

## Class Agents Letter

Class of 1994

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Gentlemen,

Do you remember this day and how many years ago was it? This morning (Wednesday) a bunch of guys in west-central Indiana rolled out of bed, put on a shower (or maybe actually took one) and headed to class, some for the very first time as Wabash men.

I don't remember my first class. I don't specifically remember much, if anything, about that first day. But I can picture walking past the Scarlet toward Center Hall. I can still smell the freshly mowed grass on the mall. I can see the Phi Delt pledges and their pots. And hear the sound of laughter as young men walked to class together, catching up after a long summer break.

On Saturday, a new group of young men, around 235 of them, sat in the Chapel as Dr. Scott Feller rang the bell -- the same one that rang for us, the same one that Caleb Mills rang almost 200 years ago. And a new generation began a familiar journey at our Alma Mater.

I hope you are well and cool. Here in Kansas City, we are ground zero for the current heat wave. My son, Little E.J., started 1st grade last week and is bummed because they're not having afternoon recess outside. Cville is sunny and 93 today. Makes me wonder if the Little Giant football team will practice inside or venture out into temps that will feel like 107.

Regardless, they kickoff a new season with The Gentlemen's Classic on Saturday, September 2nd at Hampden Sydney. I know there's a Cville/Indy-based group of our classmates headed to the game. If, however, Virginia is not in your travel plans you can stream audio of the game at <a href="wabash.edu">wabash.edu</a>. There are only 4 home games this season (and 4 games in Ohio) with Homecoming on September 23rd and the Bell game on November 11th. You can see the whole schedule here: <a href="https://sports.wabash.edu/sports/football/schedule">https://sports.wabash.edu/sports/football/schedule</a>

Another date I wanted to make you aware of is coming up faster than you think. The next "Big Bash" is scheduled for May 31st through June 2nd of next year -- just over 9 months away. We will be celebrating our 30th reunion.

So I guess that it was about 30 years ago today that we were the young men stepping into that Wabash College classroom for the first time as seniors.



If you've not been to a Big Bash, find someone who has and ask them how much fun it is. How great it is to see pledge brothers and classmates you haven't seen in...how many years? To see how the college has grown and evolved. And to see how we've all changed and how we've all stayed the same.

Check out the Big Bash schedule here <a href="https://www.wabash.edu/alumni/reunion/schedule">https://www.wabash.edu/alumni/reunion/schedule</a>, and call somebody you'd like to see...make sure they know the dates and make plans to be there.

Some other stuff of note, the Giant Steps for Wabash capital campaign ended June 30<sup>th</sup> and over seven years raised close to \$250 million in gifts and pledges. The College will mark the campaign's success during an on-campus celebration on Saturday, October 7.

If you're on Campus then or any other time, three of our classmates work for the College. Stop by and say hi to Quentin Dodd and Derrick Stout in IT and Jason Hand in College Advancement. And if you have a class note to share, send it to me and I'll share it with everybody else.

I hope to see you on campus this fall for a game and next spring for Big Bash. Take care. Be well and talk soon.

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