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Dear 54ers:

President Hess gave an inspiring discussion at the Leadership Summit expanding the Wabash Academic footprint. It provides students exposure to some real world opportunities in four areas. The first is Innovation, Business and Entrepreneurship tailored toward career planning. The second area is Democracy and Public Discourse Initiative with opportunities in City, State and National involvement. The third is Global Health Initiative with world visits. The fourth is Digital Arts and Human Values which I am not clear on how this would evolve. Internships in the summer, spring and Fall Break trips and participation after class hours on campus are the main vehicles for the students who are motivated to engage and most do.

I asked President Hess about the Delt Frat re-instatement. He said after 8 years the legal concerns are over and a committee of former Delts are putting together a plan to present to him and Stan Matheny is on it.

On Friday eve of Homecoming, we were in the buffet line with a big good looking student. Helen asked him if he played football and he said he was the Center. She said we need you to protect Andrew Luck and he replied that he was not big enough. So she asked him about that and he said 6'3 inches and 260 as the lightest guy on the Wabash line. Wabash is undefeated going into DePauw game this week-end with play-off hopes.

Friday lunch with Mike Austin '52 and Dick Rose '54 on Sugar Creek was an update on their lives. Dick is writing a sequel to his award winning book, "The Lazarus Conspiracies", and Mike likes living near Dallas and his daughters' family. Saturday at Homecoming we visited with Bill and Sandy Glascock, who were marveling at the new campus housing compared to their time in Mud Hollow. Judge Bill Garrard continues his judicial involvement, looks good enjoying life and Arizona in the winter. Had conversations with Gil Shoaf '57, Bob Allen '57 relating his house on the Jersey shore is

in the ocean after Hurricane Sandy. Betty Allen, a DePauw grad, was made an Honorary Wabash Alum in Chapel. And we had nice visit with her. Dave and Nancy Orr '57 who live in Mexico most of the time but still maintain a Condo in downtown Indy and we chatted about old friendships.

One of the many concerns at Wabash is the 68% graduation rate in four years. They want to do better by identifying the high risk students and tailor a plan for them to stay and graduate. What astounded me was that IU and Purdue are under 50% graduating in four years. Both get \$14,000 per student per Year State and Federal tax payer money whereas a Wabash student might get an \$800 grant per student.

As the Phi Gams in our day called him Tarzan, Wade Frederick left us in September and details will be in the next Wabash Magazine.

Talked with Stan and Sylvia Huntsman and it is tough continuing struggle on his health and our thoughts go out to a great couple who mean so much to a lot of us. Ed Gallagher says he is a post grad of Heart Rehab and is a positive believer in rehab and will continue it. He and wife Marty still run a Cat House with like 12 kittens taken in and 7 dogs. Vic Lindquist took a beautiful scenic train trip from Toronto to Lake Victoria in late summer and he still limps on bad knees.

Helen and I are in Florida doing some Condo changes and new stuff. We go home to Fishers to see all our kids for the Holidays .We are trying our best not to rust out.

Wabash continues the Liberal Arts traditions and is preparing students for the future with the new Initiatives. It will remain strong with our support which is needed every year so send what you can to a wonderful College. On this note Vic Lindquist is making arrangements to underwrite a student in need each year just like he received when Vic was at Wabash. A fine tribute to former Northwestern University Dean Vic Lindquist, a loyal Wabash son.

Have a good Thanksgiving and enjoy the Holidays.

"Long in our hearts...." Bob and Helen Johnson

PS 45 -17 we beat DPU and play Albion Saturday 11/21 in play-offs.