

Class of 1959

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Gentlemen of '59

We had a 65th reunion at the Big Bash in June and 13 of us attended. The College said we needed a minimum of 12 to justify food service. I don't think they thought it could be done and when so many of us turned up all the other classes were amazed. For that Wedgie, Craig and Roger received the Myron Phillips award at the Class Agents Forum two weeks ago.

Sad news¹ — Bill Herman passed away and we send our condolences to Barbara. As a submarine commander he rose to Commander Submarines Pacific. Both he and Don Barnhart who passed away in 2003 were Commanders—Barnhart also in submarines.

We'll close with some news we learned from President Scott Feller at the Forum.

- admission of 263 excellent freshmen is remarkably good when the ratio of men to women who go to college is 60 women 40 men —student net cost is 10K more than Purdue; 5K less than DePauw.
- fraternities are recovering from Covid when for one year prospective students couldn't visit campus and have overnight visits. Unlike other campuses, however, Wabash never suspended in person classes.
- underground electricity tunnels are being replaced with tubes planted around campus, and a new air-conditioning plant for the whole campus is being built, getting ready for the new 60 million-dollar community center to replace Sparks. If you want to see Sparks once more, hurry to the campus.

That's all for now, 59ers,

Roger, Craig and Wedgie

PS: Attendees of Big Bash were:

Duane Axel

Tony Dowell

Len Loker

Lonnie Therber

Tino Balio

Craig Green

Mike Plummer

Bob Williams

Roger Billings

Rex Henthorn

Ernie Schmidt

Mike Costello

John Horner

¹ Others lost in the past year include Charles Esposito, John Hollett III, Gary Johnson, Lee Hoyt Miller, and George Swartout. *Wabash Magazine Summer 2024 pages 66-67.*