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Dear 59ers:

The College has enjoyed one of the most successful fall semesters in recent memory. Three of our sports teams, cross-country, football and soccer were nationally ranked in the NCAA Division III. They all had successful seasons ending with another victory over DePauw in football to retain the Monon Bell. Although I was not a football player this game has special meaning for me since we did not capture the Bell during our four years there. Recently, I was able to see the Wabash basketball team get off to a good start under its new Coach, beating the Illinois Institute of Technology (IIT) here in Chicago.

Academically, Wabash senior Jacob Burnett became the ninth Wabash man to become a Rhodes Scholar and Wes Hauser; another senior received an Undergraduate Research award from the Forum for Research Abroad for work completed this fall.

The College broke ground on a new dormitory complex for Independent Men that will be completed in time for the fall semester 2015. The re-building of the fraternities was a higher priority for housing, but there has not been a new dorm for Independent Men for over fifty years. This project will complete the program of new housing for the College. Bob Allen '57 has made a generous gift to underwrite the new dorm complex that will house 132 men.

Bob Russell is still working at his consulting business. Bill Herman is recovering nicely from his extensive surgeries at the Cleveland Clinic. Many of us were able to catch up at our 55<sup>th</sup> Reunion. Since then John Hawks lost his wife Joan in September and Fred Pipin now resides in a nursing home for Alzheimer patients near his brother in Tennessee.

As the year draws to a close we have much for which we should give thanks. The best way I know to do that is to pay it forward. The following have already done that by making contributions to the College for this fiscal year.

Dennis Bodem, Mrs Wendell Calkins, Bob Charles, Jr., Mike Cummings, Tony Dowell, Bill Dyer, Jerry Evans, Craig Green, Charles Haffner, John Hawks, Walt Inman, Dick Jack, Gary Johnson, Bob Nelson, Mike Plummer, Carl Radebaugh, Max Riedlsperger, Mrs. Ron Smith, Jim Speer, and Evan Steger.

Each year I struggle to find ways to motivate you to contribute to the College. I know why I give, but I know you have many other reasons to give. As you make out your year-end checks to the College, write to me and tell me what motivates you to contribute. I will share these notes with your classmates so that it will inspire us all.

All the best to you and your families for the holiday season,

Bob Wedgeworth  
Craig Green  
Roger Billings  
Class Agents, Wabash Class of 1959