



## WABASH COLLEGE

### *Class Agents Letter*

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Dear friends in the Class of 1968,

Here is a **joint letter** from your Class Agent with some great information at the end from your Big Bash 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion Chairman, Jim Millikin. We are moving smoothly but inexorably to our June 1 through 3 of 2018 gathering to celebrate 50 years since our tumultuous 1968 passed. **Hope to see everybody there.** So drop what you are doing, yes, right now, and call the C'ville Hampton Inn, 765-362-8884, and make your Big Bash Reservation. The website shows that time as full, because a block of rooms has been reserved for the Class of 1968. Call now!

**JR**

From **Dan Susie:**



I missed Homecoming this year....was in Switzerland with Russ Dukes and wives. Hope you took a lot of pictures.

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Yes, Dan. I did.

Received this nice note from Ed Cox:

Hi Jim,

Thought I would send along a picture of Linda and I at the Grand Canyon last year. I introduce myself these days as a recovering pediatrician, a part time medical educator, and a full time advocate. Enjoying retirement if you can call it that. Looking forward to the 50th next year. Ed Cox



Mike Gallagher graciously volunteered to take charge of the class gift at our Big Bash. June 1. Please work with him to make that part as easy as possible. Facebook says he is back in Amsterdam and Ireland.





**Dan and Betty Vannatter** do the Bat thing at Halloween. Dan's been working out!

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From the new Chairman of the Board, Jay Allen '79

We also paid tribute to former Board Chair Steve Bowen '68 with the unveiling of his portrait. We thanked Steve for his 10+ years of leadership, a time period during which Wabash worked through many challenges, including the economic downturn in 2008 and the hiring of President Hess. Steve continues his service to the College, both as a Board member and as the teacher of a fall semester course on theological ethics. Steve is Some Little Giant!



**I trekked back to C'ville for Homecoming in October. Here's a tour around C'ville and our beautiful campus.**



**(Pike Place is the park where Tommy's once stood.)**





Betas also had a reunion. I stood post game with the Beta players. Wabash won 25-21 in one of the best games Hiram College has ever played, according to Wabash Coach Morel.

Then there was the parade. Kappa Sigs won that thing.



If you weren't there, you missed a good time. The campus is immaculate, many great traditions remain, and the students are bright, enthusiastic, and love to talk and listen to alumni. I will close with some of the more alumni-relevant slides offered by Wabash President Greg Hess during the Leadership Summit portion of the weekend. Enjoy. Get those health screens! **Jim Roper**

# **Our Value is Our Values**

## **Individual Responsibility and Trust**

- Based on Moral and Ethical Awareness & Gentleman's Rule

## **A Rigorous Liberal Arts Education**

- Fosters an Appreciation for the Intellectual Values of Others

## **A Personal Context to Teaching and Learning**

- Encourages Candid, Respectful, Face-to-Face Conversations

# **Our Strategic Priorities**

1. Champion the Value of a Wabash Liberal Arts Education
2. Expand Our Academic and Geographic Footprint
3. Emphasize Leadership Development in All Wabash Men
4. Enhance Our Culture of Philanthropy
5. Foster a Culture of Continuous Improvement

**NOW, Straight talk from YOUR 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion Chairman, Jim Millikin:**

**Greetings, Class of 68.** Hopefully all of you are getting ready for the holiday season, here in Rockford the weather can't quite decide to turn really cold, but I'm not complaining, much. As you get busy this time of year set aside some time to mark your calendars for the 2018 Big Bash, next June 1, 2, and 3. This is obviously our 50th and the College is getting ready. Housing unit reps are starting phone calls and other contacts. We set a record for attendance in 2008 and the class of 1967 beat that by one, hence our new goal of 82. I'd like a couple more just to set a mark which will stand for a while. It's doable.

A few classmates haven't been back to campus much at all. It's amazing to look at some of the changes. Baxter Hall was new, brand new as I recall, our freshman year. The building is getting a makeover, perhaps some of us need the same. My point is this: take a few days and join us to see the campus, trade stories (which may have become embellished slightly over the last 50 years), and renew old friendships.

One of the emphases for the 50th is our class gift. Mike Gallagher is our reunion gift campaign chair and he has set some ambitious goals. Right now we are about 150k short of a record gift of \$9.7 million or so, again eclipsing the record set by the class of 67. Now, a commercial for asking everyone to give. First, we want to hit 75% of the class giving, ambitious, but doable. If you give any amount at all, it counts toward the 75%. Consider giving, regardless of the amount.

The method for totaling the class gift is somewhat confusing, so hopefully this from David Troutman in the Advancement Office will simplify it for you. Included in the 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion Gift total will be: Any gift/pledge made since July 1, 2013 (immediately following our 45<sup>th</sup> reunion); Any new single or multi-year pledges made before the Friday night of the 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion (June 1, 2018) up to five years out; Any planned gift disclosed since July 1, 2013 previously unknown to Wabash. This can include newly created planned gifts or older gifts only now being declared (made known to the College).

As I said, this is somewhat confusing, even with the info provided. The bottom line is easy, just use the form Mike sent out and declare your gifts for the next four years and your bequests.

I've rambled quite a bit in this letter but it's important. So, mark June 1-3 on your calendar and look over your intended support for the College.

Call me or email if you have questions about Big Bash or the Class Campaign.

Hope to see you in June!

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