



## WABASH COLLEGE

### *Class Agents Letter*

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### Class of 1969

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**Our 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion – June 2019**

Gentlemen of the Class of 69,

As a good year for Wabash College comes to an end, with finals and the holiday break only days away, we continue to be amazed what Wabash men accomplish. An outstanding football season came to an end this last Saturday (5 Dec) in St. Paul, MN with Wabash in the NCAA Division III quarter-finals against a strong St. Thomas team. Although Wabash lost 38-7 in a hard fought game we can be proud of Coach Raeburn and his exceptional team finishing 10-0 in the regular season, keeping the Monon Bell, defeating Albion and Thomas More in the playoffs, and completing a 12-1 season, the best since 2011 (also 12-1). Mason Zurek, the 2015 NCAC Offensive Player-of-the-Year, set a new Wabash single-season rushing record with 2,011 yards, second in the nation in total rushing. Named to the Academic All-American D3 Football First Team, he also set a new Wabash record of 23 TD's in a single season. Nine Wabash players were selected for the 2015 All-North Region Team. Coach Eric Raeburn was selected the Regional Coach-of-the Year. See Tom Runge's "Putting It All in Perspective" dated 12/8/15 online at [www.sports.wabash.edu/news](http://www.sports.wabash.edu/news). What a great football team! Some Little Giants!

It is with pleasure I announce the recipients of our 2015 Class of 69 Dean Moore Scholarship. The scholarship committee has selected the following two Wabash gentlemen to receive our scholarship, based solely on need:

Mitchell N. Singleton	Senior	Independent	from Indianapolis
Roy A. Taylor	Junior	Lamda Chi	from Indianapolis

The fund's annual earned income on 30 June 2015, was \$ 9,540. This amount will be split between the two recipients. In the spring they will send our class a letter addressing their scholarship and Wabash experience. This is the third year our scholarship has been awarded, providing much needed financial assistance to six fine Wabash men. To all of you who have contributed to our Dean Moore Scholarship Fund over these past 11 years to make these awards possible I sincerely thank you, our Class of 69 thanks you, Wabash College thanks you. Good work!

The new student housing project is progressing well, with a scheduled move-in for the two large buildings set for early January at the start of the spring semester. In looking at the construction this past Sunday it

is hard to believe they will be completed on time. But many workers are on the job and the pace is intense. The two mid-size units (stone façade) will be completed by summer. The buildings and the architecture are impressive (pictures enclosed). Students will clear Martindale after finals leaving their things in the new large dorms before break. Demolition inside Martindale begins before Christmas with renovation to be completed early August, ready for the fall semester. Wabash housing will have a whole new look.

Talks on bringing back Delta Tau Delta to Wabash College are progressing. It is not a question of “if”, but “when”. Estimates are that it will happen sooner than later, probably within the next 12 to 18 months. Initially the house will probably be shared by Delts and independents, until the Delt population grows and all independent housing is completed. This fall the large maple tree on Wabash Ave in front of the Delt house had exceptionally beautiful colors (picture enclosed). Maybe the beautiful old maple is a sign of new things to come.

In my September letter I mentioned our Class of 69 has established a lasting legacy for our class and for Dean Moore by creating our Dean Moore Scholarship Fund. As we look at retirement and hopefully many more good years ahead we may begin to think of our own personal legacy and how we might wish to be remembered. There are many good options, one of which might be a deferred gift to Wabash through your estate planning, or a charitable remainder trust such as our classmate Dr. Ray Knight has set up with the sale of his 1951 Porsche Roadster. We thank Ray and his roadster for posing for the excellent picture in the “2015 Year-End Planning Guide” flyer just received. The six wins with the roadster by Picard in 1952 are impressive! A beautiful car! The Planning Guide (<http://wabash.giftplans.org>) offers many gift options you may wish to consider as we look at our own personal legacies going down the long road of retirement.

As we approach the end of the 2015 and you have not yet given, you may wish to consider a year-end gift to Wabash to take advantage of tax deductions. As always you can mail a check to Wabash College, Annual Fund, PO Box 352, Crawfordsville, IN 47933, call 877-743-4545, or give on-line at [www.wabash.edu/egift](http://www.wabash.edu/egift). Every dollar helps. Even a small gift has a big impact for Wabash.

On a sad note I need to inform you we lost two of our classmates this year. Gary Gunther, Independent, passed away June 22 in San Jose, CA. Stephen Plummer, Independent, passed away July 10 in Greenwood, IN. Our thoughts are with their families.

As we look at programs to support Wabash student experiences I would ask you to consider offering a student summer internship if you have a possibility to do so, or if you know someone who might have an opportunity to offer an internship. Internships provide valuable work experiences for students and are a key component in the Wabash Liberal Arts Plus (LA+) program. As an example, for the last two summers we have been able to offer research internships in chemistry at the University of Luxembourg in the Center for Systems Biomedicine for two students each summer. We hope to do so again next summer. The experience students gain with internships is invaluable for their resume and graduate pursuits. Help if you can. Contact Scott Crawford, 765-361-6355 or -6414, Career Services, Schroeder Center for Career Development.

As the last days of 2015 fade into the winter sunset I want to thank those of you (36 today) who have made a donation to Wabash and joined our 2015-16 Class of 69 Honor Roll

(<http://www.wabash.edu/giving/honorroll#class1969>.) Your gifts are greatly appreciated. If you have not yet made a gift this year and may wish to do so, there is still plenty of room on our Honor Roll. Your gift of any size is most welcome and goes a long way to helping our class giving percentage and helping Wabash College. I do wish to thank all who have given. Your gifts over all these years have done so much to help so many.

In the middle of October I had an opportunity to visit campus when the trees were at the peak of their fall colors. The campus was beautiful. I have enclosed a couple pictures.

I wish all a very Happy Holiday Season, a Merry Christmas, a Happy Hanukkah, and a Happy New Year with good health and happiness.

Wishing all the very Best in 2016!

Warm Regards and Holiday Cheer!

*Ken* W69



2 October







6 December







Nov 7 – Denison Game



Nov 14 – Monon Bell Victory