



Class Agents Letter

Class of 1961

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Dear Many Miler:

The 65th Reunion of our great Class of Wabash Men witnessed a rousing foursome of Bachman, Birdzell, Burns and Pippen. Big Bash is well planned and offered many interesting events. There was a nice Wally's Bar outside the "Grub Hollow". There was a good crowd on campus and fortunately several golf carts to help the old guys & gals move between various venues. Quite a bit of rain (5") fell around Crawfordsville so we were inside most of the time.

The kickoff dinner on Friday was held on Chadwick Court (basketball floor) and allowed ease of visiting with friends. Saturday morning Alumni Chapel Sing was held. We were honored with an Honorary #1 thanks to the solo performance of Doug Burns – both verses!

The new dean, Scott Brown, PhD gave an excellent talk about the Pillars of Student Life at Wabash. Several new initiatives are working to help young men become as successful as possible, and to be comfortable about their Wabash education. If you come to Wabash you will have the shortest "Code of Conduct" and the longest School Song! The Dean is instituting a wide commitment of Mental Health...

Then followed President Scott Feller, PhD with an upbeat but honest discussion about the future. Number 1, of course, is the "Cliff" of lower birthrate which we are stuck with for at least the next 18 years. Wabash graduation rates are 8/9 points higher than expected. The big hole in the ground (Sparks Center) was filling up with rain, but construction is set to begin. Wabash is replacing the Central Cooling Plant (the only college in Indiana to do so.) And the 1993 Administrative Computer system will be replaced.



AI has the attention of faculty and staff. President Feller has formed a collaborative effort with St. Mary's and DePauw to appeal to Lilly for a grant. Hopefully, this will give us a louder voice than going alone!

Wabash seeks to provide access to the next generation. Tuition revenue will not keep up with demand. There will be an extensive effort to increase the endowment which now stands @ \$515 M. We are grateful to have Scott Feller leading the way.

Got a call from Joe Kiley recently telling me he will be 92 this month. He added that he loves his dear wife Ann. But if he was dying on the kitchen floor, she would say I'm doing it wrong!!!

Wishing you a great summer. I will have pictures and more news next month. PLEASE send in your support by June 30! You can make your gift to Wabash online at wabash.edu/give, over the phone at (877) 743-4545, or through the mail to Wabash College / Annual Fund / 301 W. Wabash Ave / Crawfordsville, Indiana 47933. Please make your check payable to Wabash.College.

Many Miles Before the Night.....

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