Receptions/Dinners. Our Class of 1957 had a private dinner on the third floor of Trippet Hall.



Chapel Sing Competition



Classmates in Trippet Hall



Me and Jeananne with Fred Wampler and sister, Debbie



Saturday Dinner

Sunday concluded with a continental breakfast, followed by the Awards Brunch where the Class of 1967 won most awards including best chapel sing.

Over 300 alumni attended the June 2-4 Big Bash Weekend. It was a memorable and rewarding celebration.

Jeananne and I were interviewed for the Scarlet Yarns (digital video stories by alumni of their Wabash days). We shared information about living in Mud Hollow during my senior year and Jeananne's experience working at Yandes Library. Besides typing and filing cards, she sketched ideas Mr. Thompson, the Librarian, and the staff wanted for the new Lilly Library. The idea for locating the Goodrich Room on the second floor with a grand staircase leading up to it was sent on to the architect. Mr. Goodrich had wanted the room on the first floor, but Mr. Thompson and staff preferred the room on the second floor. Today, the Goodrich Room is at the top of the stairs.

Wabash College awarded 189 diplomas to seniors for the 179th Commencement...as of March 31, 2017 the endowment was \$321.5 million (up from \$316.6 million on 12/31)...Jay Allen '79, son of BOB and BETTY ALLEN, will become Chairman of the Board as of July 1, 2017, the beginning of the new Fiscal year.

Stay active, maintain your health and have a great summer.

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