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Hi Fellow Class of '77ers,

This is just a brief update. The good news is how well the Fall '17 semester has begun at Wabash. The college welcomed 249 members into the class of 2021 last month.

There are (can you believe) about 140 student who are members of the football program. *The Princeton Review* has once again given our alma mater some of the highest grades possible, including ranking No. 4 for "Most Accessible Professors" and No. 17 for "Best Classroom Experience." Further, the College's Schroeder Center for Career Development received high marks for its efforts, ranking No. 1 nationally in "Best Alumni Network," and No. 3 in "Best School for Internships" to go with a No. 8 placement in "Best Career Services." Here's a link to one of the stories:

https://www.wabash.edu/news/displaystory.cfm?news_ID=11077



Homecoming 2017 is THIS WEEKEND, September 22-23, with a football contest vs. Hiram College as one of the weekend' highlights. The Wabash Glee Club celebrates its 125th anniversary with a special series of events and a concert on September 30. Do get back to Crawfordsville if you get the opportunity. Here is a link for signing up if you want to be part of the luncheon on Saturday, along with a list of other activities: <https://www.wabash.edu/alumni/homecoming>

Wabash's community service days are October 21-22. Remember, for this event Wabash means **Wabash Alumni Benefiting And Serving Humanity**. Community service projects are planning in about 25 locations across the country. If you want to participate, you can find out about any events in your area by emailing the college at alumni@wabash.edu or by calling 765-361-6369. Here's a link with details: <https://www.wabash.edu/alumni/wabashday>

From time to time, the college passes along classmate news to us, like this. One of our terrific business-minded members, **BOBBY KNOWLING**, has been named to the Board of Directors at Convergys Corporation. Bob has more than 30 years of experience in the telecommunications and technology sectors, leading companies through periods of high growth. He is currently Chairman of Eagles Landing Partners, a firm specializing in helping senior management teams formulate strategy, lead organizational transformations, and re-engineer businesses. Here is Bob's email address if you want to send him a quick note, knowling@eagleslandingpartners.com.

REMEMBER – We are assembling a committee NOW to help us better plan and carry out activities for the big “50” class reunion in 2027. Let Herm or me know if you can serve on this group. Our emails are above. Thanks!

Finally, need to conclude this letter with some sad news ... two deaths. ANDREW HEIMANN, 38, son of STEPHEN and ANN, died last month of glioblastoma multiforme stage IV brain cancer. You might recall that Steve & Ann were tending to their son and unable to join us in June for the Big Bash. I've sent them a card with condolences. Also, JUNE LAWALL, mom of KARL LaWall, passed away earlier this month in Zionsville. June was 91. Also, prayers and best wishes for my younger sister Denise Rooks would be much appreciated right now. She's battling against bladder cancer.

I will be back at the college on September 22-23 for the Homecoming weekend, and joining with HERM HAFFNER on the National Association of Wabash Men meetings. Rob Shook '83 continues to do video updates on the college. Here's a link to the latest one:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C0sKtKhIRVA>

If you are returning to Wabash for homecoming, call me or text me and let's at least get the chance to say hello and maybe grab a cup of java at 1832 Brew. My cell is 440-364-1133. I will also be back on campus on October 28, when Wabash will celebrate the outstanding success of the 1977-1982 football teams (53-5-1 won-loss record in those six seasons, probably best in the nation). Hope we can connect in person.

Best for Wabash,

John

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