



## WABASH COLLEGE

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### Class of 1967

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Dear Classmates,

### ***What a Fantastic 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion!!***

In summary:

- *"We love to sit as the shadows flit, and praise it in song and story"*  
The campus looks great and our athletic teams are doing well; Wabash leads the nation in many measures of liberal arts education.
- *"Long in our hearts we'll bear the sweetest memory of thee"*  
Lots of reminiscing and reconnecting at the Big Bash and a few tears of joy (as well as some tears of sadness over missing classmates).
- *"Our Prayers are always thine, our voices and hearts combine"*  
Chapel Sing – we won again, with wonderful harmony and another creative skit!
- *"Dear Old Wabash, thy loyal sons shall ever love thee"*  
We set a new 50<sup>th</sup> reunion record for Class Gift of \$9.6 million and attendance of 80 classmates!

For many of us the weekend began on Thursday night, with informal small group sessions to get reacquainted, have a fraternity brother renewal, or just tour the campus and view “the classic halls”.

The campus is in beautiful shape --- the new or remodeled living units are very attractive, the Shelbourne Wrestling Center and Goodrich Stadium for baseball are state of the art, and there is more green space as a result of campus expansion.

There were **several classmates who attended their FIRST** Wabash reunion. And, several who had attended only one or two. I think I’m safe in saying the sentiment was one of “**boy, I’m glad I’m back here . . . like being home again**”.

Of course there was **reminiscing** with dozens of stories of Operation Frijoles, Dean Moore, water/snowball/greased pole fights, and our favorite business establishments (The Strand, Tommies, Green Street Tavern, The Snacker, Rivera Motel, Bank Cigar Store, . . .). (Note: many of the stories were true, but not all!)

### ***We Swept the Awards***

**Not only did our class sweep the awards, we set some new records!**

#### **Results:**

- 1909 Attendance Award for Highest Percentage of class members attending --- 42%
- 1928 Attendance Award for largest number of men attending, with 80, which broke the old 50 year reunion record and tied the all-time record for all reunions **(We needed JUST ONE MORE for a new record!)**
- Robinson-Reagan Award as winners of the Chapel Sing  
(here is a youtube link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ivOF9BI4Rtw> ;  
here is another link, but you may have to turn your computer on its side: <https://youtu.be/ja7IsK0T3hs>  
If anyone has another video, please let us know for the next letter.

- Edmund O. Hovey Award for Highest Percentage participation in the Annual Fund – 68%
- A new record for 50<sup>th</sup> reunion Class Gift of \$9.6 million – beating the \$8.0 million record set by the Class of '66 last year

Please see Phil Coons' pictures and write up on the **awards won by THE CLASS OF '67** at the end of this letter.

While Clark Dickerson, Larry Landis, Phil Coons, Earl Houck, and I spearheaded the reunion efforts, it was the participation of each of you that made our 50<sup>th</sup> so successful and enjoyable.

### ***More Memory Book***

The Memory Book that Phil Coons compiled has been a **Big Hit!** As a result, there have been a number of requests for the collection of additional information. Phil has agreed to prepare a supplement with these guidelines:

1. Biographies not yet published.

I will personally email or write any of the 80 reunion attendees who did not submit bios and request that they fill one out. I think I have a better chance of getting a few more now that they have seen the Memory Book. Our collective accomplishments are indeed impressive and need to be documented.

2. Any additional obituaries since the book was published.

I forget. Didn't someone besides Denny Gray die late last year? Can you tell me who that was?

3. Remembrances.

As with Gavin Lodge, I hope we can get others to submit their remembrances of our dear departed classmates. I'll write our fraternity representatives to see if they are up to the task.

4. Other classmate information.

Maybe we could also get classmates to write something about their living fraternity brothers or dorm mates who did not submit bios and did not attend the reunion.

5. A review with photos of our 50th reunion.

6. Some material that I deleted from the Memory Book for space considerations.

I will place this material in a MS Word document and put it in Drop Box so those interested can download the file and have it printed on their computer or someplace like Kinkos.

**If you have something to add, please send it to Phil Coons, at [pcoons@iupui.edu](mailto:pcoons@iupui.edu) by July 15, 2017. A bio form is at the end of this letter.**

After reading the initial Memory Book, **WOW** is all I can think of. I heard many comments over the weekend on how much people enjoyed it. Mary Ann and I had dinner with Paul and Marcy Robinson on Thurs -- both wives commented on how they enjoyed reading the book and seeing more information on guys Robbie and I had talked about. The MB touched not only classmates, but a few wives as well.

