



Class Agents Letter

Class of 1959

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Dear 59ers:

Bob, Roger and Craig participated in a Class Agent Forum on September 10. President Scott Feller told us that the Freshman Class has 265 members with 20 from the Chicago area, 20 from Texas, and 25 International Freshmen. There are 40 legacies, mostly by younger brothers. About 60% pledged to a Fraternity. Total student population is 835.

The latest U.S. News and World Report showed Wabash ranking high in several categories. Ranked 55th for all Liberal Arts Colleges and 25th for best value. Our first-year retention rate is 87% and is greater than Oberlin. The Return on Investment for students ranked Wabash 9th in the country and the only Top Ten school in Middle America. Wabash is a top performer in Social Mobility.

Wabash Trustees are studying the need for a new Campus Center than can be a campus living room, a better campus event place, and a modern eating facility with extended food options. Athletes many days don't return for their evening meal until after 6 PM. Fraternities do not provide weekend meals. Parents are not happy that their sons have to eat off campus during these times.

Wabash College was an exciting place in the 1950s. The Sparks Center, Lilly Library, Walcott and Morris dorms were new. German Finance Minister, Ludwig Erhardt spoke at Graduation. Our classmates led the Basketball team to the NCAA College Division Tournament two years in a row.

Our education was top notch and was led one on one by prominent faculty such as Norwood Brigance, Willis Johnson, Ed Haenisch, J. Harry Cotton, John Van Sickle, Ben Rogge, Bob Mitchum and many others. We also learned from each other and other students; many were veterans or married. We had Chapel Sing and a bonfire.



We are Brothers of the Bell. Many of today's students call themselves, us and other supporters the Wabash Nation. Wabash is recognized as an outstanding College with many fine faculty and programs.

Our class is loyal to Wabash, with a percentage more than the annual alumni giving average. We're helping create a strong and exciting campus for current and future students.

Bob, Roger and I would like to hear from you. Please email, call or write to one of us.

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