

Class of 1988

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Dear 1988 Little Giants,

Big Bash 2023 occurred this past weekend and our 35th class reunion is in the books. Over the course of the weekend fifteen members of our class attended at various times. It was a joy to catch up with so many treasured friends and classmates; I also enjoyed visiting with men from the other honor classes. The joy of reconnecting with so many friends this weekend brings to mind Schopenhauer's apt quote, "[e]very parting gives a foretaste of death, every reunion a hint of the resurrection." Maybe Schopenhauer's phrasing has a bit too much of the melodramatic maudlin style that was typical of the 19th century, but his essential point is well taken: reuniting with old friends with whom we share a common bond from a formative period in our lives is positively wonderful.

I am sharing a few photographs from the weekend:



Dinner at Caleb Mills House. Greg Teague, Dean Greg Redding, Brenda Beesley Hurst, Dr. Chuck Hurst, Dr. Mark Fritz, Dr. Tim Smith, Jim Williams, Mike Simmons, Ben Grisemer, and Roger Rhodes



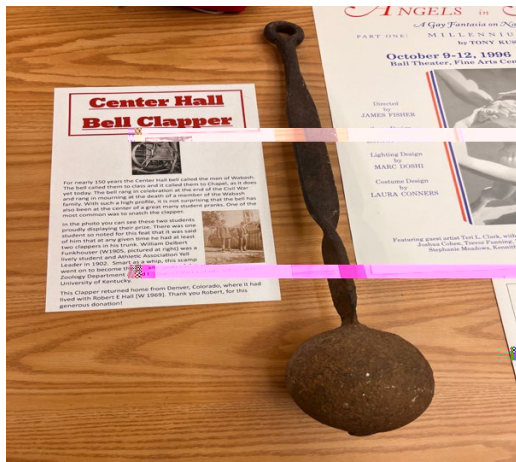
Drs. Mark Fritz and Tim Smith. Mark is on faculty in the chemistry department at the University of Cincinnati and Tim practices medicine in Plymouth, Indiana.



Me and my law partner, Steve Murphy, from the honor Class of 1973



Pioneer Chapel late on the evening of June 3rd with some alums sharing old memories on the steps.



The substantial donger from the Center Hall Bell on display in the Archives for all to see and appreciate along with other, less phallic, College treasures.



Sparks Center has a pub. It is called "Wally's". This was arguably the most popular person on campus this weekend serving up TWR and other refreshments to many a thirsty Wally.



Brenda can't believe Chuck brought his dog to dinner. The dog behaved very well.

Those of us who participated in the Chapel Sing acquitted ourselves and the Class of 1988 remarkably well according to Dr. Tobey Herzog who was one of the judges; however, we did not place so maybe Dr. Herzog was just being kind.

We missed those of you who could not make it and hope to catch up with you soon. If you have not yet made a gift this year, please consider doing so by June 30th as this is the end of the College's fiscal year. We hope to reach 40% alumni participation again this year in the College's Annual Giving Campaign. Our generous and consistent giving places Wabash College in a very select group of higher educational institutions. More importantly, President Feller reported on plans for a new student center to occupy the space currently occupied by Sparks Center. He promised it would have a pub as well so please give a few dollars for this important cause. You can give at wabash.edu/give

I hope you all are well. Please reach out to me with any news you would like to share. I look forward to seeing all of you soon.

Sincerely,

James R. Williams