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Gentlemen Of ’62,

**Big Bash Web Site & Registration:** It is up and running. Find it on the Wabash web location at [http://www.wabash.edu/alumni/bigbash/](http://www.wabash.edu/alumni/bigbash/). Once there you can find information, Register, Hoping to Attend and also see who has already registered. You will have options at that point. Use the “Hoping to Attend” list if you are not yet ready to register. That will let classmates know you will be there if you are able. Get on the Registered list if you have made up your mind to go and you are ready to pay. Simply click on the Register button on the web page (Never fear, Wabash is liberal about accepting cancellations and refunding fees right up to the last couple of weeks prior to the reunion).

Those of you who don’t use a computer or who prefer to handle things like this by paper, stay tuned. We will all be receiving information and registration forms in the mail as well.

**Memory Book:** It is urgent that you submit information for the Memory Book. Thom Feit has been working very hard to create a great book, but it will not be effective if the primary subjects are not included. That, of course, is all of us. At the Big Bash site mentioned above, there is also a specific item called, “Class of 1962 Book.” Click on this link [http://www.wabash.edu/50reunionform/](http://www.wabash.edu/50reunionform/) and you are taken to an easy to use form. Put in as much information as you wish, about your number 1 self. Add pictures or other information as you wish. No nudes please. Unless you look like we don’t think you do. Thom reserves the right to edit content.

The script says the deadline date has passed. Submit your bio anyway. We will push things back as far as possible, within reason, to get as many of us in the book as we can. As of last week, there were only 23 submissions. We need three times that many. Those in: Bell, Drayer, Dunham, Emmick, Hill, Houk, Johnson, Kerner, McHenry, Nigh, Schneider, Twesten, L. Williams, McMurry, Mendenhall, Feit, Jouris, Knauff, D. Thomas, Hays III, Nelson, Brink and Fewell.
Four Profs Awarded Tenure: Agata Szczeszak-Brewer, English; Martin Madsen, physics; Elizabeth Morton, art and Neil Schmitzer-Torbert, psychology, have been granted tenure with the rank of Associate Professor. Dean Gary A. Phillips, Dean of the College, said, “These four members of the faculty more than surpass the expectations of excellence expected of each and every Wabash teacher.”

Jim Amidon, in his article about the promotions, said, “the process of earning tenure is a demanding one. It takes six years with formal assessment every other year, and evidence of continuous faculty self-assessment is required. It is a public process—students, departmental faculty, division chairs, external professorial reviewers, the wider community, the Dean of the College, and the President all play a role.” There is much more about these professors, their backgrounds, studies, accomplishments, goals and objectives in Amidon’s article on the College web site. It is well worth your time to read.

Professor of Religion Hall Peebles Passes Away: Sadly, Wabash icon, Hall Peebles died January 5, 2012 at the age of 81. Dr. Peebles began his teaching career at Wabash the same semester in 1958 when most of us arrived on campus. Unfortunately, he joins Vic Powell, in not being able to join us at our 50th reunion dinner. Two Wabash greats lost in the past few months. Two men who had a great deal to do with shaping the thoughts and lives of many of us who shared time with them during our years at Wabash.

Dr. Peebles was born January 9, 1930. He was a native of Augusta, Georgia. He graduated from the University of Georgia with a philosophy major. From Yale University he received a bachelor of divinity degree and both his master’s and Ph.D. in theology. He taught at Wabash for forty years from 1958 until his retirement in 1998. In 1991, the National Association of Wabash Men named him an Honorary Alumnus.

Hall and his wife, Emma, had three sons, David, John and Mark. He was preceded in death by his wife in 2009. His distinguished career, accomplishments and tributes are described in another of Jim Amidon’s articles on the Wabash web site. This was another Wabash outstanding man of letters. He will be long remembered by generations of students, faculty members and scholars everywhere.

Old Wabash: It is time to start practicing both verses of “Old Wabash.” We need to be in sharp form for our, Grammy award to be, production at the chapel sing. You can find the whole thing on the college web site where it can be printed out. However, since I don’t know which of you are among the 72 percent who won't look it up there; I am having this letter sent by snail mail to everyone with a copy of the song enclosed. Also, would any of you who are instrumentalists please identify yourselves. Tell me who you are if you could and would bring your instrument to the reunion. We need some pizzazz in our production.

Wabash Referrals: Also enclosed in this mailing are two referral cards. As a gesture of thanks from our class to the College, we would like to break the record of referrals from any class in a single year. If just half of us could refer the names of two Wabash quality prospects, that would be more than 100. Of course you are not limited to two. You also don’t have to necessarily use the cards if you run out. Just send the Office of
Admissions the name of the prospect, his school and what you know about him. Address, telephone number, academic or sports accomplishments are a plus. You do not need to know the candidate personally. So, take a few minutes to read the local high school news. Go over to the school and talk to a counselor. Ask a friend, neighbor, golfing partner or bridge mate for suggestions.

Tom Runge said he would rather have money, but I see no reason to limit our willingness to do good, so help me out here. Notice, there is no fund raising envelope in this mailing. We are leaving that up to Dave Downen, so I won’t say anything about the 1962 class gift or your need to play nice with Dave in his efforts to obtain 100 percent participation in giving this year. I also won’t repeat, what has already been said, that if we exceed the number of contributors from last year (no matter how large or small the gift) we will win a free open bar at our reunion class specific dinner.

