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Our 50th Reunion – June 2019

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Gentlemen of the Class of 69,

This year has passed all too quickly and now winter has descended upon us in the mid-west and northern states with the “Siberian Express”, the double polar vortex, and a lot of arctic air bringing “warm” greetings from Canada for the holidays. It may be time to move back to sunny southern California! Those of you in the warm areas of the US are fortunate to miss all this.

2016 was a good year for Wabash College: completing the beautiful Residential Life District on the west side of the campus; having a highly successful Day of Giving on 4/27; graduating in May the Class of 2016, with 32% receiving honors; completing the Martindale renovation on schedule; receiving a top-15 percent national ranking in 24 Wabash programs, which included a top-1 percent ranking in linguistics, German language, history, and mathematics. Wabash also received high ratings for its immersion programs, alumni relations, and career services.

Sports: The Wabash wrestling team is having a very good season. On December 8 they were ranked 2nd in the nation in Division 3. With the recently completed Shelbourne Wrestling Center the Wabash wrestlers are making an outstanding showing for themselves and for Wabash College. The football team had a fair season, finishing 8-2 with a new football coach. Unfortunately we lost the Monon Bell to DePauw in a close game. Behind in the 4th quarter Wabash took the lead 34-30 with less than 2 minutes to play. DePauw came back connecting on a series of passes scoring a touchdown to go ahead 37-34 with less than 30 seconds. And so ended the 123d Monon Bell Classic with the Bell going to DePauw after seven good years at Wabash. We will get it back next year!

Living: On Saturday, October 22, the newly renovated Martindale Hall was rededicated with a well-attended ribbon cutting ceremony on a beautiful fall day with clear blue sky and colorful trees on campus (pictures). It was a good ribbon-cutting ceremony. The new building architecture and construction provide a truly unique living environment for students living in Martindale. The completion of Martindale and the new Residential Life District now provide superb living accommodations for the Wabash independents and is now a major factor in attracting prospective students. We extend a special thanks to all of you who have contributed to the Student Housing Fund.

On this October 22d Saturday the Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity celebrated the 150 year anniversary of its founding with a formal pig dinner. The Psi Chapter was established on campus in 1866. We congratulate the Fiji's for their many years of outstanding brotherhood at Wabash College.

Dean Moore Scholarship: The Scholarship Committee has selected two recipients for this year's Dean Moore Scholarship. Both are seniors. Michael Herrmann is a Lambda Chi from Coatsville, IN. Riley Sullivan is a Sigma Chi from Noblesville, IN. They will be sharing this year's scholarship of \$14,597, the fund's investment income earned as of June 30, 2016. This is a 53% increase over last year's scholarship of \$9,540. We congratulate these two gentlemen on the receipt of their scholarships and wish them well in their finals this week and comps the week of 9 January (only a few weeks away!). It is worth noting the historic (book) value of our Dean Moore Scholarship Fund on June 30, 2016, was \$361,970, which is up from the historic value of \$262,561 in June 2015. We extend a very special thank you to all of you who have made a gift to our Dean Moore Fund. Our Class Scholarship is having a significant impact on financial aid to students of need. In the past four years eight students have received the financial help of our Dean Moore Scholarship. Through your thoughts and generous gifts our Dean Moore Scholarship will continue to grow and be able to help students of need in the years ahead, and long after we are gone. This will be a notable and lasting legacy for our Class of 69!

Giving: As we approach the end of 2016 you still have time to take advantage of a charitable tax deduction with a gift to Wabash College, if you have not already done so. For those who have already given we give our sincere appreciation and gratitude. You may want to watch for changes in the 2017 tax code and possible impacts on deductible contributions.

As always you can mail a check to Wabash College, Annual Fund, PO Box 352, Crawfordsville, IN 47933; or call 877-743-4545, or simply give on-line at www.wabash.edu/egift. Every dollar helps and goes a long way to supporting the College.

Class News: I have received the following news from the Alumni Relations Office:

- On October 28 in Glendale, AZ, Bill Andrews received the 2016 COMET (Community Outreach: Motivating Excellence for Tomorrow) Award from Midwestern University, recognizing his dedication and commitment to healthcare education for more than 30 years.
- On November 16 in Evansville, IN, John Schroeder was named Business Hall of Fame laureate for his outstanding civic and business contributions to the southwestern Indiana area and recognized him for his business excellence, vision, innovations, inspiring leadership, courageous thinking and actions, and local community service.
- From the Indianapolis Star in a November 28 news story, Jack Clarke reports how he stumbles across ancient trees in some unlikely places during his job with the Marion County Health Department in Indianapolis. Jack is fascinated by the age of the huge trees he has encountered – some he estimates at 170-400 years old, using a popular formula based on a circumference + mathematics formula.

If you have any personal news you would like to share with our class please email to me for my next letter. Any news is most welcome!

In other news Jacob Pactor ('04) has given up his teaching job in Indianapolis and will become the Director of the Schroeder Center for Career Development on January 3, 2017. We welcome Jacob to his new position at Wabash College.

With Christmas just days away and the New Year right behind, we want to wish everyone and their families a joyous Holiday Season with a very Merry Christmas, a Happy Hanukkah, and a most Happy and Healthy New Year for 2017. It will be an interesting year.

If you are traveling drive carefully in this cold weather and arrive safely. And enjoy a nice holiday season by a warm fireplace, if you can. If you are in Florida, Louisiana, Texas, or southern California you can go to the beach!

WABASH ALWAYS FIGHTS!!

With Best Holiday Wishes!

Ken

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A beautiful fall day at Wabash College



October 22 – Ribbon cutting for the rededication of Martindale Hall



Red maple trees outside Martindale



A beautiful old maple tree in front of the Delt House



...with gorgeous fall colors



Psi Chapter and 150 years!



The 123d Monon Bell Classic



Center Hall



Residential Life District



Malcom X Center