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Dear Men and Women of '57,

The Football Team completed its season in St. Paul, Minnesota, losing to third-ranked St. Thomas in the national quarter-finals. They had a very successful year, winning the NCAC Conference Championship (10-0), the seventh Monon Bell in a row, and ranked seventh entering the NCAA Division III playoffs.

We offer our condolences to the families and friends of JAMES EDWARD BEEBE and JAMES VERLIN DAVIS.

James Edward Beebe was born October 4, 1934 in Crawfordsville, Indiana, and died September 21, 2015 in Edmond, Oklahoma. He moved to Broken Arrow, Oklahoma in 1968. He was involved in numerous corporations, including Braden Industries, Telex and Xeta and businesses in Germany and Great Britain. James is survived by his wife of 39 years Jackie Beebe, three sons and a daughter.

James Verlin Davis, Ph.D. was born December 14, 1935 in Dekalb, Illinois and died September 1, 2015 in Nashville, Tennessee. His wife of 50 years preceded him in death and he is survived by a son and two daughters. Jim served in the U.S.Army from 1958-60, earned an MA at Vanderbilt University (1963), and a Ph.D in Management Economics at Cornell University (1967). He joined Vanderbilt University in 1967 and was a Professor and Acting Dean of the Graduate School of Management. Jim joined Corroon & Black / Research and Development in 1976 and served in various capacities including Chairman of the Willis Group until 2001 and Director of Willis Corroon Americas.

The College and Delta Tau Delta International Fraternity are in discussions to reinstate the Wabash Chapter.



Congratulations to BETTY ALLEN upon becoming an Honorary Alumna and a member of the Class of 1957 at the Homecoming Chapel this year.

Wabash was literally home for Mrs. Allen, a DePauw University graduate who from 1956 to 1957 lived with her then-new husband, Robert Allen '57, in Mud Hollow. The cluster of Quonset hut-style structures had been built during World War II to accommodate returning veterans and their families and were austere, to say the least.

"Behind every good Wabash man is an even greater woman," NAWM President Rick Cavanaugh '76 noted in honoring Mrs. Allen. "By the age of 27 you were caring for four children under the age of four, and as Bob climbed the ladder with Bell Telephone and later, AT&T, you provided stability in the home. What most people never saw

when Bob traveled the world as CEO and president of AT&T was the steadfast commitment you made to raising strong, independent, thoughtful children.

"You also supported Bob during his long tenure as a member of the Wabash College Board of Trustees. You were by his side more often than not, and you were the ultimate "power couple" at our College. Together, your philanthropic gifts over the last half-century have transformed Wabash."

On Saturday during a standing ovation as Mrs. Allen stepped down from the stage after being honored, her husband walked forward to help her and then leaned over. The couple gently kissed.



The new student housing project along Crawford Street on the west side of campus is progressing well, with a scheduled move-in for the two large buildings set for early January at the start of the spring semester.

Students will clear Martindale after finals leaving their things in the new large dorms before break. Demolition inside Martindale begins before Christmas with renovation to be completed early August, ready for the fall semester. Wabash housing will have a whole new look.

Wabash College has a recognized and talented faculty, graduates who have high earning power and alumni who can provide financial support to continue educating young men. Your support is greatly appreciated. You can make a gift to the College by calling 877-743-4545 or by mail at Wabash College, Advancement Office, P.O. Box 352, Crawfordsville IN 47933-0352.

Have a wonderful Holiday Season and New Year,

John B. Yanko