



Class Agents Letter

Class of 1969

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Gentlemen of the Class of 69,

With the year coming to an end and with our first big snow in Indiana, we are again looking at a cold winter with the traditional arctic clippers from our Canadian friends. Time goes too quickly. I am late in getting a letter to you this fall and have not introduced the new freshman class to you. The Class of 2023 hails from 8 countries and 14 states, and features 48 legacies, 5 valedictorians, and 16 students who earned a perfect score on a section of the ACT or SAT. The 235 young men who started their freshman year at Wabash on 22 August, completed their first semester last week with finals ending on 10 December. They return 20 January to begin their spring semester. Seniors take their written and oral comps the week of 13 January. Comps are always fun!

As we reflect on the year past we can find satisfaction in our 50th Reunion with a very good turnout for three wonderful days in June and a class gift that set a new record. Wabash College continues to be in the top tier of liberal arts colleges attracting outstanding young men.

Wabash football ended their regular season with 9 and 3. As you may have heard we were not able to retain the Monon Bell in a hard fought game with DePauw. We were leading 13-10 with less than 50 seconds in the game. DePauw had the ball, threw a long pass down the right sideline and scored with 38 seconds left. Wabash lost. What is interesting this is the exact same play three years ago, Wabash leading, DePauw made a long pass down the right sideline, with less than 90 seconds in the game, scored, and won the game and the Bell. This year Wabash did make it to the first round of the Div III playoffs, but was soundly defeated by North Central Illinois, having the Div III no. 1 offense, 51 – 15. Next year brings new hopes!

Dean Moore Scholarship: Yesterday I received from Joe Klen information on the awarding of our Dean Moore Scholarship this fall. Four gentlemen, one in each of the four classes, are sharing a total of \$24,370, the earned income for 2018-19. The book value of our DM Scholarship Fund as of 30 June 19, was \$567,900. We achieved our goal of having \$500K in the DM Fund by our 50th Reunion. I extend a very special thanks to all who contributed to our Dean Moore Scholarship over the past ten years. Our scholarship continues, and will continue in perpetuity, to help Wabash men of need.

Wabash Campus: Changes are taking place across campus. The new Wabash College Gateway on the corner of Wabash Ave and Grant Ave was dedicated on 4 October, bringing a whole new view to the campus entrance. City work continues along Grant Ave. for a new pathway from the city center to trails going west. Unfortunately the CSX railroad to the former RR Donnelley plant is staying. The city tried,



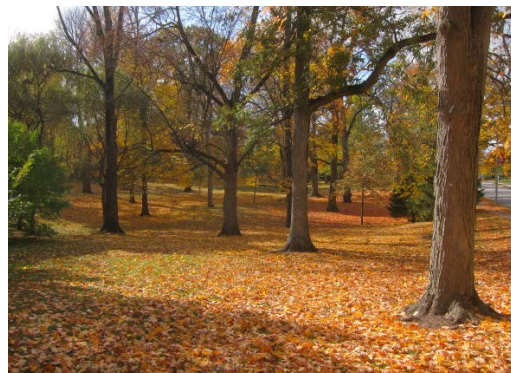
and the College hoped, to have the RR tracks removed, but CSX did not want to give up their right-of-way. And so it goes.



Construction is beginning on a new \$13 million stadium with completion scheduled for 5 Sept 2020, just in time for the first home game with Rose-Hulman. The project is on schedule with demolition of the old Stadium to begin within days. The football field and track will also be replaced.

Completed in 1959, Lilly Library is looking at significant renovations, with some aspects of the building and its mechanicals near the end of their useful lifespan. Detailed planning is ongoing, with work to begin sometime in 2020. Much thought is being given on what to do with Sparks Center, completed in 1957. More to follow.

With the pictures below I tried to capture the fall colors on campus. But this year fall was short with rainy weather and the colors of previous years did not last long.



As we near the end of the year and you have not yet given to Wabash I encourage you to consider a gift to the College to take advantage of the 2019 tax deduction. As always you may give at www.wabash.edu/give, call 877-743-4545, or mail a check to Wabash College-Annual Fund, 301 W Wabash Ave, Crawfordsville, IN 47933.

On another note we received word Steve Charles H'70, editor of Wabash Magazine, will retire in January. We thank Steve for his many years of beautiful photography and outstanding work for the College.

We still have several copies of our 50th Reunion Memories Book left. If you did not receive the book in the mail please let me know. Email or call me at 812-369-4630.

I do not receive much class news, so anything you wish to share with our class is more than welcome.

The Holiday Season is upon us and I want to wish all a very Merry Christmas, a Happy Hanukkah, and a healthy and Happy New Year, with good wishes for a successful 2020.

Thank You!!.. for all You do for Wabash College!

WABASH ALWAYS FIGHTS!!..

My best Holiday wishes to all,

Ken

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