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Class of 1960 – Greetings!

I am sure that many of you who live in the northern latitudes welcome summer after a very harsh winter. You who live in the southern climes are well placed geographically!

This has been an active and exciting year on campus. The administration of President Hess began mid-summer last year with a fall Inauguration. Many of you like me may have met him at regional Alumni events; he is fully engaged with the College and has some dynamic plans to bring Wabash to new heights academically. The College is in excellent hands.

The new Dean of the College will be Chemistry Professor, Scott Feller, and effective July 1st. Gary Phillips, an outstanding Dean is stepping down and back into the ranks of the Faculty. Many of you may have met Dean Phillips at Alumni events or back on campus; I was most impressed by his scholarship and engagement.

Wabash has recruited and has deposits from 258 rising freshmen – a good number on tough recruiting times. In a time when gender specific colleges are yielding to coeducation (here in Pittsburgh, Chatham University, a female institution has recently gone coed), it is heartening to know that Wabash has not succumbed to a cookie cutter, look-alike institution. I believe that diversity in higher education and freedom of choice as to educational settings is most important.

The College has broken ground for 6 new residence halls on Crawford Street at the western edge of the campus as we knew it. Each residence hall will be unique thus offering a variety of living-learning experiences. Keeping Wabash a residential campus is most important to the very nature of the Wabash experience.

A remarkable event occurred on April 30 with the more-than-successful Wabash Day of Giving using the internet and social media as the route of fast communication and giving

opportunity. Nearly a half a million dollars was raised in 18 hours which was ten-fold over expectations. Not only does Wabash Always Fight, it also cares about its future. This was a great vote of confidence by her Loyal Sons! This brings me to the main point of this 11th hour letter; if you have not made your gift to the Annual Fund, I ask you to consider doing so by June 30, the end of the current giving year. Last year we were just shy of the 50% class participation level. Less than 10 additional gifts would have made the difference. For the current giving year, we are behind year-to-date; some quick attention by some of you would address this short-fall. I think those of you who have already made your contribution. Your annual gift keeps Wabash strong and a quality place for the education of young men.

Have a restful and healthful summer.

Sincerely,

Charlie

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