Who’s Coming: Your living unit representatives are doing a great job. Our list of those committed to attending the reunion, or hoping to attend is growing. Two important notes for you. First, telling us you are attending won’t get you registered. You have to do that yourself online or by mail, using the appropriate form and providing the appropriate payment. Secondly, if you attend, you will not be counted as being there if you don’t sign the registration book when you arrive and check in. As Runge says, “You aren’t there if you don’t sign.” That is so even if you pick up your materials, get your name tag and attend all of the events. What’s the big deal? It’s the book they use to calculate the percentage of the class in attendance. We want to win the award for having the largest percentage present. So please “show up, check in, and sign in.”

These Guys Are: This is what we know so far.


Kappa Sigma: Don Kerner, Lee McNeely, Daryl Carpenter….Maybe David Schneider.

Sigma Chi: Duncan Thomas, Tom Houk, Gary Jouris, Chuck Moores, Bob Twesten, Jerry Robinson, Sandy Sundberg….Maybe: Gary Byers and Mike Thomas.

Phi Kappa Psi: Terry Fewell, Tim Emmitt, Dan Harwood, Ron McCoy….Maybe Bill Racey.

Phi Delta Theta: Tom Lauritzen, Gene Blackburn, Fred Obenchain, John Hays III, Larry Knauff, Mal Young.

Phi Gamma Delta: Tom Gaisser

Lamda Chi Alpha: Dave Downen, Bill Nigh, Tom Reams, Bruce Monroe, Phil Rogers. Maybe: Marv Meyer.
Delta Tau Delta: Jack McHenry, Jim Johnson, Jim Little, Brent Sutton, Bob Templin, Bill Wead, Al Witt, Ted Zieke……Maybe; Rusty Duvall, Bob Latham, Dave Gillespie, Jon Nutting and Dave Rose.

Beta Theta Pi: Kiefer Mendenhall, Mike Smith, Larry Coffey, Dick Stephenson, Phil Johnson, Bill Thompson, Dale Lentz, John Bacon, Mike Ball….Maybe: Earl Arnett, John Arbo and Don Hill.

That comes to 50 attending and 13 on the maybe list. That is a nice turnout so far. I hope the rest of you will jump on board soon. Don’t forget to get you hotel reservations made early.

**Thursday Evening Before The Reunion:** Our hospitality room will be open on Thursday, late afternoon and evening for an informal get together for early arrivals. Also, Thursday night is a good opportunity for living units to plan an evening together if they wish. In the past, some have met at a local drinking or dining establishment. Others, who have a fraternity brother living locally, have gotten together there. Notably, the Betas have done that and I think are planning to do so again this year. The College is not involved in Thursday evening events, so you are strictly on your own as a group. Contact your living unit Representative if you have an idea or suggestion.

**Reunion Shirts:** We will be having reunion shirts made for our class. There will be shirts for both the men and women. The shirts have been selected, but the graphics have not yet been finalized. I will be sending details and an order form to you in February. You will get your shirt when you register at the reunion. You may order one, even if you are not able to attend. We will send them to you, and to those who order them but find they cannot attend at the last minute, after the reunion.

Well, that’s all for now. See you at the Big Bash. Until then,

Good Luck and Good Living,

Terry
**Old Wabash**

From the hills of Maine to the western plain, Or where the cotton is blowing; From the gloomy shade of the northern pine, To the light of the southern seas; There's a name held dear and a color we cheer, Wherever we find it glowing And the tears will rise to our longing eyes, As it floats on the evening breeze. When the day is done and the western sun Is painting in flashing glory Across the skies with gorgeous dyes, The Color we love so well, We love to sit as the shadows flit, And praise it in song and story, We love to shout as the light dies out, A good old Wabash yell.

**REFRAIN**

Our Prayers are always thine, Our voices and hearts combine To sing thy praise when future days Shall bring thy name before us. When college days are past, As long as life shall last, Our greatest joy will be to shout the chorus.

**CHORUS**

Dear Old Wabash, thy loyal sons shall ever love thee, And o'er thy classic halls, the scarlet flag shall proudly flash; Long in our hearts we'll bear the sweetest mem'ries of thee, Long shall we sing thy praises, Old Wabash.

And loud and long shall echo the song, Till hill and valley are ringing And spread the fame of her honored, name, Wherever the breezes blow. Till sweet and clear the world shall hear, The sons of Wabash singing, And flying free the world shall see, Our scarlet banner go. The honors won by each loyal son, In highest rank shall instate her. Forever more as in days of yore Their deeds be noble and grand. Then once again ye Wabash men, Three cheers for Alma Mater What e'er befall, revered by all, May she unequaled stand.

**Alma Mater**

Dear Alma Mater at thy shrine of cherished memory, The hosts of Wabash meet to pledge undying loyalty. Within these sacred portals thy fires shall brightly flame And herald our devotion to thy most honored name.

These fleeting years we tarry here beneath the Scarlet sway Beguile us with their subtle charms, then quickly steal away. Do thou, our Alma Mater, turn back the hands of time Give us this joy forever and keep our faith sublime.

Dear Alma Mater, in thy hands rest all our hopes and fears, Thou Counsellor in College days-thou guide in riper years. Grant now thy benediction; vouchsafe thy care benign, That worthy, we may follow the precepts that are thine.