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Our 50th Reunion – June 2019

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Gentlemen of the Class of 69,

It is that special time of year (mid Oct), as the days grow shorter and the nights cooler, when the trees on the Wabash campus show once again their beautiful colors. The trees are turning late this year as time and the season passes us in the autumn twilight, and I am late getting my letter to you.

The fall semester began August 23, with President Hess welcoming to Wabash College 249 new students (freshmen and transfers) into the Class of 2021. This year's freshman came from 16 states and 13 countries. They are now hard at work in their first semester of an exciting four years in an excellent liberal arts education.

As this fall semester moves on with finals less than six weeks away Wabash College has had a busy schedule. Homecoming was a big weekend with the freshman singing "Ol Wabash" at noon on Thursday. Sigma Chi won the sing, Fijis were second, and no "W" haircuts. Friday President Hess led the two-day Leadership Summit with leaders from NAWM, Parents Advisory Group, the Liberal Arts Plus Initiative and Class Agents. In his presentation Dr. Hess stressed Wabash College's strategic priorities and advantages, with the focus on leadership development, enrollment, and student retention. The college has 860 students this fall semester, up from 811 in the spring. Enrollment in each class now is: '18-209 (262), '19-213(251), '20-203 (226), and '21-235 (237). Number in () is class starting freshmen. Class of 18 has a 20% drop from their freshman year. The College goal is to eventually reach 1000 enrolled students, and to retain students through graduation.

Homecoming saw Wabash playing a hard fought game against Hiram, winning 25-21, in 93 degree heat - it was hot! Halftime saw a splendid display of the "queens" – Betas had the best dressed! The "girls" were tasked to collect donations at the game to support the agency helping local abused women. They did a good job. The football team is now 6-2, losing to Ohio Wesleyan 13-16, and Wittenberg 21-14 this last Saturday. Injuries have taken a toll reducing the number of first stringers.

The College celebrated the 125th Anniversary of the Glee Club with a reunion 28-30 Sept. The reunion was well attended with the Anniversary concert in the Allen Center on Saturday. Wabash Day was Saturday, 21 Oct, with a large student turnout for the 12 projects in Crawfordsville. I had the opportunity to work with the Lambda Chi's at the Lew Wallace Study (pictures), recovering the cap stones from his fountain in the reflection pool (being restored). An interesting day!

The 124th Monon Bell game is November 11 in Greencastle. It will be a great day, especially if we win the bell back! Try to make the game if you can. To purchase Wabash tickets go to the on-line ticket site at Wabash2017MononBellGame.brownpapertickets.com, or call 800-838-3006.

I want to thank Dave Pancost for his September letter, with the letters from our two Dean Moore recipients, to our classmates who gave to our Dean Moore Scholarship fund and also the annual fund in 2016-17. Your gifts have a significant impact on our Dean Moore Scholarship and the operations of the College. The scholarship committee is now in the process of selecting this year's recipients for our Dean Moore Scholarship. I will provide more information in my Dec letter.

I also want to thank all who have given this past year, and the 16 who have joined our Honor Roll this year (so far..). There is still much room on our Honor Roll for those wishing to join. It is easy. A small gift, or any gift, puts you on our Class of 69 Honor Roll. 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.



Wabash campus on a beautiful October afternoon



Singing "Ol Wabash"

Wabash Day – Lambda Chi's Restoring Lew Wallace Fountain

Our 50th reunion is now less than 18 months away, and will come upon us sooner than we think. In the coming weeks I will be calling each of our unit reps to get their thoughts and ideas on the way ahead for our reunion. I have received the Class '61 note book they used for producing their 50th reunion memories book, which we can perhaps use as a model for our reunion book. More to come.

I wish all a wonderful and Happy Thanksgiving!

WABASH ALWAYS FIGHTS!

With warm regards,

Ken

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