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Our 50th Reunion – June 2019

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Gentlemen of the Class of 69,

As we come to the end of 2017, we pause to reflect on all that has taken place these past twelve months and the diverse directions many things have gone. But the one constant in the broad spectrum of challenging events is the sound commitment Wabash College has to educate young men. This commitment is demonstrated in the superior education offered to a diverse group of young men, guided and supported by an outstanding faculty and staff. While offering the traditional curriculum of the liberal arts the College fosters independent intellectual inquiry, critical thought, and clear written and oral expression. Nowhere is the spirit of Wabash College more strongly displayed than on the sports fields by the students and players who each year execute so well the motto “Wabash Always Fights. And this was never so clearly demonstrated than by the Wabash football team and students in the last game of this season on 11 November.

Monon Bell Game **Wabash WON the Monon Bell!...**defeating the Dannies 22-21 in a hard fought game at DePauw, in beautiful weather. The game came down to the wire. Both teams were about evenly matched through the game, 14-14 at the half, each having 16 first downs in the game. DePauw scored in the 3d quarter on an intercepted pass to make it 14-21. But in the middle of 4th quarter DePauw fumbled a punt return with Wabash recovering on the 5 yard line and then scoring on the next drive, making it 20-21. Wabash went for two points completing a short pass, to go up 22-21. Late in 4th quarter DePauw drove to the Wabash goal line but the quarterback fumbled at the goal line and Wabash recovered in the end zone. And so the game ended and Wabash carried the Monon Bell home. This was one of the more exciting Bell games in years. The Wabash defense was able to force the two DePauw fumbles. Football head coach Don Morel expressed best the feeling of the players and the meaning of having the Bell when he said:

"Winning the Monon Bell back means a lot to Wabash. A part of being at Wabash College is having the Monon Bell. DePauw earned the Bell last year, but having it on our campus means so much, so it really hurt to not have it for a year. Today was great. It was a great game and a great win."

"Wabash Always Fights is a real deal. Our kids displayed that today. It seemed like Weston Murphy got hit what seemed like 97 times today. He found a way to win another football game today. That's been the 2017 Wabash College football team. This is not a dominant football team. They had to find a way to win this football game, and that's exactly what they did."



Dean Moore Scholarship Fund As of December the Scholarship Committee has not yet announced the award of this year's Dean Moore Scholarship. Their priority this fall has been to award scholarships to next year's incoming students (to attract good students). It is anticipated our scholarship will be awarded by February, at which time we will have names of the recipients and their living units. As last year we anticipate two or three seniors will receive our Dean Moore funds. Following up on Dave's earlier letter our Dean Moore fund on 30 June 2017, had a book value of \$395,424.95. This is the total of all contributions to the fund since June 2009, our 40th Reunion. The market value of our fund is \$406,979.19. This is the value of the endowment units the fund had on 30 June. It is not the amount our fund has grown since 2009. The amount of investment income earned by the fund in 2017 is \$16,289 and is available to award this year. This is up from \$14,597 in 2016. Traditionally we have asked the Scholarship Committee to award the full amount of the earned income each year. The growth in the fund's earned income is possible because of your generous contributions to our Dean Moore

Scholarship fund each year. On behalf of the College and our Class of 69 I sincerely thank all who have contributed to our fund. Every dollar helps!

Year-end giving: As 2017 draws to a close I encourage those of you who have not yet made a gift and want to take advantage of this year's charitable tax deduction to consider making a contribution, any amount, before 30 December since post offices are closed on Sunday December 31. As always you can give by going on line to www.wabash.edu/egift, phone in a gift at 877-743-4545, or mail a check to Wabash College-Annual Fund, 301 W Wabash Ave, Crawfordsville, IN 47933. Operators are standing by!

A very special Thank You to those of you who have given this year, 2017-18, and are on our Class of 69 Honor Roll. All are welcome to join our Honor Roll. It is easy!

50th Reunion: We are closing in on the timeline to begin thinking about our 50th Reunion. I am developing a Plan on how to approach the many tasks we have in front of us over the next few months, and will share this with you in my next letter (Feb-Mar18). The Plan is very simple: We all come back to the College the first weekend in June 2019, sing 'Ol Wabash", and have a really great time! It will be fun! You will not want to miss it!

I wish all a Merry Christmas, a Happy Hanukkah!...and a Happy and Healthy New Year!!.

And just remember....

WABASH ALWAYS FIGHTS!

With warm *Holiday Greetings!*

Ken

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