### ***We Missed You***

**For those who were unable to attend, please know that we missed you! One of the most frequent comments of the weekend was “where is .....? We had **FUN**; we wanted you to be with us to **ENJOY**. Even though you weren’t on campus, you were very much in our thoughts and comments. It is difficult to express in this letter the pleasure that comes from face-to-face communication, especially at any type of Wabash get-together when we invariably discuss those positive things we remember about our Alma Mater.**

### ***Pictures!***



This was the presentation of our Class Gift check for \$9.6 million!! From left to right are Earl Houck, Duane Hile, Larry Landis, President Greg Hess, and Clark Dickerson. We were in the picture as YOUR representatives.

### **This check is from THE CLASS OF '67!!**

During the Awards Ceremony on Sunday there were several pictures of Clark and me (Duane) with President Hess as we happily accepted the various awards on behalf of our class (Earl had to leave early Sunday and therefore was not in the pictures, but he was a key part of all the awards for the Class of '67). It was nice to stand on the stage for recognition, however **it was all of you, our classmates, who allowed us to accept the awards on behalf of the Class of '67.**





More photos from the Big Bash: [https://www.wabash.edu/photo\\_album/](https://www.wabash.edu/photo_album/)

### ***From President Hess***

At the Sunday brunch President Hess made a brief speech on the State of Wabash. Among the points he emphasized:

- Wabash remains committed to the all-male education environment
- Wabash continues to encourage open, rational, gentlemanly discourse ---with no arbitrary censorship or “safe zones”
- Wabash is also committed to Liberal Arts Plus, which supports real world experiences, utilizing the foundation of a classic Liberal Arts education
- The Wabash approach to education, combining classroom and various immersion experiences, is key to providing graduates for multiple careers in a lifetime, which has become the norm rather than the exception
- The endowment is strong, especially so in comparison to our conference and other peer institutions (Ed. note –we all know Wabash has no peers!); but more effort is being exerted to increase it for a more solid financial foundation

### ***Closing***

I am still looking at pictures from the weekend and exchanging emails with many classmates. If you have any pictures, please send them to Earl and me for future class letters. I sincerely hope all who attended relished the weekend as much as I did; it went by too quickly!

**Let's start our Golden Little Giant years by re-reunioning next June!!!!**

***Duane***

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**P.S. One more time: THANK YOU MILITARY VETERANS!**

## *Phil Coons' Awards Pictures and Write-ups*



The 1909 Attendance Award is given to the reunion class with the highest percentage of class members in attendance. This year's winner is the Class of 1967 with 41.7 percent in attendance. Second place is the Class of 1977 with 18.4 percent and third place is the Class of 2007 with 11.1% in attendance. Clark Dickerson '67 and Duane Hile '67 are pictured with President Hess to accept the award.



The Class of 1967 won the 1928 Attendance Award for largest number of alumni present. Dickerson and Hile accepted the award.



The Robinson-Reagan Chapel Sing Award goes to the Class of 1967. Second place is the Class of 2007 and third place is the Class of 2012.



The Dorman Hughes '43 Award is given to outstanding reunion leaders. This year's winners are from the Class of 1967, Clark Dickerson, Duane Hile, and Earl Houck (not pictured).



The Edmund O. Hovey Award is given to the class with the highest percentage participation in the Annual Fund for the year. This year's winning class with 67.3 percent participation is the Class of 1967. Second place goes to the Class of 2007 with 44.4 percent participation and third is the Class of 1977 with 43.8 percent participation. Pictured are Larry Landis '67, Duane Hile '67, President Hess, and Clark Dickerson '67.



The Class of '67 pledged \$9.6 million to Wabash. Pictured are Earl Houck, Duane Hile, Larry Landis, President Greg Hess, and Clark Dickerson.

Phil

## ***Memory Book Form***

As announced at Big Bash a week ago I am composing a Memory Book Supplement for the Class of '67 Wabash 50th Year Reunion. Sometime in April you should have received our original Memory Book in the mail. We set a record with 92 biographies in our memory book and beat out the class of '66 by 12 biographies. I thought that the totality of 92 biographies was compelling...even mind-blowing. Our spouses loved it. Since none of you submitted a biography to our original memory book, I'd love to include one in our supplement. So take a few moments to fill out the attached biography form and return it to me. Or, if you like, just respond to this email on the form below. Also, please send a photo of yourself. It could be just a head-shot or something with your family or friends. Thanks.

Phil Coons

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### **MEMORY BOOK FOR 50<sup>TH</sup> REUNION OF CLASS OF 1967**

#### **I. CONTACT INFORMATION**

Name  
Address  
City, State, Zip  
Home Phone  
Phone  
E-mail

#### **II. WABASH YEARS**

Major/Minor  
Living Unit  
Activities

#### **III. POST WABASH YEARS**

**Further Education**  
**Military Service**  
**Occupation(s)**  
**Retired?**  
**Family**  
**Travel**  
**Hobbies, Activities, Community Service**

#### **IV. YOUR FAVORITE WABASH MEMORY (Don't be shy. This is a "memory book")**