



**Class Agents Letter**

**Class of 1969**

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Gentlemen of the Class of 69,

As the spring days pass all too quickly by and begin reaching into the warm days of summer, life on The Wabash campus is winding down. Finals were completed last week. The 186<sup>th</sup> Wabash Commencement will take place this Saturday graduating 184 seniors. The commencement will be streamed live on the Wabash website. We congratulate these fine Wabash men on the completion of their four years of hard liberal arts work and wish them well as they step out into a world in need of good leadership. We also congratulate the 18 seniors and six juniors inducted into the Wabash chapter of Phi Beta Kappa.

**Big Bash - Our 55th Class Reunion** May 31 – June 1

There is still time to make plans to return to the Wabash campus for our 55<sup>th</sup> Reunion. We currently have 18 registered to come back to campus on 31 May. We are hoping to have more. If you are within one or two hours driving time to Crawfordsville consider coming back for both days or maybe just one day: Friday for the Big Bash banquet or Saturday for our class dinner. In any case it will be great to see you at our 55<sup>th</sup> Reunion.

You can still register for Big Bash at [www.wabash.edu/alumni/bigbash](http://www.wabash.edu/alumni/bigbash)

To see who is registered go to this link under *Registered*. The colloquia and schedule of events has been updated.

These are our 18 classmates who have registered so far for our **55<sup>th</sup> Reunion**:

John Burrell	Ivan Green	Dave Pancost
Ken Crawford	Al Hart	Dave Sadler
John Culley	Terry Harter	Steve Sallot
Richard Elson	Rik Lineback	Doug Sparks
Craig Fox	Bill Mabin	Denton West
Steve Fox	Bob McVicker	Jim Willhite

Lodging is still available, except in the Comfort Inn:

The Best Western +	765-302-3990	currently has an online rate for \$159.
Holiday Inn Express	765-363-4575	has lowered their online rate to \$134 (prepaid).
The Hampton Inn	765-362-8884	has an online rate of \$209.
The Comfort Inn	765-361-0655	online indicates they are sold out.



**04.24.24 Day of Giving:** All indicators show the Day of Giving was a success, setting some new records. The numbers are not yet in. The bookkeepers are still counting the coins that landed on their table. More information on 04.24.24 results will be forth coming. It was a great Day!

**Dean Moore Challenge:** Indications are that the Dean Moore challenge on 424 drew a substantial number of donations, with about the same number of unique donors as last year. Again, the numbers are being added up and will be provided in my next letter.

I wish to extend a very heartfelt and sincere thank you to all of you who participated in the 424 Day of Giving and made a donation to any number of the many challenges and especially to our Dean Moore Challenge. I also want to extend a special note of thanks to those of you who joined in our Dean Moore Challenge matching gift pool. The gift pool and the more than 87 gifts that came in on 424 will help push our Dean Moore book value to over \$900k by 30 June.

That is significant! Your generous donations to our Dean Moore Scholarship fund and to Wabash are truly significant and have a major impact on Wabash men and their education.

**New Student Center:** As mentioned in my last letter construction on the new student center will begin on 3 June, the day after Big Bash, with demolition of the 67-year old Sparks Center. The new Student Center will be completed hopefully in August 2026. A lot of history in this beautiful old facility. The picture below of the Scarlet Inn was taken in March this year, and shows essentially the same configuration as it was back in the 1950's. Even though the Scarlet Inn and the Sparks Center will be gone this summer, the memories of this fine building will always be with us. *"Long in our hearts, we'll bear the sweetest mem'ries of thee"*



We look forward to seeing you at **Big Bash 2024** on 31May and 1 June for our **55<sup>th</sup> Reunion**.

I will follow up a week before with more details for those coming to our 55<sup>th</sup> Reunion. Reach out to your pledge brothers and classmates to encourage them to return to the beautiful Wabash campus for a great weekend. I have added the lines for *"Old Wabash"*. You have time to practice. Work on the second verse. Dave Sadler has volunteered to lead us.

Remember... *"Our greatest joy will be to shout the chorus"*

If you have any questions or need help on anything related to our 55<sup>th</sup> Reunion please email me or call me at 812-369-4630, cell 661-247-7600

Again, I thank you for your all you do for Wabash. Although you may not see it, your generous philanthropy goes a long way to help the young men of Wabash achieve a remarkable liberal arts education and prepare them for a challenging world.

## **WABASH ALWAYS FIGHTS!!**

My Best to all in the Class of '69!

*Ken*

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### **Old Wabash!**

*Words by Edwin Meade Robinson, 1900*

*Music by Carroll Ragan, 1901*

From the hills of Maine to the western plain, or where the cotton is blowing;  
From the gloomy shade of the northern pine, to the light of the southern seas;  
There's a name held dear and a color we cheer wherever we find it glowing;  
And the tears will rise to our longing eyes as it floats on the evening breeze.

When the day is done and the western sun is painting in flashing glory;  
Across the skies with gorgeous dyes the color we love so well;  
We love to sit as the shadows flit and praise it in song and story;  
We love to shout as the light dies out a good Old Wabash yell.

Our prayers are always thine, our voices and hearts combine,  
To sing thy praise when future days shall bring thy name before us.  
When college days are past, as long as life shall last,  
Our greatest joy will be to shout the chorus.

*Dear Old Wabash, thy loyal sons shall ever love thee,  
And o'er thy classic halls, the Scarlet flag shall proudly flash.  
Long in our hearts, we'll bear the sweetest mem'ries of thee,  
Long shall we sing thy praises, Old Wabash!*

And loud and long shall echo the song, Till hill and valley are ringing  
And spread the fame of her honored name, Wherever the breezes blow.

Till sweet and clear the world shall hear, The sons of Wabash singing,  
And flying free the world shall see, Our scarlet banner go.

The honors won by each loyal son, In highest rank shall instate her.  
Forever more as in days of yore Their deeds be noble and grand.  
Then once again ye Wabash men, Three cheers for Alma Mater  
What e'er befall, revered by all, May she unequaled stand.