

Class of 1966

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Dear men of '66,

There is much to catch up on in this letter, so enjoy and respond if you wish.



Dave Krattebol, member of the 60<sup>th</sup> reunion committee, sends the following important message:

Exactly 60 years ago we were preparing for our Comprehensive Exams at Wabash. When I explain these exams to my friends in the Bay Area, they are surprised by the academic rigor of our school. They become even more amazed when I describe freshman pots, a grease pole fight and the required Chapel sing. I think privately they wonder what kind of school would put their students through so much.

Well, we survived and hopefully prospered.

As we approach our 60th Reunion, I have a couple asks.

If you are not aware, after following the traditional process of celebrating our 50th reunion and then being about the only class to formally celebrate its 55th, we are now planning on creating more history with a 60th reunion.

My first ask is that you make every effort to attend the festivities the first weekend of June. Where else would you rather be than Crawfordsville, Indiana? (Maybe don't answer that question.)

My second ask is that you participate in our fund raising effort for the College. As you have probably read you have a number of options. They will all count and will hopefully cement our class as one of the most meaningful classes in Wabash's history.

--You can make a one time gift

--You can spread your gift over the next five years.

--You can advise the College that a donation is included in your estate plans. In this option, you have the opportunity to have your gift matched if this is a first time disclosure or you are increasing the amount of a previously advised planned donation.

Whatever you decide, just let Steve Hoffman ([hoffmans@wabash.edu](mailto:hoffmans@wabash.edu)) know and he can add your name and gift to the growing class list.

I hope you will give serious consideration to attending the reunion, share memories with your former class mates and maybe relearn a college song.



Dennis Whigham corresponds regularly, and here is a recent email:

Greetings. I just arrived in Dresden, Germany where I will receive the Trust Award at the World Orchid Conference. Still trying to get the lay-of-the-land.

You and your committee have been nothing short of spectacular. Getting \$10 million from our class clearly indicates that they have done well and love Wabash.

I looked at the newsletter but could not figure out how to see if my name was on the list of donors. I remember giving some funds but the memory is not what it used to be..... Do I check with the college to see if what I remember is correct?

Hoping you are not burning-up in AZ.



Louise Forsythe, widow of Bob Forsythe, sent this very heartwarming message and pictures. We would love to see her at our 60<sup>th</sup> reunion.

I typically visit New York City a couple of times a year. Recently, I was in New York the week of March 10. I had several events planned and was researching more activities while in New York. To my surprise and delight, I came across that the Wabash College Glee Club and T-Tones would be performing at Grace Church.

What a wonderful performance. Enjoyed very much. I'm so glad I had the opportunity to experience the Glee Club.



Mel Machuca checked in from Cleveland and all is well with his family although there have been some health issues. Mel has kept in touch with Ernie “Chip” Johnson and Bill Ferguson. You may recall that Fergie was the MVP of our 16-6 victory over DePauw in 1965.

Bob Main was in contact and wanted to be sure his gift to the College had been recorded and that he was on the '66 list of donors. He is on the list!

Charlie Bell called and advised that he and Janet will be at our 60<sup>th</sup> reunion. He also has become a great-grandfather! WOW-congratulations Charlie!

Squier Neal has four grandkids involved in the theater in Indy and their performance dates have not been set yet. So, he is waiting to see how he might make it to our 60<sup>th</sup> reunion.

It has been rumored (no official notification yet) that Bill Cook will be at our reunion and will serve as our song leader for Chapel Sing. Please, Bill, we need your voice and leadership!

John Lennes has just added to his generous support of Wabash. He is already a member of the Kane Society which honors those who have made planned gifts to Wabash. John has now made a second planned gift to Wabash in support of our 60<sup>th</sup> reunion. Thank you John-SOME LITTLE GIANT!

John Flanagan, Roger Thies and your class agent are busy making plans for our 60<sup>th</sup> reunion, and we hope more of you will respond that you will attend. Just send an email to [candmblack@aol.com](mailto:candmblack@aol.com) to let us know. Currently we have 23 classmates and nine guests who are signed up. WE WANT MORE !

#### WABASH ANNUAL DAY OF GIVING 4/29/26

The Annual Day of Giving is 4/29/26, and our class has always been a leader on this important day for the College. We have 162 classmates on our current College roster, and 53 of us have made gifts in this fiscal year. Also, 35 classmates have made planned gifts to the College overall (not just this year.)

Giving percentages are very important to the College as these figures disclose overall alumni loyalty to the College and are used in national rankings. Any gifts, no matter how large or small are significant, so please, if you have not made a gift yet this fiscal year, please do so on this important day. Also, your gift will ensure that your name is on a permanent plaque to be placed on the rebuilt Senior Arch. The College hopes to get at least 40% overall alumni support, so our class goal will be at least 50%. If you recall, our class percentage for our 50<sup>th</sup> reunion was 75% - a record that will be hard for any class to beat.

Get out your “pots”, fraternity shirts, letter sweaters, Sphinx club pots, song sheets of Old Wabash and Alma Mater and get ready for a very special reunion weekend June 5-7, 2026. You can see the schedule, register, and see who’s coming at [wabash.edu/bigbash](http://wabash.edu/bigbash).

OOOOWAWA (loud and greasy) LITTLE GIANTS!

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