

Class of 1966

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Dear Men of '66,

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OOOOOWAWA-LOUD AND GREASY!

Chapel Sing at the Big Bash reunion is judged by a number of dimensions-one being originality. So, our class in order to get the attention of the audience started with the old cheer of OOOOWAWA!



Very few in attendance knew what in Hell we were doing, but led by our song leader, Bill Cook, they soon knew we were a special class. As a result, we finished second out of all classes at Chapel Sing. "Our voices and hearts combine..."

WHO ATTENDED BIG BASH?

Here is a list of those who spent a terrific weekend at Big Bash:

Antibus, Harry and Sara	Launey, Reuel
Bell, Charlie and Janet	Main, Bob and Jan
Black, Cal and Marsha	Rudicel, Max
Blossom, Jerry	Smith, Bob and Kathy Ober
Brissman, Riley	Taybos, George and Mary Pfeifer
Cook, Bill	Thies, Roger and Kathy
Flanagan, John and Patti	Todd, Bill and Linda
Gineris, Jim and Nancy	Vogel, Stan
Herrin, John and Nancy	Walker, Stan and Peggy
Krattebol, Dave	Wood, Ken and Gaynell

WHAT STATES DID THEY COME FROM?

Arizona, California, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Mississippi, Maryland, New York, Pennsylvania, Tennessee

CONGRATULATIONS (AGAIN) TO OUR CLASS FOR OUR GIVING PERCENTAGE!

Each fiscal year the College has a goal of 40% alumni participation in giving to the College. This figure is very important as it is a critical dimension used by the various national ranking organizations. For this past fiscal year our class percentage is 44% and this is achieved by not just living classmates but by the very loyal widows of our deceased classmates. Here is a list of those widows who contributed to our Alma Mater.

Louise Forsythe
Robin Kline
Marilyn Murphy
Babs Roeder
Suzanne Ware

THE CLASS OF 1966 ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

Because of the extreme generosity of our class, the College suggested we might wish to endow a scholarship in the name of our class as part of our 60th reunion gift. The price tag to do this was \$1 million, and we quickly reached that goal. We have now officially established this scholarship that will enable bright young men to attend Wabash who otherwise may not have been able to do so. THE CLASS OF '66 legacy will continue on for years to come!





While John Lennes was unable to attend Big Bash, he did send a very nice and interesting email:

Finally got the trivia game packaged and sent. It's a Parker Brothers Master 1960's Trivial Pursuit game, still in its original Target cellophane wrapper. You can tell which end of it was facing "out" in the bookshelf and toward the window; over decades even the Minnesota sun can fade things. Possibly worth a bundle - maybe you shouldn't even unwrap it!

Also, attached is a great "photoshopped" picture of Bill Cook concocted by Reuel Launey's genius daughter. At the last reunion we presented it to Bill - in greatly enlarged format and nicely framed, but with no autograph. A caption contest has since erupted, and entries so far are:



"... and then the priest said to the rabbi...."

"Who is that fellow over there with Bill Cook?"

"Bill, it's hopeless. You will need lots of help and buckets of prayer to have a chance of getting all those Wabash 'Gentlemen' onto the straight and narrow."

"We've formed this glee club back in the Vatican called 'The Collage of Cardinals' and we need a director; got some time?"

"Bill, you just cannot keep asking for divine intercession to guarantee the 'Old Wabash' singing top award to your 66'ers! There is a quota on miracles, you know."

"Bill. you just have to cut back on the sacramental Coke!"

ANYONE GOT MORE?

Dennis Whigham was also unable to attend due to previous travel arrangements, but he did provide a great picture and flyer about his recently published book. Read his bio-WOW what an accomplished scientist, classmate, friend and true LITTLE GIANT!



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Hal Horwitz (1940–2015) was a pediatric dentist and an avid photographer specializing in native orchids. Hal and his wife Helen were early supporters of the Native Orchid Conference and the North American Orchid Conservation Center (NAOCC).

Dennis F. Whigham is Distinguished Emeritus Scientist at the Smithsonian Environmental Research Center (SERC) and Founding Director of the NAOCC, which was established as a program of the Smithsonian based at the SERC.

Jay O'Neill retired after a forty-year career at SERC. He was instrumental in developing and maintaining the NAOCC and Go Orchids websites, and continues to promote NAOCC's educational initiatives.

Julianne McGuinness is a contractor responsible for many aspects of NAOCC operations including partnerships, project coordination, fundraising, the newsletter, and websites.



Here is the Class of '66 photo taken at Big Bash on 6/6/26.



1st row left to right: Ken Wood, Roger Thies, Stan Vogel, Harry Antibus, George Taybos, Reuel Launey 2nd row left to right: John Flanagan, Max Rudicel, Bill Cook, Jerry Blossom, Dave Krattebol 3rd row left to right: Stan Walker, Charlie Bell 4th row left to right: John Herrin, Bob Smith 5th row: Cal Black

Thy loyal sons..."

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