

**Class Agents Letter** 

**Class of 1961** 

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Dear Many Miler:

## BEAT DePAUW!!!!

Greetings from Crawfordsville. And, no Earl Talbot, I didn't get a raise for being the longest serving Class Agent. I did get a very nice plaque and they have renamed the annual meeting in the fall: The J B Bachman Class Agent Forum! Very nice.









In our days at Wabash, we had a super star basketball player: Charley ! This year, the basketball team had Jack Davidson (Fishers IN) who was named the most outstanding player in Div III.

Now, we have one of the greatest quarterbacks in Div III. So far this season, Liam Thompson (Indy North Central) is averaging 373 yards per game. Liam threw a school-record seven touchdown passes against Oberlin while playing only three quarters. He has participated in the

Manning Passing Academy for the past two summers, one of the few DIII quarterbacks to be invited.

It has been an exciting fall with gorgeous sunny skies to watch the Little Giants in their brand new

Coach makes sure his team is well fed before the game

stadium on Frank Navarro field. And the North Coast Athletic League champion will be whoever wins the Monon Bell



game. We will know the answer on Saturday. Wabash lost their game to Denison – the first Homecoming loss

for 25 years. But DePauw lost to Ohio Wesleyan, so there you are!



John Birdzell has graciously shared W Club tickets to games this fall. There cannot be a better place to watch football! Comfy seats, a bar & buffet filled with delicious goodies! The open area allows for greeting friends from all over while sipping a beer or other choice adult beverages! It was good to see Austin Brooks out and about. Like many of us, he has been dealing with health issues.

Norm Beesley was complaining about how dry his yard was last summer! We got 1" of rain here in the whole month of October....

<u>Jim Hutcheson</u> commented that he and JoAnn are enjoying retirement and that he still only takes one pill per day. Jim reminded me that he taught German at Wabash for a while, and he is very happy that he is not 18 now!



Somehow, I got a goofball picture of <u>Jay & Nancy Moore</u> enjoying Florida!

<u>Paul Olexia</u> writes that he is getting along reasonably well- always with the qualifier - considering my age." True for all of us, I guess.

We celebrated <u>Joe Barnette's</u> 83<sup>rd</sup> birthday in August. Joe is remarkably good. I think he is enjoying retirement!

<u>David Hargitt</u> writes: Please say hello to everyone from a classmate still working full time in Brussels Belgium; but helping to manage money for clients in Asia and the



Middle East. "At 83 it keeps me quite active with agents to help me along with my small staff of 3 working in my office in Brussels. Warmest wishes to all!" David.

<u>John Dinsmore</u> says hello and appreciated the latest Wabash Magazine with comments by <u>Birdy</u> and about <u>Austin Brooks</u>. I was pleased to comment on <u>Bob Mitchum</u>. He truly was a mentor and friend. Wasn't the latest issue great?



Sam & Susie Hildebrand enjoying dinner at Francis & Mount, a new restaurant in C'ville at the corner of Market and Washington Streets.

<u>Tim Conlon</u> (I had told him about <u>Gail</u> <u>Pebworth</u> – Wabash great swim coach who went to Broad Ripple H S with Tim- walking a little bent over). "She is likely dealing with Osteo-Arthritis. I am dealing with spinal stenosis, which is common and doesn't limit my daily walks, volunteering and writing. Via the Wabash Magazine, I confirmed the competency of a Bend OR back surgeon and am electing to have him do high tech "fixing" of two vertebrae in two weeks. Dr. Rick Sasso'82 reviewed my surgeon's notes and affirmed the technique.

Note: In case you need help with serious back issues, be advised that <u>Dr. Rick C. Sasso '82</u> is world known for his research and practice.



I am sorry to report the death of Harry Meyers.

Harry Bernard Meyers, 83, of West Lafayette, IN, passed away August 20, 2022, at Creasy Springs in Lafayette, IN. He was born on January 26, 1939, in Hartford City, IN to the late Harry Bernard Meyers and Ruth (Snell) Meyers. He attended Wabash College before transferring to Ball State University where he graduated in 1963. After completing his education, he served his country in the Army Reserves, in the Intelligence Unit. On June 6, 1964, he married the love of his life, Suzanne (Holmes) Meyers, and they spent the next 58 years by each other's side raising their family and watching their children grow. Harry worked for much of his life for Purdue University as an Accountant and also enjoyed helping incoming international students around the university. He belonged to the First United Methodist Church in Lafayette, volunteered at the Lafayette Urban Ministries, and also served as the Treasurer for the local Kiwanis. Harry loved fishing, swimming, boating with his family, and enjoyed bowling with his friends. In addition to his wife, Suzanne Meyers, Harry was survived by his sons, Harry (Chris) Meyers, and Tom (Elaine) Meyers; six grandchildren, Kayla (Conrad) Smith, Emily Meyers, Brian Meyers, Abigail Meyers, Bernie Meyers, and Cody Meyers; as well as one great-grandson, Logan Smith. He was preceded in death by his parents, and his sister, Sophia Carr. Services for Harry will be held on Friday, August 26, 2022, at 2:30 p.m. at the chapel at Tippecanoe Memory Gardens, in West Lafayette IN; with visitation from 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m., prior to service. Burial to follow services at Tippecanoe Memory Gardens. Memorial contributions may be made in Harry's memory to the Lafayette Urban Ministry, 420 N 4th St, Lafayette, IN 47901. Online condolences may be made to the family at www.tippecanoememorygardens.com Tippecanoe Funeral & Cremation Services is honored to be assisting the family with arrangements.

Work is progressing on all fronts toward replacing Sparks Center. It will be moved up close to the street to match Goodrich Hall and Lilly Library. It will be an exciting facility for sure!









Blackhawk helicopter landing to pick up Wabash men to attend training @ Purdue ROTC.

Well, Many Miler, your Alma Mater is in great shape! Good leadership, largest freshman class for quite awhile, highly regarded faculty, completion of Giant Steps campaign and strong sports. Now the Bicentennial planning is well underway... I plan to be there! How about YOU?

Many Miles Before the Night,

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