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Gentlemen,

I hope your 2018 is going well, so far. Once again, my letter writing has not been good, so I wanted to catch you up on a few things. I know many of you are in transitional times between full time work, retiring, 2nd careers, part-time work, or just watching Netflix!...Whatever you are doing, I sincerely hope that life is good for you and your families. I'm continuing to teach at two great Division 3 Liberal Arts Colleges in the Chicago area: North Central College in Naperville IL, and Elmhurst College. What a wonderful 2nd career I stumbled into! Keeps my mind working, keeps me out of trouble, and keeps me very much up to date on the world today through my students. I would suggest this as a second career for any of you who have the desire to keep working in some capacity. Life is good in Plainfield, IL. My two kids and 4 grandchildren keep me busy as well. I'm very lucky to have them keeping me in line!

News From the College

45th Reunion (Big Bash)

I reported on this in my last letter. We had a pretty low turnout, and I take a lot of the responsibility for that. But, thanks again to those who made the trek to C'Ville. More communication was definitely needed. A handful of you really helped. I really hope that we will all turn out in record numbers for our **50th Reunion** in 2022. Seems like a long time away, but time moves quickly for most of us.

I wanted to share this picture (below) taken at the Big Bash last June. A few of us who were there (including Keith Nightenhelser and me) missed the picture taking. Thought you'd like it.



1st Row: Gordon Vogel, Hugh McClelland, Doug Lehman, Tom McShane

2nd Row: Dennis Kurth, Clint Rigg, John Mynsberge, Bill Nielsen

FY '17 Annual Fund

Our class continued to do well and outshine most classes in our Annual Giving for last fiscal Year ('17). The total Annual Fund finished the year at \$3.274 million --an increase of nearly \$150,000 vs. previous year. Total Alumni Participation rate was 43.9%. **Class of '72** contributed **\$206,167**, with a participation rate of **39.7%**. Our participation was up from the previous year, but not as high as 3 years ago when almost 43% of us participated. Still, a very good performance on our part. Thanks to all of you who gave!!!

Board of Trustees Update

In the latest letter from Jay Allen '79, a familiar name from the Class '72 was mentioned: "With the opening of the Shelbourne Wrestling Center and its Max Servies Practice Area in 2016, the College decided to repurpose the older Servies Wrestling Room in the Allen Center into a new weight and fitness room. This will nearly double the space for workouts for varsity athletes and recreational users". Kudos to Dr. Don Shelbourne!

Alumni Survey

The College is working with a research firm from Chicago to conduct a comprehensive survey from as many Wabash alumni as they can reach. In mid-February, look for an email or postcard with your unique link. For alumni completing the survey, the College will give 10 lucky winners a \$50 gift card to the Wabash College Bookstore. Participation rate is important to make this survey effective, so please fill it out when you get it.

News From '72

Received a nice note from **Doug Lehman**. "I am still practicing law in Wabash, Indiana. I also retired several years ago as a Captain after 30 years with the United States Navy JAG Corps. Currently, I am on the Board of Directors of the USS Indiana Commissioning Committee, Inc. which is responsible for raising the funds and planning the commissioning ceremonies associated with the Navy's acceptance of the USS Indiana (SSN 789) into the Navy's fleet from the Newport News Shipyard. She will be the newest of the Virginia class fast attack nuclear submarines when she is completed. (I'm also on) the Board of Directors for the USS Indianapolis (LCS 17), which is being built in Marinette, Wisconsin. She is a combat ship (a kind of destroyer)...her commissioning will probably be in the latter half of 2018." Thanks for the update, Doug.

From **Kerry Wilson**: "When I was on the campus (some time ago), (he) got to see the new soccer stadium...Finally after all these years, we have a Mud Hollow to be proud of. I think I paid for one of the glass windows in the locker room!" Thanks for your contribution, Kerry.

Hey, I would love to hear from a lot more of you!! PLEASE email me a short update on what you are up to these days, and I will definitely send it out to the Class!

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I'll get my next letter to you in a few months, particularly if I receive some news from you.

Have a good rest of the Winter!

All the best,
Rick