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Dear Heidelberg Students:

Our first week out of quarantine was successful. It was positively uplifting to see the campus come alive with classes, rehearsals, athletic conditioning and fitness training, and other activities. Congratulations and thanks to everyone!

We need to stay tight on following all of our required and expected health protocols ... face masks, hand washing, physical distancing, gatherings under 10 people, and daily health self-evaluation forms. Please continue to practice all of these safety measures.

On that note, and with the "normal" flu season approaching, please get a free flu shot at home, in Tiffin, or here on campus by calling the Stoner Health & Counseling Center.

I want to express my personal appreciation to several groups of students for some fun and friendly encounters this weekend. On Saturday night, I learned about the game of spikeball from four students playing on Riesen Field and realized quickly that I would have been horrible at that fast game at your age too. Thank you for explaining the rules to me. I also passed by four other students carving pumpkins on the Saurwein Patio, admired their "cut by design" technique, and then saw their great results the next day. Thank you for the nice photograph of your pumpkins. On Sunday afternoon, I also ran into four first-year students on T-Bridge and shared some of the folklore backstory about choosing "money or love." In pointing out the T-Bridge plaque near where they were standing, I neglected to mention the Bernie Hohman (HU '63 and multi-term Tiffin mayor) plaque on the other end of the *Bernie Hohman Bridge*. Thank you for letting me deliver my C- mini lecture. Later on that walk, I appreciated saying hello to Head Coach Rachel Ferri and the Women's Basketball Team finishing their week of conditioning and fitness at Hoernemann Stadium ... all masked, distanced, and broken into 10-person groups. Thank you for the warm reception.

The U.S. Election is only 22 days away. I encourage everyone to exercise their right of citizenship and vote.

If we all stay vigilant together, we will keep our campus healthy and open. Another COVID-19 outbreak might force us to close the Heidelberg campus and go online for the duration of the fall semester. No students, families, faculty, staff, administrators, or trustees want this to happen.

We are One Berg Community moving together successfully to Thanksgiving Break in 40 days!

Respectfully,

Rob Huntington
President