



Class of 1989

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Classmates:

I want to thank those of you who attended our **30-Year Class Reunion** earlier this month. From my count, there were 20 of us who registered or attended parts of the weekend. I also want to thank those of you who reached out to classmates by sending messages of encouragement or regret; those were noted and well received during various conversations over the three days.

These days, our lives are certainly more complicated and hectic, so, for those of us in attendance, it was a nice break to spend a few moments wondering around our old stomping grounds, reminiscing with old friends, and laughing with each other as we point out the parts of our bodies that no longer work quite the same as they once did. I suspect that by the time our 50th rolls around, there will be many new knees, hips, shoulders, elbows, etc. in attendance.

Speaking of medical advancements, maybe there will be a way to make considerable improvements to our singing voices before our next reunion because we got our butts kicked at **Chapel Sing!** We didn't finish dead last, however, that honor went to a class that didn't participate, so we got some points for trying. To those of you who shared in this humiliation, I appreciate each and every one of you. And remember, we have our pride – we didn't resort to any stage antics or "sports" maneuvers as a means of distraction as some unnamed classes attempted to do (*Class of '84!*).

On the other hand, our class seems to dominate in golf! Well, to be clear, Brian Chapman dominates at golf so we have that going for us. Be sure to thank him personally because he may get stolen from us through some sort of an "honorary degree" from another class just to help them win a scramble or two. That's just the kind of thing the *Class of '79* would do!

Our Class Dinner was held at the Beta House. It was fun watching members of the Phi Psi House see the inside of it for the very first time! David Brewer ('90) joined us and his fellow Beta's Mark Scott and Dave Sharp to help keep shenanigans at a minimal level. All in all, it was noted that we had a great evening of fellowship and remembrance... and I suspect that Ben Brown's son got to hear some great stories about his father's college days!



Many thanks to the following people who were either registered for, or attended, some part of the Weekend:

Scott Baum, Chris Bojrab, Ben Brown, David Callecod, Brian Chapman, Tom Dow, Kevin Egan, Dan Flynn, Brian Ford, Tom Gunderman, Terry Hamilton, Rhys Helt, Tony Lentych, Joe Pieters, David Reed, Mark Scott, Jim Selvio, Dave Sharp, Andy Smith, and Kurt Vogel.

Please note that several of our classmates have children enrolled now at (or who are recently graduated from) the College. Those parents now have a unique perspective about our school and I was glad to share some of that with them during the Reunion.

Our class was able to spend some time with various staff members of the College and I want to acknowledge that a few of them were contemporaries of ours: Steve Jones and Jim Amidon, both from the Class of '87 spent some time with us and Greg Redding, Class of '88, joined us for dinner along with his wonderful wife, Missy. Side note: Greg will be the interim Dean of Students next year! I am sure that will be quite the experience.

We need 18 more gifts!

While the numbers of attendees was on the lower side of the ledger, our class giving was ranked 3rd during the Reunion festivities and we are only one-tenth of a percentage point behind the Class of 1994 for 2nd place. Let's not get beaten by any class younger than us!! We just need a few more gifts to crack the 40% mark but we are just 18 gifts behind to reach the goal of 45%. Overall, the College just needs a few hundred more gifts to surpass that milestone and place us in the Top 15 (not percentage – TOP 15) of all colleges and universities.

Please consider making a fiscal-year end gift to commemorate our 30-Year Reunion. Perhaps a \$30 for 30 kind of gift. Any size gift matters and matters a lot. I would point out that a few of you have been giving every year for a few years now – don't let your personal giving streak end! For everyone else, you can start a countdown to our next reunion!

You can make your gift on-line by using the following link:

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

That's all, just 18 more...

I think the reunion taught me something this year and I think it should be incorporated into a new class motto: "***Class of 1989: We can't sing, but we sure can give!***"

We have only 20 more years until our 50th Reunion, my friends. There's no more pretending – we are significantly closer to that event than we are to our actual graduation day. We will be asked to make a "Class Gift" at that time. After watching the Class of '69 donate a record-size Class Gift at the banquet Friday night, some of us have new thoughts on how we can break that record. We will let you know how you might figure into those plans at a later date. Until then, we appreciate you thinking about the College as you make your charitable donations every year.

Cheers to you and yours!
Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tony." with a period at the end. The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Tony Lentych
& Joe Pieters