Dear Men of ’66,

45th Reunion Update – June 3-5, 2011
Twenty three of our classmates and 12 wives are registered for Big Bash: Charley Ayers, Charlie Bell, Bill Berry, Cal Black, Jerry Blossom, Riley Brissman, Jay Fisher, John Flanagan, Tracy Hill, David Kendall, Dave Krattebol, John Lennes, Ned Luce, Roger Lumpp, Bob Main, Ken Schild, Robert Smith, Bill Steger, George Taybos, Rodney Townsend, Stan Vogel, Stan Walker and Ken Wood. Those of you bringing your wives can assure them that there will be other wives attending. I know that my wife, Peggy, is more comfortable knowing there will be several ladies in attendance.

While the number attending is sufficient to ensure we have a wonderful time, it would be an even better occasion if some more of you would make the effort to join us. You can mail in the registration form sent to you several weeks ago or go to the Wabash College website and register online. My wife and I attended several reunions for many different classes during my tenure as Director of Alumni Affairs and all of them were obviously very memorable for the alumni and their wives. If you come one time, you’ll find yourself looking forward to the next one. This June is a good time to practice for June 2016 when we become Golden Little Giants. The College does a terrific job hosting that milestone reunion.

The financial good health of Wabash College is directly linked to the loyal giving of alumni. The College is an excellent steward of our resources as evidenced by the high rankings in national surveys, the high number of applicants each year, and most importantly, the success of her alumni. Wabash is the best when it comes to educating men. Your gift today will not only enable Wabash to continue to be among the top colleges in the nation, it will add a fine touch to the 45th Reunion. If you are coming to the 45th Reunion, please make a gift to the College now so that we might earn the opportunity to enjoy an open bar at our dinner on Saturday night. If you aren’t planning to attend, please make a gift so that your classmates might enjoy the open bar at the reunion. The College will sponsor the open bar for the class that surpasses the number of donors from last year. Give the gift before May 25, 2011!

Bill Berry sends the following reminder. Men of ’66 ... From your "song leader" ... since we have 66+ year old brains working to remember the lyrics of our dear fight song, let me give you a couple of tools to help you practice for the Big Bash Chapel Sing competition this year. You can sing along in practicing by going to the link below on the web at You Tube: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UNX083Sy0vg. If that hyperlink doesn't work for you, copy/paste that URL into your browser address bar to pull up that website. The classes that have won in the past sang both verses.
**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.

Okay guys ... practice ... **practice!** .. **PRACTICE!!!** We'll get together (time/place) to be announced, for a run through upon arrival; but all y'all (that the southern plural of "you all") be well and travel safely to C'ville in June ...

Dennis Whigham was in town April 14-16 to meet with some professors in the biology department and participate in the dedication of the new baseball stadium at the College. Dennis is a research scientist with the Smithsonian Institute and has been coordinating intern opportunities for Wabash students with the Smithsonian. He graciously used his Friday evening here to take me to dinner. We shared a good meal and warm conversation about family, careers, Wabash, along with other common interests. I thank Dennis for warming me up for my reunion discussions. Unfortunately business interests will keep Dennis from attending our 45th, but I can assure you he is still very much a Wabash Man.

Antoine Carpenter, Wabash Class of 2000, is our new Head Basketball Coach. He had been Mac Petty's assistant for the last several years and those of us who watched the coaches over the last several years watched Mac increase Antoine’s coaching during games. I watched this man play basketball at Wabash as well as coach and I have seldom seen the degree of enthusiasm Antoine has for the players and the game. There will be no momentum lost in this coaching transition.

Go Wabash!

*Stan*