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### **Class of 1969**

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Gentlemen of the Class of 69,

As the lazy, hazy days of summer slip quietly by and the early signs of a new fall football season fill the air I want to take a moment to drop you a note on our 45<sup>th</sup> Reunion and the highlights of our 2014 fiscal year.

First and foremost Wabash College, the Alumni Office, our Class of 69 units reps, and I, want to thank each of you who made a donation to the College in 2014. It was a good year! A total of 106 of you reached out to make a gift to the College. This is 54.4% of our class. 106 donors is a new record for a graduating class in a single year (not including senior class gift campaign/recent graduate donor numbers for the classes of 2013 and 2014). This is a remarkable achievement for the Class of 69! Congratulations! You have good reason to be proud of yourselves and what you have accomplished. I extend a special thanks to all who made a gift, both large and small, and for your participation in Wabash philanthropy. I also wish to recognize those who made a gift in the last days (and hours) of June to carry our class to this new record. Without you we could not have done it. I also want to thank our unit reps who worked especially hard to reach out to their brothers and classmates to make a gift, and to come back for our reunion. In special recognition we have enclosed our Class of 69 2014 Honor Roll. In his next letter Dave will provide some of the numbers on our class giving and the status on our Dean Moore Scholarship fund. He will also present an idea for our 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion.

Our 45<sup>th</sup> Reunion was a wonderful and memorable event. Our official attendance was 49 which is a new Wabash 45<sup>th</sup> reunion record. We beat by two the old record of 47. We were actually 51 but two, unfortunately, did not sign the red reunion book. In any case we did set a new reunion record. That is great! Again congratulations and thanks to all who came back for our great weekend to make this happen. Looking at the numbers 382 alumni returned for Big Bash this year, coming from 36 states and 8 countries. Classes of 54, 59 and 69 set new reunion records.

The top three classes with the highest percentage of class returning were '64 – 30.5%, '69 – 20.4% and '04 – 15%. Classes with the highest number of attendees were '64 at 57, '69 with 49, and '04 with 35. In the Chapel Sing we placed second. Class of '04 won. They were a small group but had a lot of energy (younger guys!) In an after-action analysis Dave Sadler provided a good scenario to improve our class singing performance for our 50<sup>th</sup>. Next time we will nail it! Three of the nine colloquia were provided by the Class of 69. Rob Gorham and Jack Clark did a great presentation and discussion on Ralph's Mother, reliving that special weekend on campus in April 1968, with Dean Moore overseeing events. Steve Fox did an excellent colloquium on foreign policy. I did a colloquium on bringing home the missing from WWII. On a side note to Ralph's Mother, CNN has been running a series on "The Sixties" (Thursday nights) which provides an interesting backdrop to the music and culture of the late sixties that played such a significant part in Ralph's Mother. Again thanks to Rob and Jack for the fine job they did on presenting Ralph's Mother at Big Bash.

On Friday evening 57 of the Class of 64 received their 50<sup>th</sup> reunion medals with a splendid Big Bash dinner, presenting Wabash College a gift of \$2.23 million, with a little over 50% of their class participating in the gift. Saturday evening our Class of 69 had their dinner in Detchon Hall (I still call it Yandes, and remember when it was the library). Because of the number of donors we had by 28 May, we were able to have an open bar. Thanks to everyone who made that possible! President Hess stopped by to thank us for all we have done for the College and especially for the work on our Dean Moore Fund. He said our class decision for philanthropy in the area of scholarship embodies the tradition and culture of Dean Moore.

Summarizing Big Bash and a memorable weekend in his address at the Sunday awards lunch, President Hess made an interesting point which reaches out to all alumni: "Wabash College is your home". Having spent four years here, Wabash has a special place in your life. The College will always welcome you back with its doors open for you. There is always a time when you can come back to Wabash, a time when you can knock on a door, and a time when you can reach out to a friend. Wabash is and will always be your home!

Looking to the future and the larger picture as we go forward to our 50<sup>th</sup> reunion, there is some thought about developing for our class a five-year strategic plan, of sorts, to give us a better focus on our goals and objectives over the next five years. The plan will be simple and will help us do a better job in communicating with you. More to come! I have included a few pictures of our reunion. Our class photograph is a work of art! A true masterpiece! Good to see Steve Mihalko and Bob Shearer in the front row!



The pictures below were taken by Richard Moak. I thank him for letting me use these.





This Saturday, 23 August, is Freshman Saturday. 260 young men begin their education at Wabash College. And so begins a new class in the Wabash Brotherhood! We welcome them!

Wishing all a good summer! Best Wabash 69 Regards,

*Ken*

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