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Gentlemen:

I wanted to get a short letter out to all of you before the 2021-22 Fiscal Year ends for "Dear Old Wabash".

I hope all of you are doing well. Here in the Midwest, it's 100 degrees with 70% humidity...pretty hot! But, I'm not complaining!. Summer is well underway for sure. I want to give you a brief recap of our tremendous Reunion in Crawfordsville 2 weeks ago, and mention "end of the fiscal year giving" to our Alma Mater.

50th Reunion

A great success!!!! Thanks to the 56 or so of you, plus 26 or so spouses/partners who attended. What a wonderful time. For those of you who could not make it, be assured that you **all** were in our thoughts as the Class of '72 gathered for our 50th Reunion.

Thanks again to my Co-Chair, **John Bridge**, our two Gift Campaign Co-Chairs, **Tom Ristine** and **Hugh McClelland**, and to the 18 or so **Living Unit Reps** who made the weekend a success.

Some highlights: (too many to list them all).

>**Tom McShane's** brilliant colloquium session on "*American Military Ethics in an Era of Pandemic and Social Upheaval*".

>Friday night's All Campus **Big Bash Banquet**, where all of us were recognized and applauded by President Scott Feller for our 50 Years of service and support of Wabash College. John, Hugh and I also presented a "check" to the College for \$3.7MM as our contribution to the College in this our Reunion year. This includes actual donations and pledges made by our class over the last 5 years, plus pledges made by individuals for future distribution (eg. Trusts, Wills). Quite an Achievement!

Thanks to Everyone in our class for your contributions to this gift!!

>**Chapel Sing**. What an event. We all gathered at Detchon Hall, formerly Yandes, rehearsed "Old Wabash", then gathered behind a flat-bed truck, and marched towards the Chapel in formation. Special thanks to **Tom Ristine** who somehow located a Calliope (a keyboard like you'd hear at a circus!), somehow got the calliope onto a flat bed truck, and led all of us as we circled the Mall 2 times and entered the Chapel Sing. Thanks also to **Dave Myers** who accompanied Tom (who played the Calliope) on drums, and **Don Shelbourne** who drove the truck. After listening to all the other Reunion classes perform (there were about 10 other Reunion classes), we took the stage, and we were brilliant! As a Result, **Our Class Won the Chapel Sing Competition!**

>**Class of '72 Colloquium**. Organized and moderated by **John Bridge**, our "standing room only" colloquium was a huge success. The theme was: *"Wabash and Four Years that Changed America: 1968-1972"*. On the panel were Professors Finley Campbell, David Hadley, David Blix, Coach Rob Johnson, and classmates **Dave Myers, Steve York, and Mike Loudon**.

>**Class of '72 Dinner Reception**. We gathered in the brand new, extremely impressive, "state-of-the art" W Club Lounge in the new Little Giant Stadium. We were joined by many Wabash senior officials, including Steve Hoffman, Mike Warren, Michelle Janssen (Dean of Advancement), and President Scott Feller and wife Wendy. Michelle spoke about how the new stadium "came to be". A must visit for all of you when you are on campus.

>**Class of '72 Dinner**. We then all met in Knowling Fieldhouse for our special dinner. Professors Campbell, Hadley and Brooks joined us, along with Michelle Janssen, and President and Mrs. Feller. The evening's agenda included a few remarks by me, a pre-dinner blessing by **Don Lawton**, a recognition and moment of silence for our dear deceased classmates led by John Bridge, and, most fun: a brief update by everyone

attending (we passed a microphone) on “What I’ve Been Up To” in the last 50 years. Extremely interesting and fascinating to hear everyone’s remarks. By the way, we were very honored to have **Sharon Judah, widow of Steve Judah**, attend our dinner.

>**Sunday Awards Brunch.** Final Event of the weekend. Our Class dominated the Awards Ceremony. (Remember there were 10 other Reunion classes).

We were awarded the following awards by Steve Hoffman and President Feller:

- >Most Big Bash attendees
- >Highest Percentage of Class to attend Big Bash
- >Alumni Chapel Sing Winner
- Highest Percentage of attending Classes making a gift in the 2021-2022 year
- >Dorman Hughes '43 Award for best effort organizing a Reunion

So, great weekend. I know many of you could not attend for various reasons. Just know that throughout the weekend, we remembered you, we wished you were with us, and **we probably talked about you!** By the way, you can see many, many pictures of the Reunion if you go to the **Wabash Website**, and search “Big Bash Photos”. I’ve included two pix below: (Class Photo and Chapel Sing)





See you at our 55th Reunion!

Annual Giving

I just wanted to make a final Thanks to all of you who have contributed to Wabash this last year. We heard all weekend how alumni contributions are the key reason Wabash is able to continue as the best College in the country. Please consider contributing anything you can to this year's Alumni Campaign **by June 30th**. Any amount you can give is appreciated. Thank You!

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That's all for now. Have a wonderful, relaxing Summer!

Rick