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Dear Friends in the Class of 1968,

I continue to receive terrific mail after our wonderful reunion. The last letter was long, but so much of this information is too much fun not to pass on. Let me first recognize and thank **Jim Millikin** and his cadre of unit reps: **Tom Hill, Mike Dybel, Mike Douglas, Lee Grogg, John Leahy, Jeff Moon, Ed Meisenheimer, Dick Callaway, Dan Vannatter, Chuck Kraft, Ben Austin, Van Butler.** And **Mike Gallagher's** awesome fund raising work

Kind note from **Mike Akers**:

... did not think that I would enjoy my time at the reunion, but I did. If you recall some of what I wrote on my blog about Wabash, my time there was not very good. I've been honored as the alumnus of the year at my high school and alumnus of the year at U. Iowa (graduate school) but my four years at Wabash were not good at all. However, after Wabash, I changed a lot so perhaps my down years there made me a much better person thereafter. At the reunion, I really felt a lot of love for my classmates and very glad that I came back. Like you, I did not talk to many classmates outside of my pledge brothers, but so glad so many were there. Plus, what a presence our class made with the college and all that we gave.

Yes, I still write. Publishing my fourth Christian book on the general epistles (James through Jude) and almost finishing my fifth book on Psalms and Proverbs. I've titled these last two book "A Layman's Practical Expository....." where I use my own words to describe what I read. I taught the Bible in churches in Texas, Tennessee, Indiana (and even in Mobile, AL one summer on a Lilly assignment where Jeff Sessions and wife were in my class!) so knew the Bible a lot until I had to stop teaching because of my profound hearing loss. I will continue to write until I am gone.

I think that I could have gotten to know you and other football players a lot better if I could play football at Wabash. However, a lower back injury my second to last game in high school made my doctor tell me not to play anymore. It did cause me to be rejected from military service in 1969. Yet I do wish I could have played at Wabash because I was a fairly good defensive back in high school. ...

Received a nice note with photos from **Dan Susie**:

Here are some... the women are all Butler 1968 - **Phyl Leahy, Sydney Susie, Becky Powers** and **Linda Cox**. We all met when we were in college.

Also, this is the first time **Randy Slickers** and **Jim Edgar** have come back. Most of us had not seen them in 50 years.





Jim Edgar and I were roommates freshman year (from Dan Susie)





From **Ramon Parra:**

Thanks so much Jim. I really appreciate all your work that helped make the weekend so memorable for me! Ramon

From **Terry Smith:**

You have some amazing pictures and did a great job of portraying the good times at the Big Bash. Keep up the good work. Terry Smith

Mike Gallagher sent this “Band of Brothers” photo of the Betas.



From **Harry McGonigle**:

Jim, Thanks so much for posting all the pictures. I had a tear in my eye, when I saw all the guys I wanted to see at the reunion. My doctors and wife were not too happy about a trip to Indiana for me, so I stayed in Pennsylvania.

I want to send a special thanks out to **Mark Sutton**, who called me on Friday night with the Delt clan who was there. It was amazing to hear from him and the Delt gang. For them to reach out to me said so much about that group.

Ironically, a very close friend of mine whom I taught with for over 38 years passed away that week and the funeral was on Friday. I was at the funeral and saw many of the faculty from years ago. Crazy how things happen. Again, a shout-out to **Mark Sutton** for thinking of me.

I am so lucky to be a Wabash grad. from those years.

Harry McGonigle

From **Mike Warren '93** (I think this is aimed at the non-attendees. Last call!)

Senior Associate Director of Alumni and Parent Relations

Congratulations on a fantastic reunion weekend. Your class was phenomenal. Record setting Class Gift and record tying attendance. We are now in the final month of the College's 2017-2018 fiscal year, and I want to thank you for encouraging your friends and classmates to support Wabash students with a gift throughout it.

Here are a few ways alumni and friends can make a gift:

Online: www.wabash.edu/give

Phone: 877-743-4545

Mail: Wabash College / Annual Fund / 301 W Wabash Ave / Crawfordsville, IN 47933

The Class of 1968. Record breaking and record making. Well done!!! Tom Runge

From **Dr. Zimmerman**:

Jim,

It will be good to see you once again. And how big are the twins (?) by now?

Greetings to the Class of 1968 Big Bash Chemistry Majors (Dr. Z)

First, "thanks" for setting aside the time to celebrate your 50th Wabash year.

As you may recall, I was your Advanced Analytical Chemistry (Chem 16) and Advanced Inorganic (Chem 13), back in the day when lab hours were often long!

I have attached the 1968 version of the file card Dr. Haensich created for each class. That may kindle a few memories. I have checked those 10 Chem classmates who have signed up for the weekend. I have never forgotten what a stellar and large group of majors you were.

Your Big Bash weekend will pass far too quickly as you try to balance old friend renewals, programmed events and checking out special memory spots. I complement all that by inviting you to take in at least part of the Chemistry Department reception on Saturday afternoon. That will take you to the Dr. Haenisch memory room on the second floor of our “new” building. Several Haensich display items should ignite a memory or two. There will be a chance for Department tours, as well as a chance to talk with current students and faculty. I plan to be at both of the evening dinners. I will also be the AV guy for all the Hays 104 talks. I hope to cross paths with each of you.

Welcome back.

Dr. Z

Note from Jim Roper: I did not get to spend enough time with Dr. Zimmerman at the reunion—time flew by as it does—let’s do dinner at Homecoming! Search Dr. Haenisch’s file card for your enjoyment. See it on the next page!

Following was posted by his family on Facebook this morning:

[Jeff Cromer](#), [Cindy Cromer](#) and [3 others](#).

