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Dear Maud,

The Class of 1968 is very appreciative of our 55th Reunion experience at the College. Many deserve our gratitude, including those we did not meet. So forgive us if we miss a few.

Sean McGrath led the way. He was filling tall shoes after our 50th with Mark Robertson and Chris Robare. Let us assure you he took us to the next level. Detailed, anticipative, well connected across the college, Sean innovated at every hurdle and checked everything twice. He understood that we were after inclusion and fellowship. He was at the top of his game for '68. Chris Robare was his secret weapon, as she was for Mark at our 50th. They were well supported by the Williams Team from Security, to Tech, to Food Service, B & G and more...

Thank you for joining us on Saturday. We hope you got a sense of the strong fellowship, kindled by our 59 year relationship with Williams.

The CDE venue was a very important ingredient for '68. Fellows Hall, accommodated class members with mobility issues. The reinvigorated CDE perfectly matched the atmosphere we needed for the 100 or so returning classmates and their spouses and partners. Tom Powers was also very helpful in the planning.

Our program additions were generally low key, focused on coming together once again. However, we did add some College specific updates. Don Kjelleren and Tom Powers answered classmates' questions on CDE and The '68 Center. With the help of their staff, we sent all a tailored brief ahead of the reunion - a copy of which is enclosed for you. The access leveling and early experience penetration of the '68 Center is most impressive. We used the CDE experience in RWANDA to illustrate the capacity building CDE's 1200 Alumni are adding to their home third world countries.

Pamela Franks and her staff shared their insights on how they are collaborating and penetrating across the curriculum. How exciting it will be to expose future students to all aspects of a new working Art Museum !

Finally, we are quite proud of the fact that it is a bunch of 77 year olds who have brought Pickleball to Williams Reunions. 22 of us attended The Lowell Davis Pickleball Academy. You will find a uniform enclosed for you,* complete with the Class secret to staying young [courtesy of our Class Cartoonist.]

Sincerely, The Class of 1968 55th Reunion Co-Chairs:

Mark

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Mark Donavan

Mike Herlihy

* Please note the uniforms are purposely over-sized to double as sleep and beach wear.