



WABASH COLLEGE

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Dear Class of '97,

Big Bash was a great weekend, and it was awesome to see the folks that made it back. We had a total of 19 classmates back. These 19 people weren't there all weekend, but they at least made it to one portion or another.

Of that 19, there was a core group that was present throughout.

Friday:

- We had good representation at the Golf Outing, with the Phi Psi/Lambda Chi team (Lyons, Derrickson, Miller) taking home first place. Despite a valiant effort - Theta Delts - Kirchner / Nicoson came in second. The Betas (Ryker, Pienias, Duncan, and Rojas-Castle), were, well...they were there!



- The Big Bash Banquet on Friday was a big event, with the highlight being the class of 1967 getting their 50 year reunion medals. There were 80 alumni from that class back on campus, and their class gift to the College was \$9.6 Million.
- After the banquet we got nostalgic and snuck in the chapel. It was quite an experience re-living the freshman Saturday and all the other good times that followed. Robinson and

Borgert took a turn on the organ. After reminiscing, we hit the town, visiting Barefoot Burger and a new craft brew bar called Backstep. The Betas were the last to show at Barefoot, but we did slide in right before last call, and we came bearing “gifts”.



- Those “gifts” did not include food, so several of us “ubered” back to Wings etc.....FYI there is no Uber in Crawfordsville. It is the Ben Hur cab service. Let’s just say, it was an adventure with 6 of us “sharing” a cab. We aren’t quite as small as we used to be. We made it just in time and feasted on Crawfordsville’s best wings...

Saturday:

- A few of the class attended Chapel Sing
- We had our class picture taken
- Our class dinner was the at the Beta house, then after dinner we spent some time talking on the front porch of the Beta house. Dr. Blix, Director of Alumni Relations Steve Hoffman, and Dean of Students Mike Raters attended the dinner. Dean Raters took questions from the crowd.

- Several of us went to Rex Ryker's house for an after party, and I believe Kirchner graced us with some late night Domino's Pizza that disappeared in about 6-7 minutes.



All in all it was a great time and a great weekend. It was great to catch up and hear what everyone has been doing. Several of our classmates are new fathers within the last 5 years (Rex Ryker, Eric Borgert, and Ethan Kirchner). Ethan is married, and is working as a chiropractor back in Northridge. Jon Matsey works for the NYPD and recently was selected to do some speech writing for the commissioner! Will Derrickson is in the Fort Wayne area working with Union Savings and rehabbing a house.

Don't forget – the fiscal year ends June 30 for the college. If you haven't given yet, please try and make a gift. Here are a few ways alumni and friends can make a gift:

- Online: www.wabash.edu/egift
- Phone: 877-743-4545
- Mail: Wabash College / Annual Fund / 301 W Wabash Ave / Crawfordsville, IN 47933

gifts must be made online by midnight June 30 or postmarked June 30, 2017 to receive credit for this fiscal year

The Online Honor Roll of Donors is updated nightly (www.wabash.edu/giving/honorroll).

I'll be in touch, and we all need to be thinking about our 25 year reunion! It will be here before you know it!

Have a great summer
Wabash Always Fights!
Justin & Craig