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Gentlemen of the Class of 69,

The first day of summer! Where has the time gone? With the lovely days of spring having passed too quickly and the beginning of the early days of summer, Wabash College has settled into a quiet summer routine following graduation in May and Big Bash the first weekend in June. Apologies for my delay in getting my traditional spring class letter out to you. When you are retired with so much (or too little) to do...nothing gets done. But much has happened at Wabash this spring, starting with senior comps the second week in January.

Big Bash weekend was celebrated 2-4 June on a sunny weekend on a truly beautiful campus with over 300 alumni returning for a host of reunion events. The Class of 1967 celebrated their 50th Reunion with 80 classmates returning. They were able to present President Hess with a class check for \$9.6 million, topping the Class of '66 gift of \$8 million last year. Class of 67 won the singing of "Old Wabash", inside the chapel this year, with a good skit on the "W" haircut.

On Sunday, May 14, Mother's Day on a bright and beautiful sunny day in Indiana, a nice change from the earlier cold and rainy days here in the mid-west, Wabash College celebrated its 179th Commencement with 189 gentlemen receiving their diplomas on the traditional sheepskin. Like last year's graduating class, over 30% of this year's class is going on to medical, law, and graduate school. Four students received Fulbright scholarships. For the mothers of these fine gentlemen in the graduating Class of 2017, this day was indeed a very special Mother's Day.

The Wabash Day of Giving on 4/19 turned out to be a record setting day for the College. Just a few dollars short of \$888K in gifts were received from 4250 donations from 3350 unique donors. The range of donors was broad, coming from alumni, friends, parents, faculty and staff, and 100% of the student body. There were 83 affinity pledges. My affinity pledge for our Dean Moore Scholarship Fund brought in 40 donations from 19 different Wabash classes and 5 friends. Many other affinity pledges also had very good responses. Overall it was a great effort

by the Wabash staff and class unit representatives to reach out to so many alumni and friends. I want to sincerely thank all in the Class of 69 who participated in the 4/19 Day of Giving. It was a great event for Wabash College and you did so much to make it a truly great Day!

April 1 saw the 6th Entrepreneurship Summit held at the NCAA Headquarters in Indianapolis, organized by Roland Morin, Director of the Center for Innovation, Business & Entrepreneurship (CIBE). The theme this year focused on emerging and established technologies in Indiana and surrounding states. Six speakers presented topics from cars made with 3D printing to disruptive innovation in medicine. The afternoon panel discussion focused on evolving technology, innovation, market challenges, networking, team building with vision and purpose. The summit was well attended by Wabash students, many in the CIBE, and local alumni.

On January 27, Wabash held its 17th Annual celebration of Student Research, Scholarship, and Creative Work, a program dedicated to Professor Paul McKinney and his more than 50 years of teaching at Wabash. 95 students took part in presenting their research in 42 oral presentations and 33 poster presentations in a broad range of subjects, from gene expression in *nematostella vectensis* to the bible of Thomas Jefferson. The research work presented by the students was truly impressive and representative of the high quality of teaching by the Wabash faculty.

In March, in Lacrosse WI, Riley Lefever ('17) achieved a fourth national championship in the 197-lb class by pinning his opponent, completing his career with 129-0 wins, with 73 pins, to include three national championships in the 184-lb class. In June he was named to the 2017 Academic All-American Men's At-Large Team. A Great Little Giant!, and truly showing WAF!! Honors were also received this spring by Wabash men in swimming and diving, track and field, and baseball.

The Wabash College Delta Tau Delta Beta Psi chapter received their charter this spring and is now fully activated. The Delts been at Wabash since 1894. The house will be fully occupied this fall semester with 70+ in the house. Freshmen will initially live out of the house. We welcome Delta Tau Delta and the Beta Psi Chapter back to Wabash! It is great to have the Delts back on campus again! Finally!

As the College fiscal year is coming to a close on Friday, 30 June, I wish to encourage those who gave last year, or the year before, and have not yet given this year, to consider once again a gift, even a small gift, to the Annual Fund, our Dean Moore Fund, or any special fund of your choosing. As of today we are 87 Class of 69 donors (which is good!), with 14 who gave last year but have not yet joined our Honor Roll this year. I hope in the waning hours of this fiscal year you have an opportunity to think of Wabash. On behalf of Wabash College and our Class of 69 I sincerely thank those of you who have given this fiscal year. Your gifts mean a lot to the young men of Wabash and their liberal arts education.

As always you can give on line at 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.

We are now less than two years away from our 50th reunion. Our reunion will take some good planning and a fair amount of work and preparation. This fall I believe we should begin looking for our 50th Reunion Chair. Our two main efforts will be motivating and encouraging our classmates to return once again to Wabash College for an eventful and enjoyable weekend to renew old friendships, and to sustain, even perhaps increase, our level of philanthropy.

You notice my letter covers mainly key events at Wabash College this spring semester. Unfortunately, I do not have much (any) class news to pass on to you. If you do have any personnel news or stories you would like to share with our class, please let me know and I will include them in my next letter. .

With time passing all too quickly by, I hope you will keep Wabash on your mind. Remember Wabash is your home, and will always be there for you. Wherever you are, I wish you and your family a safe and enjoyable summer season. Try to stay in touch and let me know what you are doing.

WABASH ALWAYS FIGHTS!!

With Warm Regards!

Ken **W69**

A couple pictures of Wabash during Big Bash weekend, with beautiful weather and a very beautiful campus!

