



## **WABASH COLLEGE**

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Dear 1954 Class:

Some 68 years ago 150 young men started at Wabash with trepidation and excitement of what the world will bring. For some of us, it was transformative, difficult and best of all inspiring.

Helen and I limped our way to Homecoming with our daughter providing transportation. We had a nice lunch and heard brief speeches. The 125<sup>th</sup> Monon Bell game was November 10 watched Wabash win. So much has changed from our day and as someone said it seems like a strange world. We had our time and change is dynamic, yet Wabash retains a certain spirit we experienced.

A satisfaction feeling came to me when a prospective student's dad called about his son's fervent desire to go to Wabash. His son is a serious student, Cross Country runner and looked at eight colleges. Like I was, he is about a B student and Wabash is selective. I talked with the Admissions group and we went over his application. The only question after our review was "Did I think he could do Wabash work and academics?" My reply was that Jimmie is a serious and good kid with motivation and yes, he will be successful at Wabash. So I am anxious to hear from Jimmie if he is admitted.

Wabash has launched a Comprehensive Campaign thru 2023 with a goal of \$225 million to add to the Endowment primarily. President Hess announced an amazing commitment of \$150 million already made by loyal Alumni, Trustees, and friends. We must support this worthy effort to keep Wabash strong and relative with outstanding experiences for today's students.

At Thanksgiving time, I am thankful for my family, health, and the friendship of two close friends who passed away. Ed Gallagher and I had lunch often. Dean Trippet was a hero in his life and influenced his thinking. We were on opposite sides of the political spectrum, social issues and role of Government. So always interesting conversation and as I told his widow--every time I think about Ed often, it brings a smile to me.

Our 65th reunion is June 1, 2019, and my hope is we can attend the dinner that evening in Trippet Hall. So if any of you are able and interested, let's make a trip to Wabash.

Have a wonderful Holiday time and good cheer and health for the New Year!!!

"Long in our hearts shall we sing .....,"

Bob & Helen