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### *Class Agents Letter*

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Dear Classmates:

I hope all of you are busy firming up your plans to join us for the Big 'Bash reunion on June 3<sup>rd</sup>! I apologize for being so lax in getting a class letter off to you, but good intentions have been trumped by getting off to a good start in a new job. I joined the Indianapolis public broadcasting station (WFYI) stations as Vice President, Corporate Development back in December, and have been on a quick learning curve on NPR radio and PBS television since then...not to mention a capital campaign that is gearing up to be launched this coming fall. After seven crazy years of ups and downs with Conseco, it is nice to be working for a place where they appreciate your efforts and networking connections. I am heading up our underwriting sponsorship sales department, and am enjoying the opportunity to help take a great staff to the next level. This is the first nonprofit organization for which I have been employed since working for Wabash back in the late 1970's and early 1980's...but at least my job responsibilities keep me in touch with numerous contacts in the corporate sector.



Enough about me...it is really all about you! **We want you back for the Big 'Bash reunion!** I'm guessing that a few of you may also be charter members of Procrastinators' Anonymous! Just because your class agents haven't gotten too many letters out to you promoting this big event, the College's Alumni Office has done a great job in reminding us of this upcoming Big 'Bash! I was surprised to see that only a handful of us have registered so far...**it is not too late** to make a commitment to be there and join in the festivities!

It is hard to fathom that we graduated 30 years ago. I don't know about you, but I am surprised to find hair growing where I don't need it, and vice versa...and experiencing more difficulty trying to convince my family that those stray gray hairs are really blonde...and trying to figure out why I am perspiring in strange places, having difficulty sleeping in on weekends...and hating to admit that I really don't know what I want to be if I ever grow up. Of course, I can rationalize these shortcomings with the best of them...I'm guessing many of you are also having fun subsidizing college educations and money pit repairs at home.

So, it is true. Most of us haven't had it nearly as good as we had it during our college days (and I'm not just reminiscing about sex). So let's all try to recapture our youth for one brief weekend this coming June! Let's pretend we haven't got a care in the world! Let's drink cheap beer at Tommy's Silver Dollar or the Lew. Let's swap stories and tall tales about pledgeship hazing, old college traditions, townies, dating disasters, beer binges we lived to tell about, and quirky professors that influenced our careers and lives.

I have gathered a little **classmate news** over the past few months, so here is the latest update! **Judd Cromer** emailed me a couple of months ago and says he still sees **Curt Hendricks** from time-to-time, and speaks with **Bob Peterson** once in awhile. Judd's office is just south of 71<sup>st</sup> Street and Graham Road in Indy, and his number is (317) 842-4396. He has been busy with tax season, but now that it is over, I plan to give him a call. I hope some of his Fiji brothers will get him to join them for our reunion on June 3<sup>rd</sup>!

**Mack Guffin** emailed me a couple of months back to say that he and Beckie might hit the trail and make it to some of the reunion weekend festivities beginning on Saturday morning. They are still running a retail food distributorship in Valpo, but shared that the margins aren't all that great and they may move on to some other endeavor. Mack says they are looking into some franchise opportunities. Mack and Beckie were in C'ville in March for the state swimming divisionals. As you may recall, Mack was a great swimmer during our Wabash days, and I think their daughter inherited his natural abilities and love for swimming! I hope our fellow Beta brothers will join us for our reunion on June 3<sup>rd</sup>!

**Chris Sturbaum** emailed **Bob Chamness** and me back in January that he was considering giving a talk on historic preservation during our reunion weekend. As you probably remember from a previous class letter, Chris has been a leader in this field for several years down in Bloomington. What I didn't know...and was amazed to learn...is that he recently donated a kidney to his wife! What a precious gift to share with a loved one! Chris also shared that he has been chairman of Bloomington's historic commission and is now serving on the city council. He has also run a business of remodeling and restoring old houses (Golden Hands Construction) since 1979. I'm hoping his Lambda Chi brothers will join us for our reunion on June 3<sup>rd</sup>!

**Gene Baugh** sent both Bob and me an email just a few weeks ago, letting us know that he accepted a position with Consumer Credit Counseling Services back in April, 2004...and he gets paid to talk and think in Spanish! (Bernie Manker must be proud!) Gene's daughter Ruth married John Baca in Cincinnati back in January, 2003, following his separation from Charles in August, 2002. He is also working on a book he hopes to get published regarding his cult years. Gene says he will attempt to make it back for our reunion on June 3<sup>rd</sup>, especially if any fellow Tekes will be attending.

In an effort to get this long-overdue class letter off to all of you, I'm going to spare you news of the College in hopes you will immediately pull up [www.wabash.edu/alumni/reunion/attending](http://www.wabash.edu/alumni/reunion/attending) and **register to attend our Big 'Bash reunion on June 3<sup>rd</sup>!** (*The deadline to register is May 24<sup>th</sup>!*) Hope to see you then! If you have questions, concerns, or class news updates to share, please contact me at:

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