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Hi Fellow '77ers:

Sorry I haven't been able to get a missive out your way in a while. I've learned that pneumonia at our age can really slow one down. I've gotten my strength back, and am glad to get some time at my writer's table in my office to get a note out to you.

It's been a great spring semester so far at Wabash. This past weekend, Riley Lefever '17 became only the second person in NCAA Division III history to win a national championship as a wrestler all four years in competition. Wabash won the third place team title, for the third year in a row. Here's a link to a story about Riley:

https://www.wabash.edu/news/displaystory.cfm?news_ID=10972

About six weeks ago, The Princeton Review ranked Wabash No. 1 in the U.S. That's right: No. 1 for the best alumni network in the country in its annual "Colleges that Pay You Back: The 200 schools that give you the best bang for your tuition" guide. So you're part of that top ranking, right? Yes! See the link below:

https://www.wabash.edu/news/displaystory.cfm?news_ID=10961

Many of us have learned and benefitted from knowledge shared in TED Talks, known as "Ideas worth Spreading." Wabash hosted a spin-off of TED, Called TEDx, back on January 21. If you missed the live stream, here is a link to details about the event, which sought to enrich experience outside the classroom with inspiring talks and performances showcasing talent within the world and beyond. Here are the details. <https://www.tedxwabashcollege.com/about>

Can't believe we are now less than three months away from **BIG BASH and our 40th reunion at Wabash**, set for June 2-3-4. We do NOT YET have a lot of sign-ups for this, so it is time to move and get moving and make plans to come back to campus. By the way, if you haven't signed up within 3-4 weeks you might be getting a phone call from a classmate urging you to get

back to Crawfordsville. REMEMBER – Love to have “70 from ‘77” at this reunion. But so far, we have less than 10 people committed.

GET MOVING. Don’t put it off: Here’s the link to signing up.

<https://www.wabash.edu/ecommerce/bigbash.cfm>

To help us both reminisce, share, and think ahead, I now have the ENTIRE “senior supplement” to our 1977 yearbook in a digital format. Yes, 24 pages containing our 1977 pictures will go up online for you to see and enjoy one again, in a Google Docs format, in the next few days. In this file, you will also see “updates” from your class agents (Greg and Carole, Herm and Kitty, and Kathy and me) about what’s happening in our lives in 2017.

We will then be asking you to “do the same” for us and all your classmates. You can write 50 to 100 words updating everyone, and – if you wish – upload a picture as well.

I will coordinate after all the uploads are complete. I will print out a “paper version” of all the submissions and give it out to the attendees at our dinner at the college on June 3. It would be nice to have to burn out the toner on a copy machine with all the information. So when you see this “Johnkprof@gmail.com has shared” message going to you, please respond right away.

Thanks to several of you who have picked up a copy of my book “Glory Reborn: Wabash College and Its Athletic Teams, 1977-1982.” I’ve received a lot of positive feedback from those who’ve taken the time to get through the 255-page book, and I’m appreciative that so many alumni and former Wabash coaches like the work. If you’re interested, here’s a link to that as well: https://www.wabash.edu/news/displaystory.cfm?news_ID=10957

BIG BASH QUESTION FOR THIS LETTER: WHO ARE THESE GUYS??



Doesn't count if you're one of them: But if you know who all three are, email me at john.kerezy@tri-c.edu and tell me! First person to get all three right ... I'm buying you a beer at the Tommy's Scarlet Nickel at the Big Bash Reunion.

Finally, today I'd like to leave you with some words to a song from a "brand new" group which gained popularity our freshman and sophomore years at Wabash. My wife Kathy got me a Lynyrd Skynyrd two CD set (remember those?) for my birthday last month, and it's been a fun trip down memory lane hearing those old songs. While "Free Bird" and "Sweet Home Alabama" were two of the band's biggest hits, my mind reconnected with what we were learning about higher education and about life way back, around 1973-74, when this song was rising on the pop charts: "Simple Man"

*Take your time...don't live too fast
Troubles will come and they will pass
Go find a woman and you'll find love
And don't forget son
There is someone up above*

...

*All that I want for you my son
Is to be satisfied*

*And be a simple kind of man
Be something you love and understand
Be a simple kind of man*

Let's just be simple kinds of men once again as we prepare to gather at the "Academic Halls of Crawfordsville" once again in June for our 40th reunion at the BIG BASH. Come as you are, come as we were, so young and carefree, half a lifetime ago.