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Dear Men of '65,

I must apologize for not writing sooner. After the Big Bash last year, I promised myself I would keep in better contact, but things just got away from me. There were times I thought about calling several of you, but it always seemed to late in the evening to call. I understand that when you get old, you have those problems.

I have not even been up to the College to visit since then. I thought about returning to the Big Bash this year, but my granddaughter graduated and was salutatorian for her class. I thought I needed to be there instead. I had a great time with my daughter and her husband and three of my granddaughters, but I especially enjoyed playing with three of my great grandchildren, ages 4, 5, and 1.

President Greg and Lora Hess, two exceptionally gracious people, were here in the DFW Metroplex to help us celebrate Tom Runge's retirement. Of course, Tom's wife, Carol, accompanied him. I don't know if you are feeling the loss, but our alumni group here feel that for us Tom has been the face of Wabash for the sixteen years he was the alumni director and other miscellaneous duties as the need came up.

I don't have much news about classmates. Jay Patterson has announced his wedding to Ellen Gunn for August 27. I hope you will all wish Jay and Ellen well.

After the great job Alan Anderson did organizing and soliciting for our class gift last year, I thought that it would be a long time before any class would surpass it. This year the Class of '66 gave a gift of 8 million dollars. Is that not incredible?

As for me, I have retired after 50 years. This is the first time in my entire life that I haven't been with kids. I'm sad to leave them, but I found it extremely difficult to do my job due to health and old age problems. It was definitely time. Besides, everyone should change careers every fifty years.

My first novel was released in January and I'm halfway through the sequel. I write almost every day a minimum of a half hour, but often more. Plus, now that

school is over, I am learning how to and working to promote my book. It's title is: *Daniel: The Age of Discovery*. If you don't expect much, you won't be disappointed. You can find it on line in three formats: hardback, paperback and electronic. You will also find reviews on line at amazon.

I am also painting again; I had a request for one similar to the one I gave to Wabash, but I also have several I plan to undertake.

One last note. In the past I have never felt the need to ask you to make a gift to the College, because you have been consistently so generous over the years. However, this year it appears that some of you who give regularly might have forgotten. Please, remember the College before the end of this month.

I hope this letter finds you all in good health.

You have been, you are and you will always be Some Little Giants.

Pete