6-13-2018 ·

As some of you know, our dad had an incredibly tough 8 years or so. Since he had knee replacement surgery and it got infected, we can’t begin to count how many surgeries he’s had or how many trips to the hospital he’s made. But damn did he fight and he always bounced back from the setbacks. At some point, though, your body gets tired of fighting and it’s just time to rest. Our dad passed away peacefully early this morning. He didn’t want a funeral or any service, so here we are on Facebook. We were amazed and always proud of how many people we’d meet that would say they went to Dr. Cromer and how much they enjoyed taking their kids to him. He was a really good man and will be greatly missed.

1968 Staff: Haenisch (Lv 2nd Sem), McKinney (Act.Chm 2nd Sem),
Erikson, Zimmerman, Bergen, Labbauf (2nd Sem)

MAJORS

MINORS

48 '73

Aramowicz, Joseph E. (transf) MD
Byrn, James Richard IU Med MD
Canfield, Norman David TA Univ Colo PhD
Dybel, Michael Wayne Fellowship (Northwestern) IU Med MD
Faul, Robert Louis Wash Univ (Std) Med MD
Greves, John Hans III IU Med MD
Johnson, Steven James MS Ind Admin Purdue
Kelley, James Anthony NSF-MIT PhD
Klika, Bryant Scott (transf) IU Med MD
Kornas, Wayne John IU Med MD
Moreo, Stanley David (transf) IU Med MD
Raichart, Dennis Wayne NSF Stanford PhD

Akers, Michael J. Lilly + grad work in Pharmacology at Baylor
Avery, David H. Wash Univ (St Louis) Med
Brooks, Thomas W. Jr Ind Univ Med M
Brouhard, Ben H. Ind Univ Med M
Costanzo, August J.
Cromer, James S. IU Med MD
Dashiehl, James R. IU Med MD
Gower, Richard G. IU Chem MD
Hagen, David C. NSF Biochem MIT
Hatfield, Alan K. Ohio State Medical M
Henderson, Terry IU Med M
Hudson, John L. IU Med M

MAJORS

MINORS

Roe, Jon Edward TA Brown
Roper, James Edward TA Nebraska Army
Schwab, William Wilson IU Med MD
Vander Haar, R. William Jr TA Univ Iowa
Wise, Claude Thomas business VPhD MBA

Hutcheson, James Teach Biol
Milligan, Samuel L. IU Med MD
Peele, Willis W. III IU Med MD
Savoie, Vernon B. Nuclear Eng Univ Wash (East)
Schaekel (Bill) William E. Military
Slickers, Randall J. IU Med MD
Stafford, Jonathan T. IU Med
Staley, Harry L. IU Med MD
Stayton, Michael B. (transf)
Thomas, Richard N. IU Med
Thurston, John B. IU Med MD
Wason, William M. Uchi med (MD-P)

Med: 4 majors + 19 minors + ?
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Allen, Thomas J. Econ/Math IU Med MD
Cook, David B. Psych/Bio IU Med
Cox, Edward O. Bio/Psych IU Med MD
Dillon, Gary P. Hist/Psych IU Med MD
Huse, John M. Biol/Engl IU Med MD
Van Seyoc, Jon D. Genet/Bio IU Med
Weesner, Robt E. Bio/Psych IU Med MD

Cromer, James S.

Date of Death: June 13, 2018

Spouse: Cromer, Cindy

While at Wabash: Was a Member of: Sigma Chi

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Dr. James S. Cromer, 71, of Indianapolis, passed away on June 13, 2018. He was preceded in death by his father, Morris Howard, and his mother, Mary Margaret Cromer. He is survived by his wife of 43 years, Cindy, his sister Connie (Ron) Guyer, his three children, Katie (Patrick) Heintzelman, Jeff, and Susan (Michael) Clements and was G-Pa to nine grandchildren; Jake, Will, Caroline, Emily, Cooper, Charlie, Addison, RJ and Quinn. Jim was born in Olathe, Kansas, to Morris Howard and Mary Margaret Cromer. After the passing of his father in 1948 while serving in the US Navy while stationed in Jacksonville, Florida, Jim, his sister (Connie) and his mother moved to Avon, Indiana, before settling on the northeast side of Indianapolis. His mother remained in that house until her passing in 2011. After attending John Strange Elementary, Eastwood Middle School and North Central High School (1964 graduate), Jim attended Wabash College, graduating with a degree in Biology in 1968 and was a member of Sigma Chi Fraternity. As a graduate of IU School of Medicine, Jim opened his Pediatric practice in 1975. As a member of the American Medical Association and the American Academy of Pediatrics, he continued serving the east side of Indianapolis until health issues caused him to retire.

While at Wabash College, Jim met Cindy on a blind date while she was attending North Central High School. They were married on June 13, 1970, at Northminster Church in Indianapolis. They then moved into the house they still call home 48 years later. They welcomed their first child, Katie, in 1973, followed by Jeff in 1976, and Susan in 1980. When Jim wasn't at the office, he loved attending his kids' baseball and softball games, taking trips to the beach or fishing, quite often with his buddy, Dr. Jim Dashiell.

Jim was lucky that he truly loved what he did. He will be remembered as a great doctor, better father and an amazing man. Hope the fish are biting...

<https://flannerbuchanan.com/obit/james-stephen-cromer/>



Iron Mike Gallagher did stupendous work in raising the record class gift to Wabash. We thank you most sincerely. Mike now appears to be rolling across the Serengeti. Go for it, Mike!

If you were not among the loyal 61.18% of the class who gave to Wabash this year, NOW is your chance to join them. Their fiscal year ends on June 30, so do that now! The powers that be tell me Wabash is now only 273 more alumni donors away from 45% participation (putting Wabash in the top ten of all liberal arts colleges). How's that for motivation?

With best wishes for all,
Jim Roper '68